

# SUICIDES in INDIA

## FACTSHEET from NCRB Reports

(Period - Year 2001 to 2017)

- **Total** - 2101957 persons committed suicides in India during 2001 - 2017; it means 339 suicides every day.
- **Causes** - The major registered causes of suicides are - bankruptcy, indebtedness, family and marriage related issues, failure in examination, impotency, illness, death of the dear person, drug abuse, fall in social reputation, hero worshipping, love affairs, poverty, unemployment, illicit relations, and professional/carrier related problem.
- **Illnesses** - Illnesses has been found to be the biggest cause of Suicides in India. 431167 persons (20.5% of total suicide cases) ended their life due to some illness. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu registered the highest number of illnesses related suicides.
- **Agriculture** - 256691 persons engaged in agriculture (farmers and agricultural laborers) committed suicides in these 17 years - Every day 41 persons involved in agriculture section committed suicide. The highest number of farmers and agricultural laborers suicides registered in Maharashtra.
- **Poverty and Unemployment** - 79405 persons committed suicide because of Poverty and/or Unemployment.
- **Failure in Exams** - 39473 persons committed suicide due to failing in examination, where as 118974 were students among all suicide cases.

# Suicides in India - 2001 to 2017

Region	Total Suicides in 15 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Percentage of Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Percentage of Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Percentage of Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Percentage of Suicides by Agri. Community	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment	Percentage of Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
INDIA	2101957	431167	20.5	39473	1.9	118974	5.7	256691	12.2	79405	3.8
MP	163509	30347	18.6	3328	2.0	10169	6.2	24320	14.9	3044	1.9
Rajasthan	71319	10863	15.2	921	1.3	3507	4.9	7382	10.4	858	1.2
UP	67402	8211	12.2	1748	2.6	4674	6.9	8255	12.2	2075	3.1
West Bengal	228362	26280	11.5	6099	2.7	14303	6.3	11721	5.1	4189	1.8
Tamil Nadu	241954	57699	23.8	4293	1.8	10283	4.2	12866	5.3	9288	3.8
Kerala	148853	40997	27.5	1213	0.8	5377	3.6	15659	10.5	1536	1.0
Maharashtra	265129	69798	26.3	5273	2.0	16790	6.3	63572	24.0	11574	4.4
Bihar	12337	947	7.7	499	4.0	1307	10.6	951	7.7	289	2.3
Orissa	75344	4481	5.9	1271	1.7	5160	6.8	3036	4.0	2347	3.1
Delhi	27473	1903	6.9	712	2.6	2887	10.5	174	0.6	1227	4.5
Karnataka	202365	53954	26.7	3057	1.5	9118	4.5	33782	16.7	7549	3.7
AP	201167	61918	30.8	3128	1.6	8708	4.3	31769	15.8	17144	8.5
Gujarat	102967	24353	23.7	1629	1.6	5790	5.6	8490	8.2	6236	6.1

# India

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	108506	24125	2062	5319	16415	5283
2002	110417	25496	2250	5355	17971	4697
2003	110851	24894	2255	6089	17164	5187
2004	113697	25452	2496	5610	18241	5974
2005	113914	25061	2283	5138	17131	4720
2006	118112	26619	2378	5857	17060	4534
2007	122637	27332	1976	6248	16632	5203
2008	125017	27558	2189	6060	16196	5086
2009	127151	26731	2010	6761	17368	5459
2010	134599	28464	2479	7379	15964	5269
2011	135585	26570	2381	7696	14027	4615
2012	120488	25116	2246	6654	13754	4022
2013	134799	26426	2471	8423	11772	3956
2014	131666	23746	2403	8068	12360	3906
2015	133623	21178	2646	8934	12602	4422
2016	131008	22411	2408	9478	11379	3470
2017	129887	23988	2540	9905	10655	3602
Total	2101957	431167	39473	118974	256691	79405

# Madhya Pradesh

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	6860	948	126	305	1372	126
2002	6899	1220	152	337	1340	161
2003	6762	1165	88	322	1445	199
2004	6795	1168	99	264	1638	183
2005	5448	980	73	199	1248	76
2006	6435	1103	133	365	1375	118
2007	6329	1022	93	326	1263	51
2008	7629	1379	193	420	1379	159
2009	9113	1305	160	597	1395	247
2010	9003	1361	177	459	1237	85
2011	9259	1837	156	451	1326	112
2012	9775	1797	193	595	1172	134
2013	9446	1781	218	667	1090	139
2014	9039	1563	223	645	1198	180
2015	10293	1950	178	625	1290	602
2016	10442	2249	221	843	1321	147
2017	11770	2635	312	953	955	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>141297</b>	<b>25463</b>	<b>2795</b>	<b>8373</b>	<b>22044</b>	<b>2808</b>

