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Codebook for Suicide Prevention Laws

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Suicide Prevention Laws

This cross-sectional dataset identifies and displays current state and territorial statutes and regulations on required suicide prevention infrastructure in the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands as of January 1, 2025. This dataset was created by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials with the support of CDC funding.

There are three standard variables in every MonQcle dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical Data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (“.”) in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	Does jurisdictional law establish a suicide prevention office or coordinator?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	suicideprevention_office
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	Where is the coordinator or office located?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 1.1 (A):	suicideprevention_location Governor's Office
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.1 (B):	suicideprevention_location Health Department
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.1 (C):	suicideprevention_location Behavioral Health Administration
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.1 (D):	suicideprevention_location Public Safety
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.1 (E):	suicideprevention_location Education
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.1 (F):	suicideprevention_location Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Question 1.2:	Are there required duties for the suicide prevention office or coordinator?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.2:	suicideprevention_duties
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.2.1:	What are the required duties for the suicide prevention office or coordinator?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 1.2.1 (A):	suicideprevention_requirements Produce a report
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (B):	suicideprevention_requirements Gather, analyze, or disseminate data
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (C):	suicideprevention_requirements Develop a suicide prevention plan
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (D):	suicideprevention_requirements Develop or provide training
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (E):	suicideprevention_requirements Convene interdisciplinary stakeholders
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (F):	suicideprevention_requirements Educate the community
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Variable Name 1.2.1 (G):	suicideprevention_requirements Pursue funding
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (H):	suicideprevention_requirements Award grants or other funding
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1 (I):	suicideprevention_requirements Coordinate or partner with other agencies or local government
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Does jurisdictional law establish a suicide prevention taskforce, council, or other advisory body?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	suicideprevention_taskforce
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	Does the statute or regulation designate certain representatives who are required to be on the taskforce, council, or other advisory body?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1 (A):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Education
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (B):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Behavioral health professional
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Variable Name 2.1 (C):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Health care professional
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (D):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Law enforcement
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (E):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Individuals with lived experience
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (F):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Legislative Representative
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (G):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Public health
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (H):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Rural Representative
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (I):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Veteran
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (J):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Faith-based community
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Variable Name 2.1 (K):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Aging services representative
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1 (L):	suicideprevention_taskforcemembers Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Does jurisdictional law establish a council, taskforce, or other advisory body focused on suicide prevention among a specific high-risk population?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	suicideprevention_specialtaskforce
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	What are the high-risk populations of focus for the jurisdiction?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.1 (A):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Youth
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (B):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Veterans
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (C):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus First Responders
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (D):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus LGBTQ
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Variable Name 3.1 (E):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Rural
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (F):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Older adults
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (G):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Native Americans
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1 (H):	suicideprevention_taskforcefocus Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Does jurisdictional law establish a committee or body that reviews suicide fatalities?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	suicideprevention_reviewcommittee
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.1:	What population(s) is/are the focus of the committee or other body that reviews suicide fatalities?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4.1 (A):	suicideprevention_committeescope Suicides
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1 (B):	suicideprevention_committeescope Overdoses
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Questions (Continued)	
Variable Name 4.1 (C):	suicideprevention_committeescope Child Deaths
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1 (D):	suicideprevention_committeescope Maternal Mortality
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1 (E):	suicideprevention_committeescope Domestic Violence
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1 (F):	suicideprevention_committeescope Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.2:	Does the statute or regulation require the suicide fatality review committee (of any scope) to collect data on suicide attempts?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4.2:	suicideprevention_dataattempts
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.3:	Does the statute or regulation require a suicide fatality review committee (of any scope) to share data or information with a jurisdiction's suicide prevention coordinator, office, taskforce, council or other advisory body?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4.3:	suicideprevention_datashare
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

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