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# Suicide in Georgia: Sex & Race/Ethnicity

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The demographic trends for suicide deaths differ from the demographic trends for suicide attempts. There is a higher suicide mortality among males but a higher suicide morbidity among females. Suicide morbidity includes ER visits and hospital discharges related to suicide.

For both males and females, the age-adjusted death rate for some races/ethnicities is much higher than the number of deaths. This indicates that a disproportionate number of individuals in those races/ethnicities die by suicide in relation to their total population size.

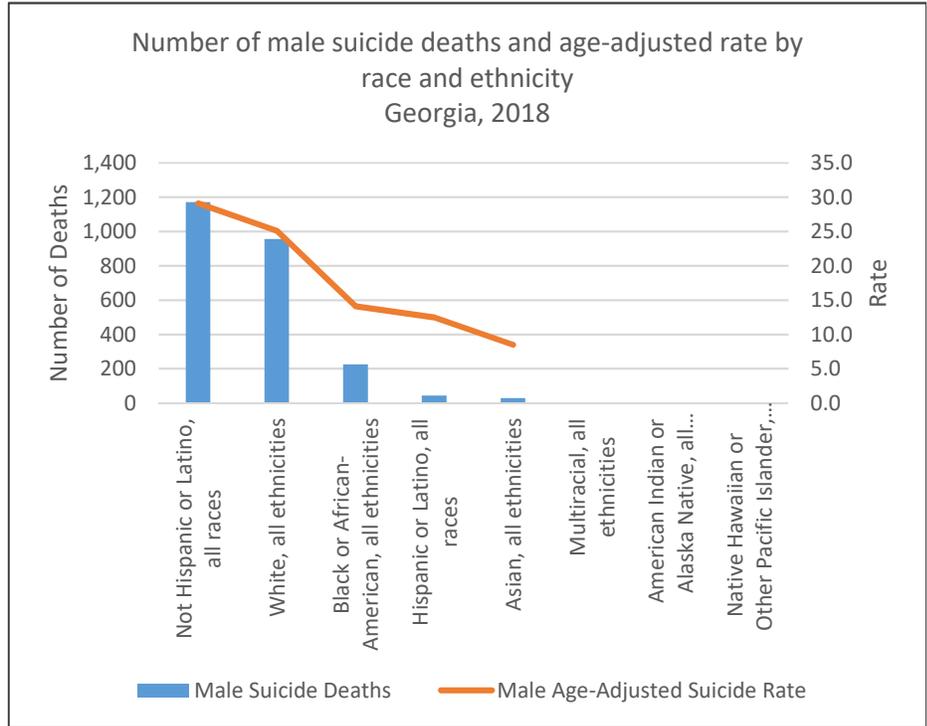
For male suicide deaths, those who are not Hispanic or Latino had the highest number and greatest age-adjusted death rate in 2018. Black or African American males (all ethnicities) had the most disproportionate age-adjusted suicide death rate.

For female suicide deaths, those who are white (all ethnicities) had the highest number and greatest age-adjusted death rate in 2018. Asian (all ethnicities) females had the most disproportionate age-adjusted suicide death rate.

