

TABLE 15.2: SUICIDES IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN 2010

Reference: Council of Europe, SPACE I 2011.15.2

Country	Total number of deaths in penal institutions in 2010	Suicides	% suicides	Of which: Number of females	% of female suicides in the total number of suicides	Total number of prisoners on 1st September 2010	Suicide rate per 10,000 inmates
Albania	8	2	25.0	0	0.0	4 750	4.2
Andorra	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	36	0.0
Armenia	37	4	10.8	0	0.0	4 918	8.1
Austria	31	12	38.7	3	25.0	8 597	14.0
Azerbaijan	107	8	7.5	1	12.5	36 891	2.2
Belgium	54	19	35.2	1	5.3	11 382	16.7
BH: BiH (total)	15	3	20.0	0	0.0	2 802	10.7
BH: BiH (st. level)	0	0	0.0	NAP	NAP	20	0.0
BH: Fed. BiH	9	2	22.2	0	0.0	1 736	11.5
BH: Rep. Srpska	6	1	16.7	0	0.0	1 046	9.6
Bulgaria	38	2	5.3	0	0.0	9 379	2.1
Croatia	12	1	8.3	0	0.0	5 165	1.9
Cyprus	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	900	0.0
Czech Rep.	44	13	29.5	1	7.7	21 955	5.9
Denmark	11	2	18.2	NA	NA	3 944	5.1
Estonia	8	1	12.5	1	100.0	3 470	2.9
Finland	6	4	66.7	0	0.0	3 316	12.1
France	178	95	53.4	2	2.1	61 142	15.5
Georgia	NA	6	NA	0	0.0	23 684	2.5
Germany	131	58	44.3	1	1.7	71 634	8.1
Greece	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	11 934	NA
Hungary	51	7	13.7	0	0.0	16 459	4.3
Iceland	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	165	0.0
Ireland	11	3	27.3	1	33.3	4 352	6.9
Italy	163	55	33.7	0	0.0	68 345	8.0
Latvia	20	1	5.0	0	0.0	6 778	1.5
Liechtenstein	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	0.0
Lithuania	25	8	32.0	0	0.0	8 887	9.0
Luxembourg	3	2	66.7	1	50.0	690	29.0
Malta	2	1	50.0	0	0.0	583	17.2
Moldova	44	5	11.4	0	0.0	6 415	7.8
Monaco	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0.0
Montenegro	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1 438	0.0
Netherlands	28	20	71.4	0	0.0	11 737	17.0
Norway	3	2	66.7	0	0.0	3 636	5.5
Poland	135	34	25.2	NA	NA	80 728	4.2
Portugal	64	8	12.5	0	0.0	11 613	6.9
Romania	77	7	9.1	0	0.0	28 191	2.5
Russian Fed.						838 500	
San Marino	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Serbia	62	6	9.7	1	16.7	11 197	5.4
Slovak Rep.	16	7	43.8	1	14.3	10 068	7.0
Slovenia	5	1	20.0	0	0.0	1 351	7.4
Spain (State Adm.)	218	27	12.4	1	3.7	65 098	4.1
Spain (Catalonia)	51	5	9.8	1	20.0	10 761	4.6
Sweden	4	1	25.0	0	0.0	6 922	1.4
Switzerland	12	6	50.0	NA	NA	6 181	9.7
the FYRO Macedonia	11	5	45.5	NA	NA	2 516	19.9
Turkey	252	39	15.5	2	5.1	120 391	3.2
Ukraine	784	35	4.5	2	5.7	152 169	2.3
UK: Engl. & Wales	197	58	29.4	1	1.7	85 002	6.8
UK: North. Ireland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 475	NA
UK: Scotland	16	10	62.5	0	0.0	7 890	12.7
Mean		11.9	23.9		6.9		6.7
Median		5.0	17.4		0.0		5.4
Minimum		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
Maximum		95.0	71.4		100.0		29.0

**TABLE 15.3: TYPES OF DEATHS AND SUICIDES IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN 2010**  
**(BREAKDOWN OF THE FIGURES OF TABLES 15.1 AND 15.2)**

