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NB Suicide Registry

**Codebook
For Years 2012-2018**

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About this Codebook

This codebook is intended for users of the NB Suicide Registry. This codebook provides an overview of the data contained in the database and important technical information regarding use of the database, which contains basic demographic information and summary of death events by suicide, including previous attempts, family history, and circumstantial factors.

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Overview

NB Suicide Registry provides information on individuals who have committed suicide in New Brunswick between 2012 and 2018 inclusive. The database includes basic demographic information such as gender, age, marital status, as well as how suicide was committed, location and date of death, previous attempts, and family history of suicide.

Data Range

2012–2018

Data Source

NB Department of Health

How to Cite this Codebook

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About this Product

Purpose of the Product

The purpose of the NB Suicide Registry is to provide information on the linkable administrative data on New Brunswick residents who have committed suicide held at the New Brunswick Institute for Research, Data and Training (NB-IRDT). This data is accessible to researchers for mental health related research.

Reference Date

2012–2018

Record Layouts and Data Descriptions

TYPE*	FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
C	indvid	Individual unique identifier
C	SEX	Sex
C	SUICIDE_NOTE	Suicide Note
N	AGE	Age
C	DOD	Date of Death
C	ADDRESS_RES	Residential Address
C	HEALTHNETWORK	Health Network
N	ZONE	Health Zone
C	LOC_OF_DEATH	Location of Death
C	MARITAL_STATUS	Marital Status
C	EMP_STATUS	Employment Status
C	FAM_HIST_SUIC	Family History of Suicide
C	PREV_ATTEMPT	Previous Attempt
C	DEATH_FACTOR	How Suicide Event Occurred
C	DATE_LAST_MH_SERV	Latest Date Individual Obtained Mental Health Services
N	OPENED_MH_LAST6MON	Indicates if Individual Obtained Mental Health Services in the Previous Six Months

*Note: Type 'N' refers to numeric values while 'C' refers to both alphabetical and numeric characters.

indvid

Unique numeric identifier for the individual

SEX

Code which indicates the gender of the individual

SEX	DESCRIPTION
F	Female
M	Male

SUICIDE_NOTE

Code which indicates if individual left a suicide note

SUICIDE_NOTE	DESCRIPTION
Yes	Yes
No	No
Unknown	Unknown

DOD

Date of death
Format: dd-month-yyyy

AGE

Age of the individual at the time of suicide

ADDRESS_RES

Residential address of the individual

HEALTHNETWORK

Regional Health Authority

HEALTHNETWORK	DESCRIPTION
Horizon	Horizon
Vitalité	Vitalité
Horizon and Vitalité	Both

ZONE

Code which indicates the health zone

LOC_OF_DEATH

Location of death

MARITAL_STATUS

Indicates the marital status of the individual at the time of death

MARITAL_STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Single	Single
Married	Married
Separated	Separated
Divorced	Divorced
Common Law	Common Law
Civil Union	Civil Union
Widowed	Widowed

EMP_STATUS

Indicates the employment status of the individual at the time of death

EMP_STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Yes	Yes
No	No
Student	Student
Retired	Retired
Other	Other
Unknown	Unknown

FAM_HIST_SUIC

Indicates whether the individual had any family history of suicide

FAM_HIST_SUIC	DESCRIPTION
Yes	Yes
No	No
Unknown	Not Known
N/A	Not Applicable

PREV_ATTEMPT

Indicates whether the individual had any family history of suicide

PREV_ATTEMPT	DESCRIPTION
Yes	Yes
No	No
Threat	Threatened Previously
Unknown	Not Known
N/A	Not Applicable

DEATH_FACTOR

Indicates how suicide event was committed

DATE_LAST_MH_SERV

Indicates the latest date the individual obtained mental health services
Format: dd-month-yyyy

OPENED_MH_LAST6MON

Code that Indicates whether individual obtained mental health services in the last 6 months

OPENED_MH_LAST6MON	DESCRIPTION
0	No
1	Yes

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