

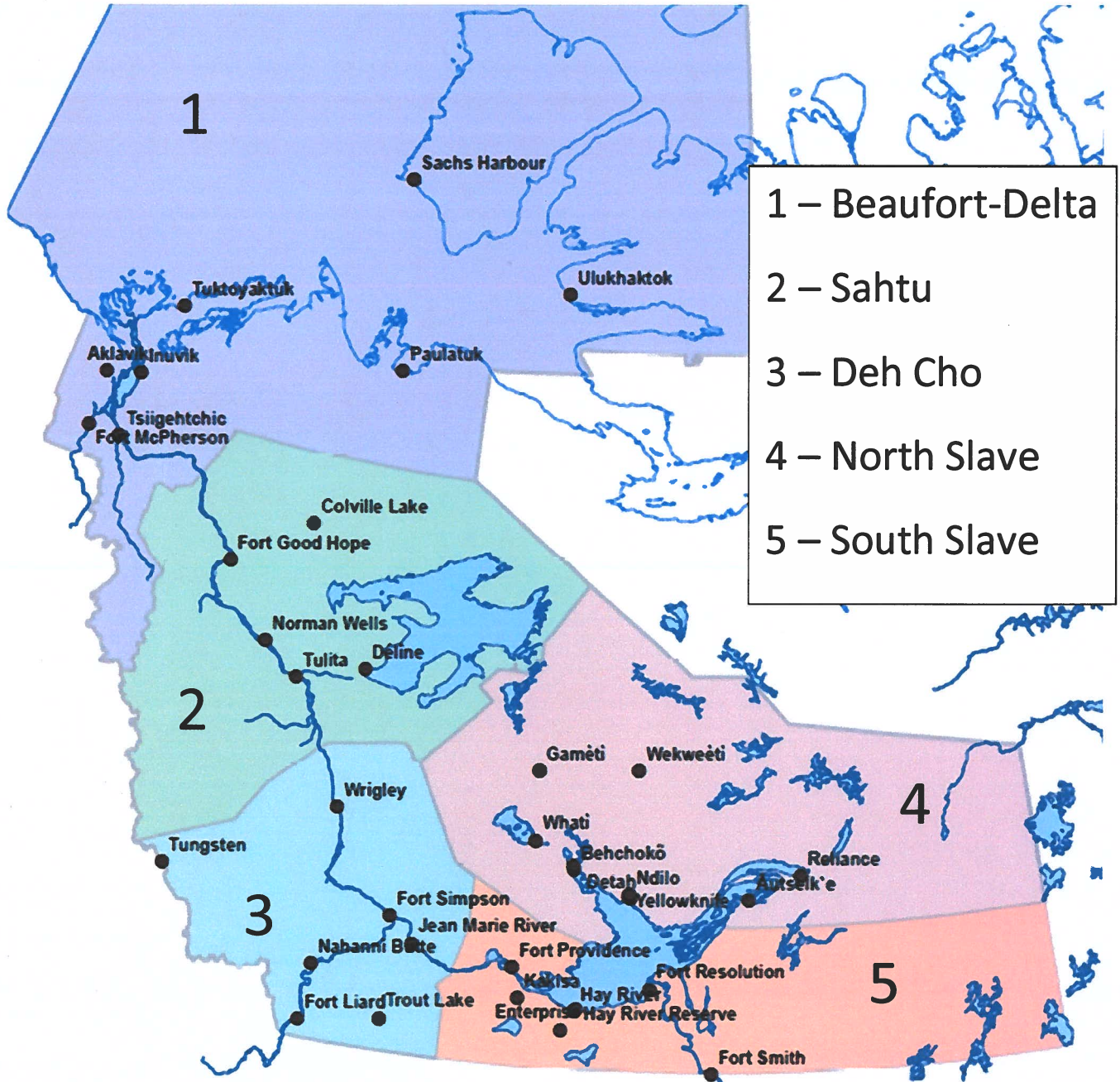


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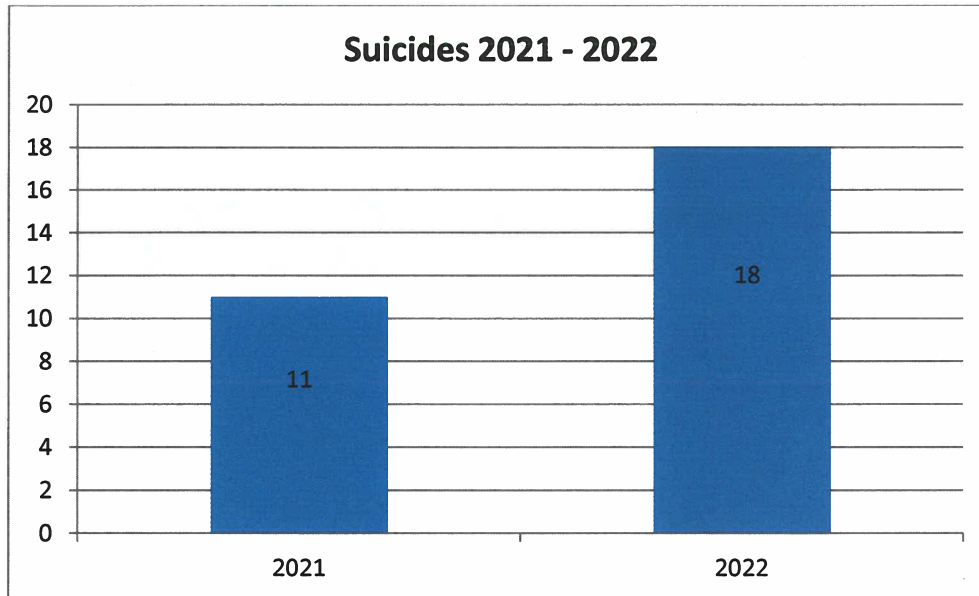
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CORONER SERVICE

**2021- 2022
EARLY RELEASE OF SUICIDE DATA**

NWT REGIONS



2021 - 2022 Suicide Deaths



SUICIDE refers to any death from a self-inflicted injury where there is apparent intent to cause death. In 2021 there were a total of 11 suicides out