

Shifting Demographics By the Numbers: Suicides & Successful Interventions at the Golden Gate Bridge

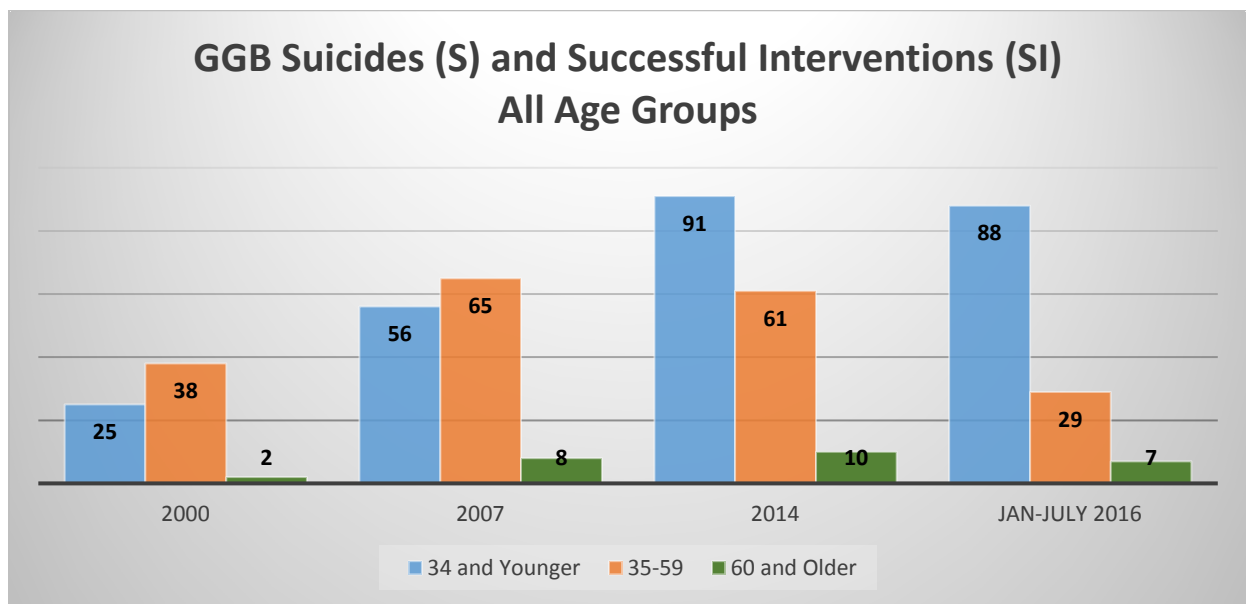
Those coming to the Golden Gate Bridge to commit suicide are younger than ever. Since 2000, the number of troubled young people under 25 years old showing up at the Bridge considering suicide has increased five-fold, from 9 people in 2000 to 43 in 2014, to being on track to an even higher number this year.

The following data provides information from sample years. Please note that as 2016 numbers are not yet complete, the charts provide data from January-July of 2016.* The information has been compiled by the Bridge Patrol Department of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Overall Suicide and Successful Intervention:

Incident Summary	2000	2007	2014	Jan-July 2016*
Confirmed Suicides	16	39	38	21
Successful Interventions	58	90	161	112
Unconfirmed Suicides	5	9	0	0

Total Suicides and Successful Interventions by Age Group:

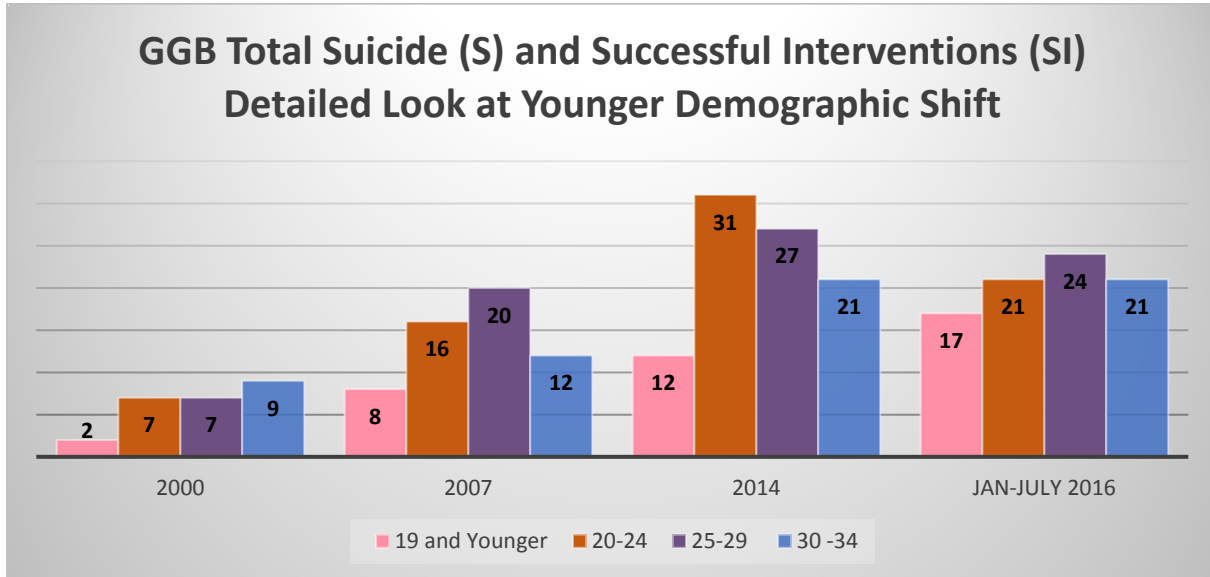


By Age Group	2000	2007	2014	Jan-July 2016*
34 and Younger	S – 5 / SI – 20	S – 11 / SI – 44	S – 14 / SI – 77	S – 12 / SI – 68
35-59	S – 6 / SI – 28	S – 19 / SI – 43	S – 15 / SI – 46	S – 6 / SI – 23
60 and Older	S – 2 / SI – 0	S – 3 / SI – 4	S – 3 / SI – 7	S – 3 / SI – 4

2000: 3 suicides of unknown age
2007: 6 suicides of unknown age

2014: 6 suicides of unknown age
2016: 1 suicide of unknown age

Total Suicides and Successful Interventions – Detailed Look at Younger Demographic:



Younger Groups	2000	2007	2014	Jan-July 2016
19 and Younger	S – 0 / SI – 2	S – 3 / SI – 5	S – 3 / SI – 9	S – 2 / SI – 15
20-24	S – 1 / SI – 6	S – 3 / SI – 13	S – 5 / SI – 26	S – 7 / SI – 14
25-29	S – 3 / SI – 4	S – 3 / SI – 17	S – 4 / SI – 23	S – 2 / SI – 22
30-34	S – 1 / SI – 8	S – 2 / SI – 10	S – 2 / SI – 19	S – 1 / SI – 20

What We Are Doing:

In response to this change, the District is turning to technology. We're partnering with Crisis Text Line to better reach troubled young people, who frequently use text messaging to communicate. Crisis Text Line is a national not-for-profit that provides free, 24/7 support for people in crisis via text. They also collect and analyze data at crisistrends.org.

Signs for Crisis Text Line have been installed this week along the Golden Gate Bridge. Those who would like help for any crisis on the Golden Gate Bridge can text GGB to 741741 or BAY in the Bay Area.

Golden Gate Bridge Patrol and Crisis Text Line will work together to dispatch emergency services and bring people to safety, using the keyword GGB. The new text line is in addition to the work of our current Bridge Patrols and phone hotlines.

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