# Rajasthan

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	3195	515	80	204	505	84
2002	3248	599	58	139	587	96
2003	3661	694	39	205	636	90
2004	3725	631	37	147	749	66
2005	4178	660	34	112	461	43
2006	4263	681	47	134	395	18
2007	4437	627	49	185	618	72
2008	5166	825	34	242	796	32
2009	5065	821	31	223	851	36
2010	4920	806	56	233	390	22
2011	4348	719	67	236	268	36
2012	4821	660	74	240	270	39
2013	4860	623	68	256	292	24
2014	4459	483	84	200	373	30
2015	3457	518	58	197	76	31
2016	3678	498	53	221	43	61
2017	3838	503	52	333	72	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>71319</b>	<b>10863</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>3507</b>	<b>7382</b>	<b>858</b>

# Uttar Pradesh

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	3516	414	9	211	688	182
2002	4250	574	91	216	525	161
2003	3663	432	105	216	41	211
2004	3637	394	143	201	496	147
2005	3449	433	93	219	522	144
2006	3099	404	121	171	411	109
2007	3927	571	134	274	486	106
2008	4088	555	130	354	745	107
2009	4158	558	92	346	656	93
2010	3628	479	107	317	548	77
2011	4843	521	89	259	645	114
2012	4422	540	243	305	745	124
2013	5286	635	152	405	750	88
2014	3590	1020	55	252	192	60
2015	3902	226	48	229	324	100
2016	3518	192	51	263	278	102
2017	4426	263	85	436	203	150
Total	67402	8211	1748	4674	8255	2075

# West Bengal

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	13690	1821	493	814	1246	255
2002	13007	1363	547	667	1518	172
2003	13280	1865	702	1111	1036	74
2004	13424	1029	625	809	822	159
2005	15015	1599	582	731	965	98
2006	15725	2220	686	1141	1189	39
2007	14860	2336	349	1138	1102	549
2008	14852	2217	322	940	759	398
2009	14548	2030	275	870	1054	472
2010	16037	2358	412	949	993	505
2011	16492	1825	378	1034	807	510
2012	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2013	13055	1330	226	788	0	356
2014	14310	1175	169	709	230	296
2015	14602	1380	112	676	0	102
2016	13451	971	114	1147	0	109
2017	12014	761	107	779	0	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>228362</b>	<b>26280</b>	<b>6099</b>	<b>14303</b>	<b>11721</b>	<b>4189</b>

# Tamil Nadu

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	11290	2913	188	404	985	829
2002	11244	3080	242	474	1455	388
2003	11872	2654	197	466	1052	810
2004	12839	3041	407	473	1599	812
2005	12076	2476	314	531	1255	742
2006	12381	2879	226	226	426	510
2007	13811	3209	249	249	484	576
2008	14425	3807	264	258	512	576
2009	14424	3021	223	456	1060	691
2010	16561	3583	240	637	541	737
2011	15963	3531	223	849	623	439
2012	16927	3663	238	795	499	249
2013	16601	4362	277	866	105	284
2014	16122	4514	247	853	895	387
2015	15777	3445	322	955	606	468
2016	15182	3983	258	981	381	409
2017	14459	3538	178	810	388	381
Total	241954	57699	4293	10283	12866	9288



# Andhra Pradesh

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	10522	3823	147	470	1509	541
2002	11693	4199	262	511	1896	720
2003	11409	3850	238	569	1800	807
2004	13526	3881	189	492	2666	1501
2005	13442	4248	236	500	2490	1233
2006	13276	4210	213	512	2607	1147
2007	14882	4629	230	699	1797	1491
2008	14354	4403	223	481	2105	1596
2009	14500	4169	213	597	2414	1772
2010	15901	4845	249	656	2525	1720
2011	15077	4154	181	563	2206	1414
2012	14238	4232	168	559	2572	1308
2013	14607	4221	235	719	2014	977
2014	6101	1596	93	333	632	262
2015	6226	1916	96	360	916	404
2016	6059	2002	86	295	804	123
2017	5354	1540	69	392	816	128
Total	201167	61918	3128	8708	31769	17144

# Kerala

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	9572	2393	86	281	1035	195
2002	9810	2489	89	282	1533	101
2003	9438	2738	88	314	1583	143
2004	9053	2821	126	448	903	225
2005	9244	2741	69	281	1118	146
2006	9026	2874	60	271	1124	98
2007	8962	2823	47	275	1232	55
2008	8569	2739	47	286	820	37
2009	9113	2962	160	274	896	21
2010	8586	2618	56	313	895	21
2011	8431	2330	32	246	830	15
2012	8490	2230	37	263	1081	29
2013	8846	1726	39	301	972	29
2014	8446	2125	61	418	807	58
2015	7692	1856	88	374	210	60
2016	7705	1734	67	340	321	136
2017	7870	1798	61	410	299	167
Total	148853	40997	1213	5377	15659	1536

