

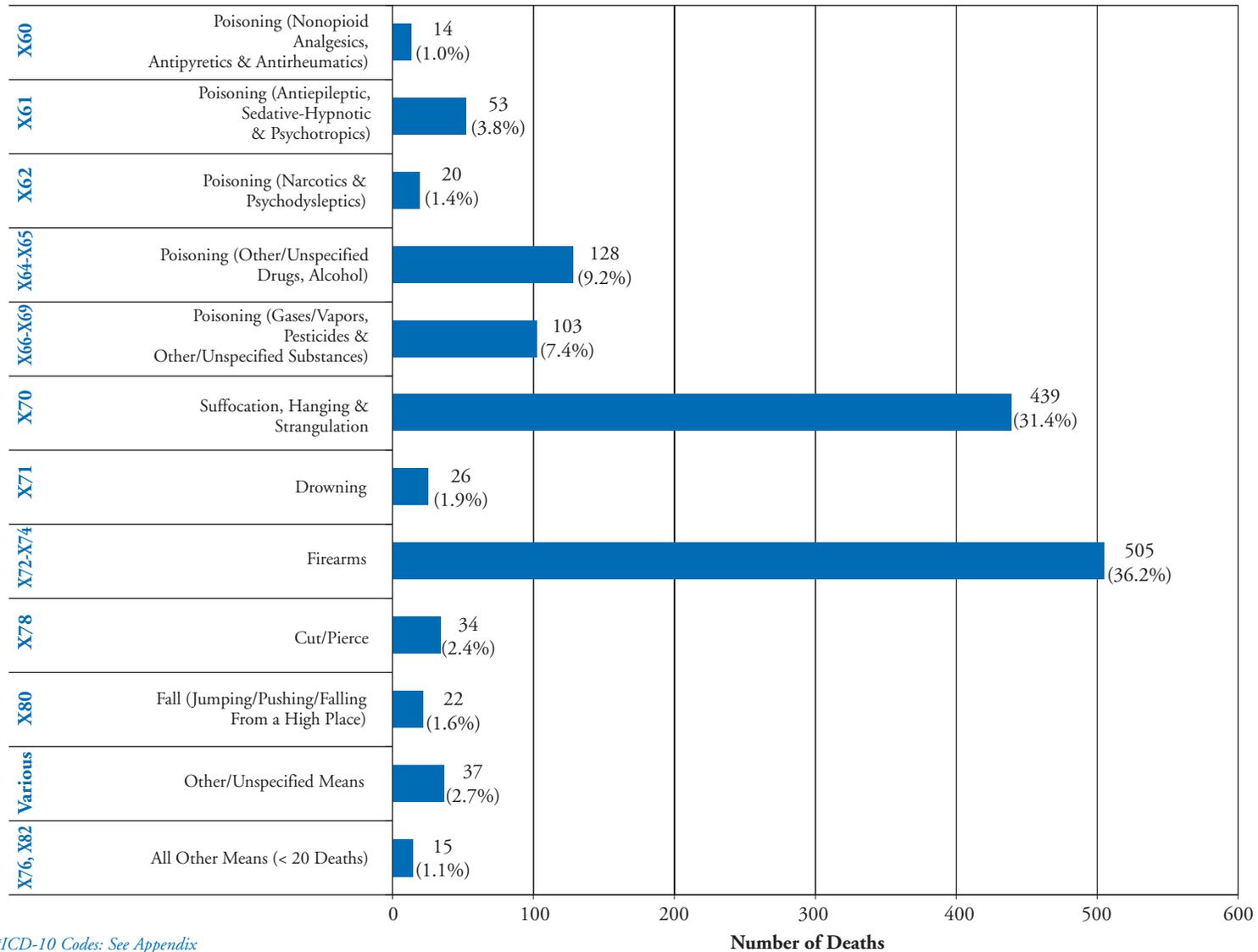
Suicide Deaths

- Suicide was the second leading cause of injury death in Connecticut accounting for 18.1% of all injury-related deaths between 2000 – 2004, with 1,396 suicide deaths, for an average of 279 suicides a year
- Firearms accounted for over one-third (36.2%) of all suicide deaths, followed by suffocation, hanging or strangulation (31.5%), and poisoning by drugs or other substances (22.8%)
- The cities and towns with the highest number of suicide deaths among residents were Hartford (60), New Haven (51), Bridgeport (45), Waterbury (40), Meriden (34), New Britain (34), Bristol (31), Stamford (29), East Hartford (28), Danbury (27), and Fairfield (25)
- Suicide deaths occurred as early as 10 – 14 years of age, and peaked at 45 – 49 years, with higher rates between the ages of 20 and 85+
- Suicide rates (8.1 per 100,000 population) were nearly three times higher than homicide rates (2.9 per 100,000 population), and were consistently higher than homicide rates from 10 – 14 years of age on except between the ages of 20 and 29
- Overall, males completed suicide at a rate of four times higher than females and up to eleven times higher among the 65 – 69 age group reaching a peak rate of 30.2 per 100,000 males 85 years or older. Females experienced their highest suicide death rate between 45 – 49 years