of a total of 145 deaths, accounting for 8% of deaths that year. There have already been a total of 18 suicides by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2022 with a total of 106 deaths so far.

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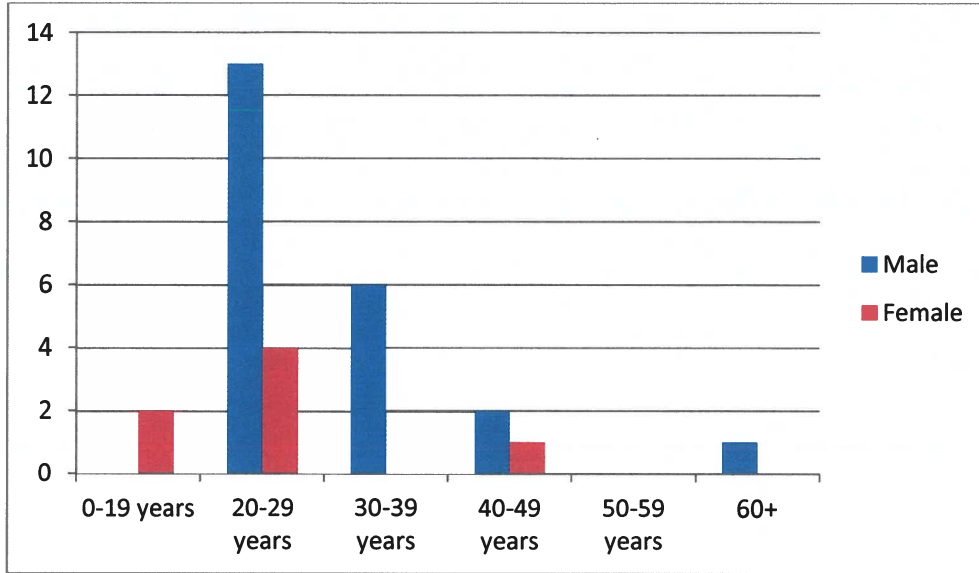
*To date not all potential suicide death investigations in 2022 have been completed. More cases could be reported in the final quarter of 2022.