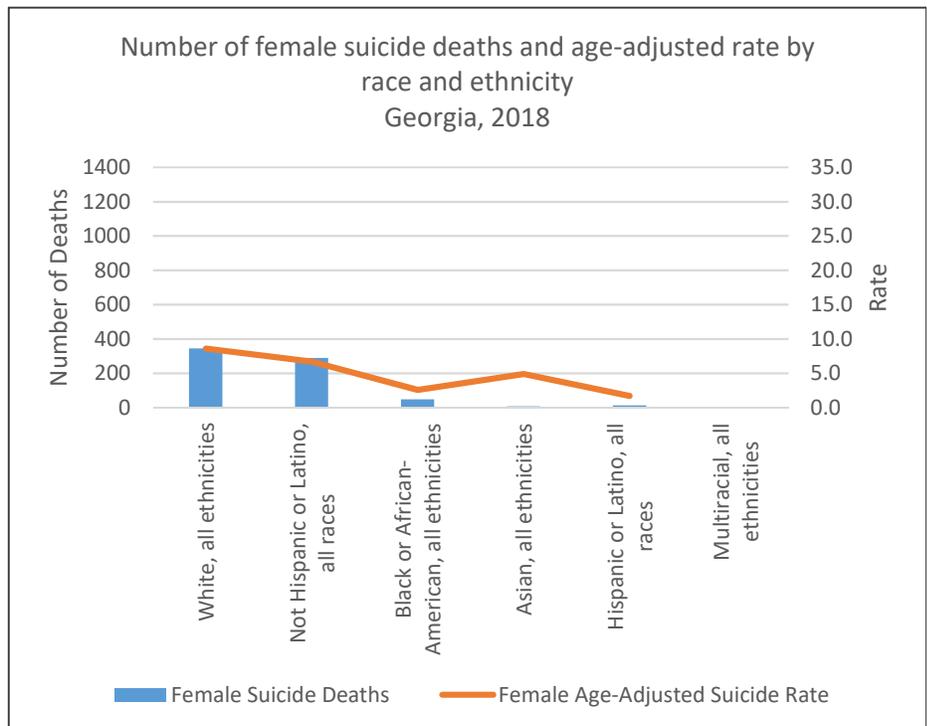
In 2018, there were less than 4 suicide deaths for multiracial males and females, American Indian or Alaska Native males, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander males, so their respective suicide deaths rates are not shown.

The *age-adjusted rate* is commonly used to compare suicide rates because it accounts for the size of an age group relative to the number of suicides in that same age group.

Older age groups tend to have a lower population size but a higher proportion of suicide deaths, so fewer deaths account for a greater portion of the entire age group.