# Maharashtra

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	14618	4100	236	433	3536	786
2002	14529	4348	210	448	3695	739
2003	14760	4679	236	499	3836	812
2004	14729	4948	301	516	4147	862
2005	14426	4549	285	402	3926	806
2006	15494	4674	281	444	4453	915
2007	15184	4431	230	404	4238	824
2008	14374	3993	236	407	3802	726
2009	14300	4085	227	403	2872	617
2010	15916	4285	388	482	3141	576
2011	15947	4088	308	481	3337	410
2012	16112	3997	346	449	3786	503
2013	16622	4077	349	566	3146	554
2014	16307	3512	359	569	4004	475
2015	16970	3247	383	644	4291	626
2016	17195	3154	488	1350	3661	645
2017	17646	3631	410	1437	3701	698
<b>Total</b>	<b>265129</b>	<b>69798</b>	<b>5273</b>	<b>9934</b>	<b>63572</b>	<b>11574</b>

# Bihar

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	603	31	25	64	61	1
2002	720	51	4	54	80	8
2003	599	35	12	59	46	9
2004	351	38	7	32	23	10
2005	543	50	20	47	39	1
2006	618	69	14	70	46	7
2007	965	131	33	115	86	67
2008	1015	100	23	58	67	42
2009	1051	67	28	68	112	7
2010	1226	67	52	74	95	9
2011	796	50	37	71	83	6
2012	759	80	26	64	68	0
2013	1057	38	29	82	127	6
2014	719	35	42	79	10	110
2015	516	36	37	62	7	0
2016	411	36	56	171	0	0
2017	388	33	54	137	1	6
Total	12337	947	499	1307	951	289

# Orissa

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	4052	300	56	268	256	206
2002	4388	363	59	279	345	301
2003	4420	195	63	259	365	181
2004	4215	248	68	266	4	155
2005	4208	307	45	262	254	144
2006	4065	180	32	271	283	135
2007	4308	317	38	234	240	66
2008	4904	224	54	217	260	191
2009	4365	243	103	293	154	147
2010	4255	230	111	301	162	132
2011	5241	267	98	368	144	169
2012	5027	257	116	423	146	79
2013	5252	231	87	313	150	76
2014	4160	373	117	325	102	106
2015	4087	368	58	330	50	138
2016	3904	238	72	390	121	94
2017	4493	140	94	361	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>75344</b>	<b>4481</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>5160</b>	<b>3036</b>	<b>2347</b>

# Delhi

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	1239	94	23	104	18	109
2002	1053	89	35	105	33	53
2003	1153	113	37	117	8	57
2004	1256	132	45	110	13	79
2005	1245	104	27	98	7	62
2006	1492	131	22	118	3	69
2007	1481	91	43	135	23	64
2008	1303	103	61	175	16	71
2009	1477	100	48	165	5	92
2010	1543	72	42	166	9	74
2011	1716	147	40	200	10	83
2012	1899	101	87	266	21	133
2013	2059	80	56	250	8	88
2014	2095	155	49	241	0	23
2015	1845	85	30	214	0	42
2016	2155	154	35	211	0	53
2017	2462	152	32	212	0	75
Total	27473	1903	712	2887	174	1227

# Karnataka

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	11881	3652	171	329	2505	669
2002	12270	3857	197	255	2340	579
2003	12361	3405	137	227	2678	716
2004	11937	3356	126	232	1963	611
2005	11557	3161	142	189	1883	381
2006	12212	3430	145	230	1720	480
2007	12304	3330	99	246	2135	428
2008	12222	3348	150	243	1737	376
2009	12195	3224	147	274	2282	367
2010	12651	3723	147	319	2585	467
2011	12622	3146	225	425	2100	396
2012	12753	3323	183	296	1875	530
2013	11266	3057	178	386	1403	439
2014	10945	2298	164	278	768	180
2015	10786	1743	282	296	1569	166
2016	10687	2567	224	540	2079	309
2017	11716	3334	340	702	2160	455
<b>Total</b>	<b>202365</b>	<b>53954</b>	<b>3057</b>	<b>5467</b>	<b>33782</b>	<b>7549</b>

# Gujarat

Year	Total Suicides in 17 Years	Suicides due to Illnesses Suicides due to Illnesses	Suicides due to Failure in Examination	Total Suicides by Students	Total Suicides by Farmers and Agri. Laborers	Total Suicides due to Poverty and Unemployment
2001	4791	1149	85	264	594	500
2002	4644	1142	80	269	570	464
2003	4566	1231	35	187	581	359
2004	4776	1163	77	247	523	379
2005	4765	1255	76	225	615	310
2006	5035	1200	78	240	487	333
2007	5580	1551	69	303	317	323
2008	6165	1484	105	304	526	374
2009	6156	1552	99	328	588	432
2010	6207	1447	85	293	523	346
2011	6382	1552	100	326	578	288
2012	7110	1648	137	388	564	288
2013	7166	1734	117	386	582	297
2014	7225	1312	105	367	600	273
2015	7246	1537	27	469	301	489
2016	7735	1677	186	556	408	406
2017	7418	1719	168	638	133	375
Total	102967	24353	1629	5790	8490	6236