

December 29, 2021

Dear 

Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2021-02159-HEA

The Department of Health and Wellness received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on November 23, 2021.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Amended December 12, 2021:

Broken down by month; the number of completed suicides (up to 2019) and attempted suicides events, between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2021)

- a. Birth and 11 years of age;*
- b. Between 12 and 19 years of age;*
- c. Between 20 and 29 years of age;*
- d. Between 30 and 39 years of age;*
- e. Between 40 and 49 years of age;*
- f. Between 50 and 59 years of age;*
- g. Between 60 and 69 years of age;*
- h. Between 70 and 79 years of age;*
- i. Between 80 and 89 years of age; and*
- j. Between 90 years and up.*

Please also provided yearly totals per age category and monthly totals (not broken down by age category)

(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2017 To 11/30/2021)

Responsive records have been located and are attached.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name, address, or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Melinda Frelick at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Trott", is positioned above the printed name.

Kathleen Trott
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment

Completed suicide

Data Source: Vital Statistic updated to 2019

Year	Month	Completed Suicides
2018	January	10
	February	12
	March	9
	April	11
	May	16
	June	7
	July	7
	August	15
	September	6
	October	6
	November	8
	December	13
2019	January	12
	February	9
	March	11
	April	10
	May	8
	June	12
	July	11
	August	11
	September	< 5
	October	10
	November	10
	December	11

*Data has been masked to reduce risk of reidentification

Completed suicide*Data Source: Vital Statistic updated to 2019*

Year	Age Group	Completed Suicides
2018	0 to 19	5
	20 to 29	19
	30 to 39	13
	40 to 49	21
	50 to 59	28
	60 to 69	17
	70 and over	17
2019	0 to 19	6
	20 to 29	23
	30 to 39	14
	40 to 49	15
	50 to 59	26
	60 to 69	23
	70 and over	11

Attempted suicide

Data sources: DAD, NACRS and Medavie physician billings. Please note that calendar year 2021 records are not completed for all the database.

Some emergency centers do not report to NACRS, so emergency records are partial. Records are complete and reviewed by CIHI through March 31, 2021.

Records from April through August 2021 are a combination of DAD, NACRS, and Billing data.

Data is only presented through August 31, 2021 as billings can be submitted up to 90 days after seeing the patient. August is the last complete month

Year	Month	0 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 and over
2018	January	20	13	16	28	29	18	9
	February	13	12	14	19	24	18	6
	March	29	13	16	20	23	16	11
	April	28	14	22	22	19	23	14
	May	21	15	25	12	33	13	13
	June	13	25	16	14	24	11	16
	July	19	21	23	21	23	17	12
	August	19	17	15	20	29	12	9
	September	16	11	15	22	23	16	10
	October	26	12	21	15	35	13	18
	November	20	20	17	21	33	25	10
	December	39	9	17	17	23	15	19
2019	January	17	21	21	15	28	24	14
	February	29	8	14	23	29	23	13
	March	29	26	20	27	34	20	7
	April	30	8	14	20	25	19	15
	May	25	14	15	17	30	19	21
	June	21	12	12	24	33	17	13
	July	22	15	15	23	29	17	23
	August	11	15	15	22	28	13	10
	September	23	17	19	31	35	21	31
	October	29	25	19	23	44	19	16
	November	32	16	12	26	36	17	10
	December	26	17	16	15	23	18	17
2020	January	25	15	11	34	29	19	9
	February	17	19	14	12	25	17	20
	March	18	17	12	17	25	21	11
	April	11	8	14	14	18	14	11
	May	22	10	8	12	23	11	11
	June	18	13	17	19	28	22	12
	July	28	24	18	29	31	14	12
	August	20	9	16	26	27	26	19
	September	22	18	25	29	30	13	21
	October	27	23	13	29	33	27	16
	November	25	10	24	20	34	13	12
	December	17	17	22	25	29	20	14
2021	January	33	17	20	31	26	23	13
	February	31	12	14	22	25	22	14
	March	25	11	21	28	35	24	14
	April	49	13	15	24	29	25	16
	May	42	22	19	26	18	10	12
	June	38	15	25	25	35	30	17
	July	29	19	19	25	30	21	19
	August	18	14	12	24	12	26	20