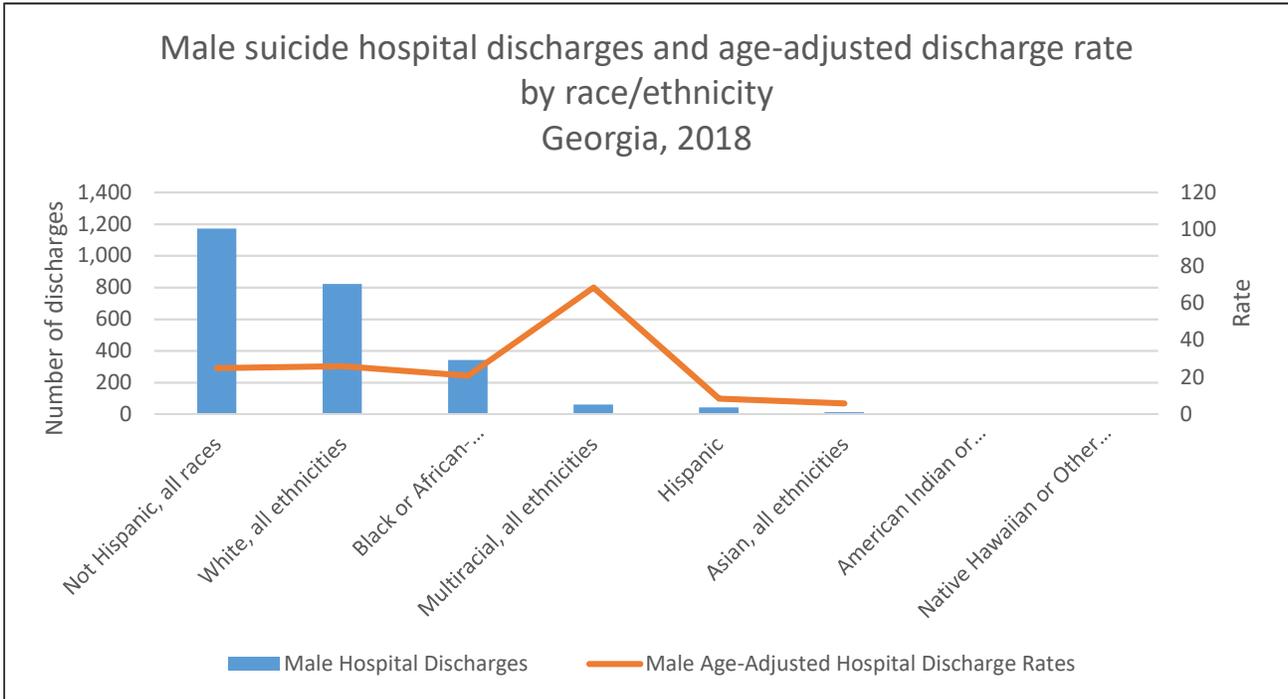
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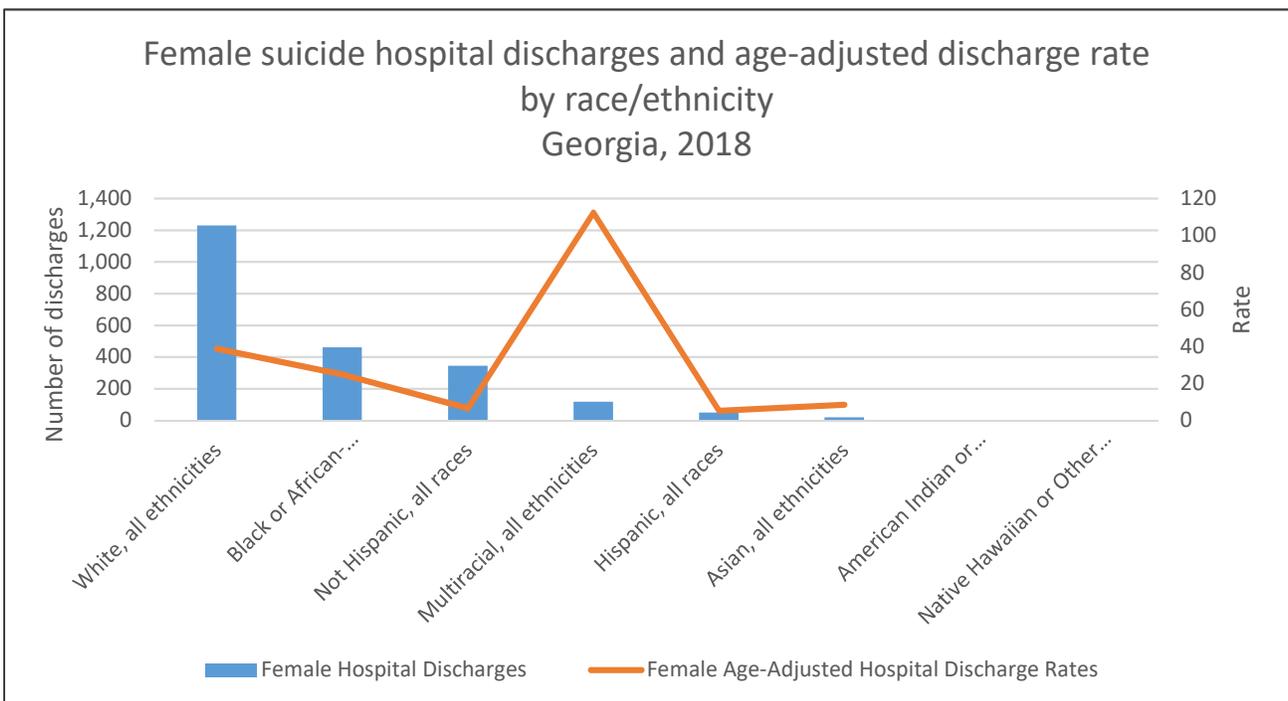
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Georgia uses the number of hospital discharges and the age-adjusted rate of hospital discharges as proxies for severe suicide attempts that do not result in death because there are currently no other data sources to collect this information. Females had 1,829 suicide-related hospital discharges while males had 1,245. Females had an age-adjusted rate of suicide-related hospital discharges of 34.0 per 100,000 persons while males had 24.2 per 100,000 persons.



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