- Over one-fourth (25%) of all suicides occurred between 40 – 49 years of age, while over 60% happened between the ages of 30 – 59 years
- Males were almost 3.5 times more likely to use firearms, while females were nearly four times more likely to use drugs in completing suicide
- Hanging/suffocation was the second leading mechanism of suicide death for both males (32.2%) and females (28.7%)
- Suicide rates were roughly twice as high among Non-Hispanic Whites (8.7 per 100,000 population) as compared to either Hispanics (4.6 per 100,000 population) or Non-Hispanic Blacks (3.9 per 100,000 population)
- New London County experienced the highest suicide rate (10.5 per 100,000 population), closely followed by Litchfield (10.1 per 100,000 population) and Windham (10.0 per 100,000 population) Counties, whereas the Fairfield County had the lowest suicide rate (6.5 per 100,000 population) over 60% lower than the rate in New London County
- Over half (54.8%) of all suicide deaths were registered as having occurred in the decedent's home

Figure 78
Suicide* Deaths by Mechanism
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004

(n = 1,396; average = 279/year)

ICD-Codes



*ICD-10 Codes: See Appendix

Figure 79
Suicide Death Rates by Mechanism & Age
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
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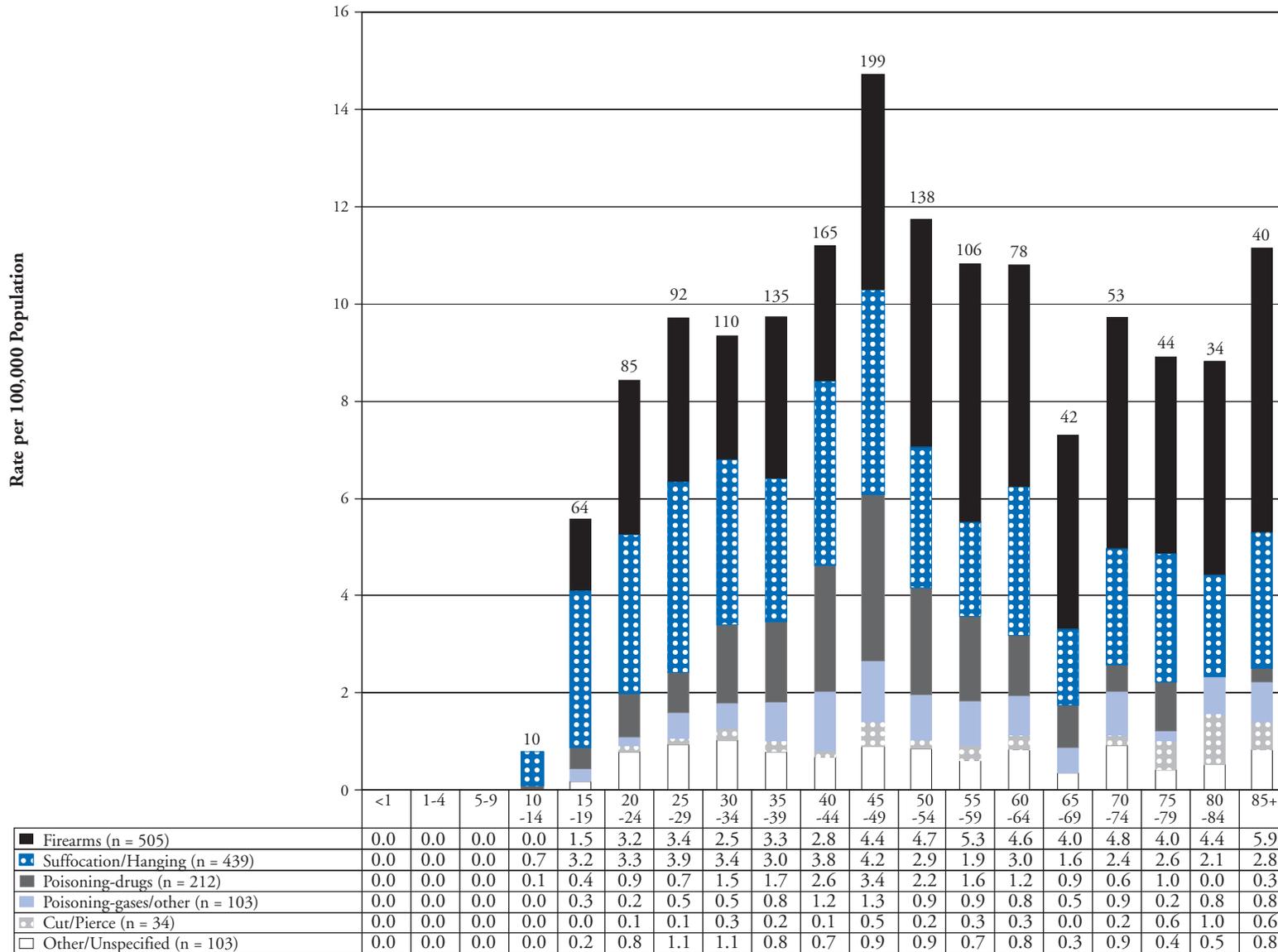


