Top 10 causes of death in the Silver State

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Like Americans nationwide, Nevadans were more likely to die from heart disease or cancer in 2016 than other causes.

But one cause of death in the Silver State stands out compared with national trends: suicide. The number of suicides increased by 13 percent from 2015 to 2016, according to data provided by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

The other top causes of death in Nevada are often diseases that affect the elderly or stem from risky life choices — like poor diets, alcohol and drug abuse.

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