Suicides by Method

Method	2021	2022
Hanging	7	16
Gunshot Wound	1	2
Drowning	1	
Drug Overdose	1	
Multiple Blunt Force Trauma	1	
Total	11	18

The most common method is hanging followed by gunshot wounds.

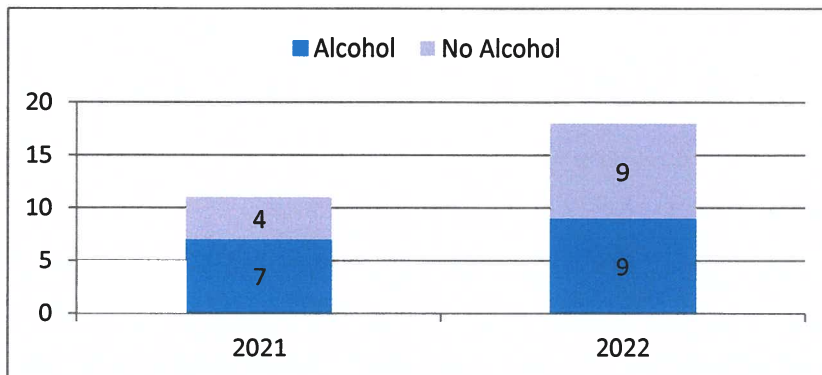
Suicides by Age and Gender



Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0-19 years	0	2	2
20-29 years	13	4	17
30-39 years	6	0	6
40-49 years	2	1	3
50-59 years	0	0	0
60+	1	0	1
Total	22	7	29

The majority of suicide deaths were males between the ages of 20-29.

Suicide Deaths Involving Alcohol

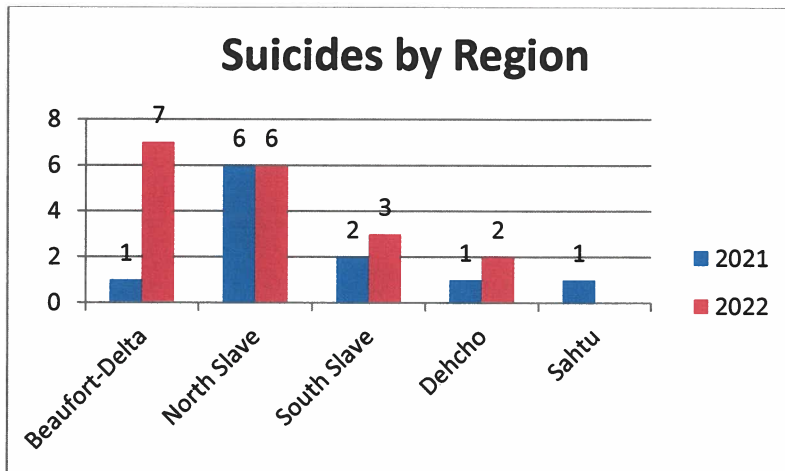


In 2021, 7 out of the 11 suicides had alcohol as a contributing factor (64%). To date in 2022, some alcohol results are still pending.

Suicides by Month

Month	2021	2022	Total
January	1	3	4
February	3	2	5
March	1		1
April		1	1
May	1	2	3
June	2	2	4
July	1	3	4
August		1	1
September		4	4
October			0
November	1		1
December	1		1
Total	11	18	29

Suicides by Region



Region	2021	2022
Beaufort-Delta	1	7
North Slave	6	6
South Slave	2	3
Dehcho	1	2
Sahtu	1	
Total	11	18

The majority of suicides in 2021 occurred in the North Slave region. In 2022 the majority of suicides have occurred in the Beaufort-Delta.