Figure 80
Suicide Death Rates By Age & Sex
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
 (n = 1,396; average = 279/year)

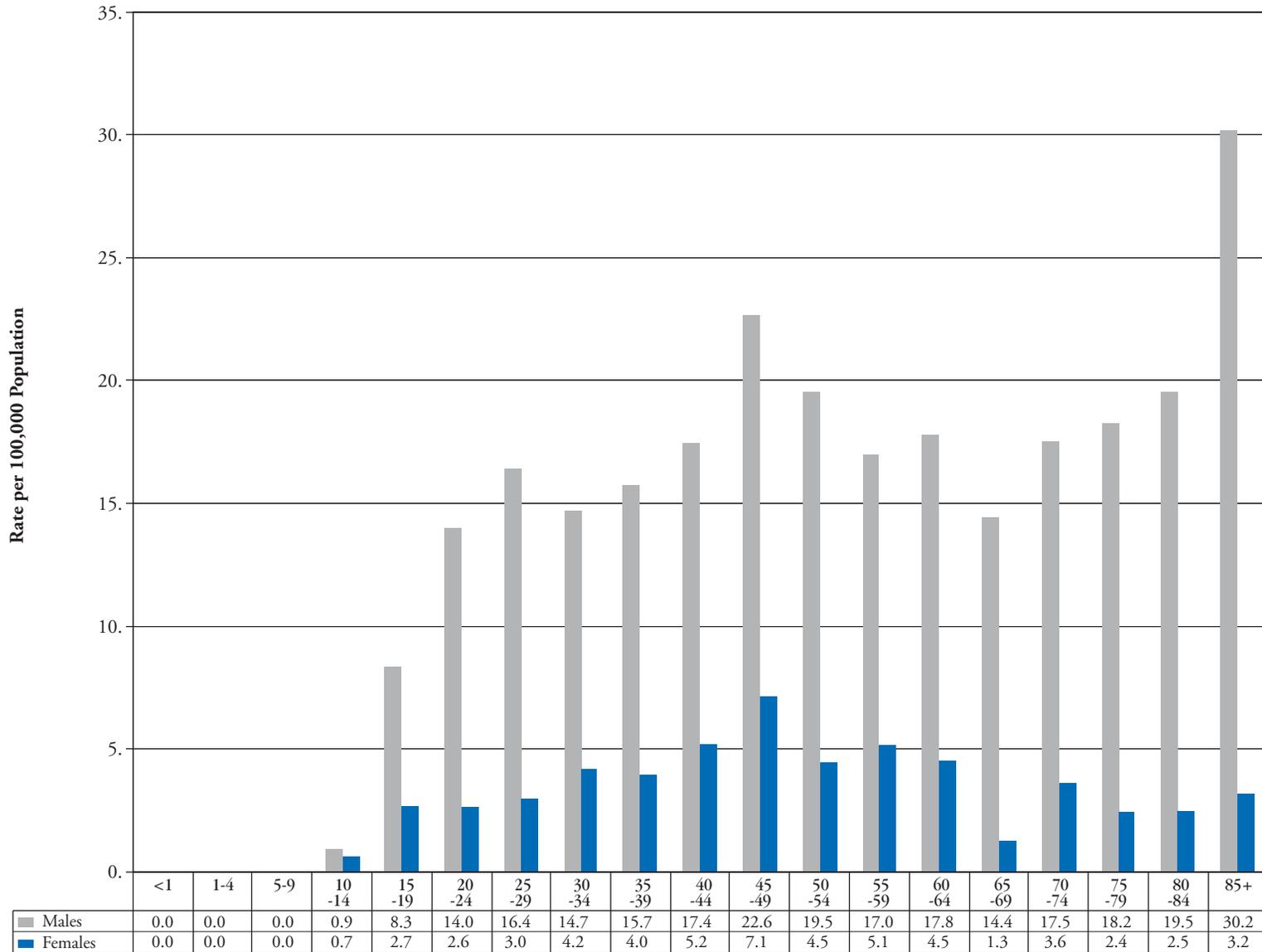


Figure 81
Suicide Death Rates per 100,000 Population
by Sex, Race/Ethnicity & County of Residence
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004