Reference: Council of Europe, SPACE I 2011.15.3

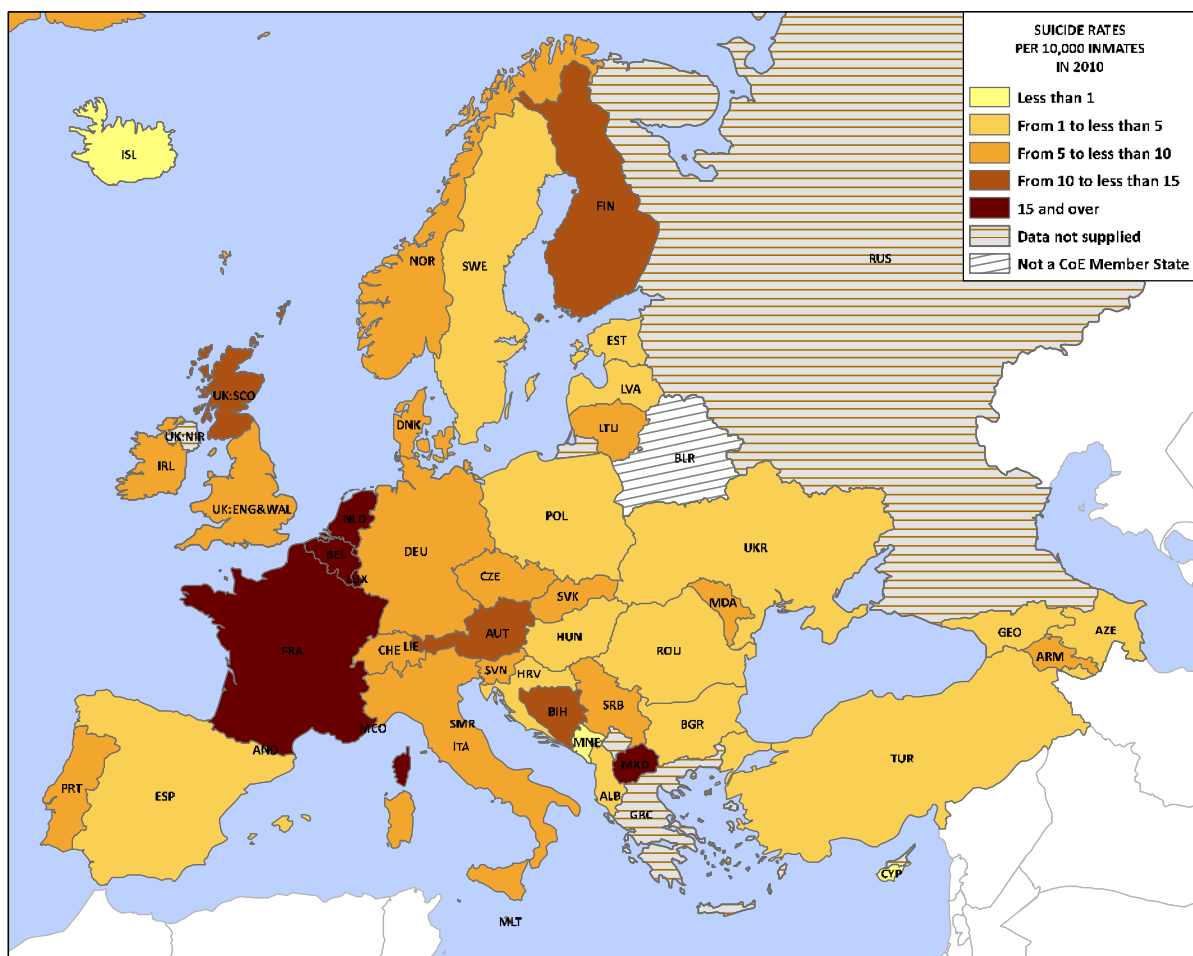
Country	Does the data include persons who died or committed suicide inside prison hospitals?	If yes, how many?	Of which: Number of females	Does the data include persons who died or committed suicide in community hospitals?	If yes, how many?	Of which: Number of females	Does the data include persons who died outside prison (e.g. during a prison leave or period of absence by permission)?	If yes, how many?	Of which: Number of females
Albania	Yes	NA	0	Non	***	***	Non	***	***
Andorra	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Armenia	Yes	18	0	Yes	7	1	No	***	***
Austria	Yes	1	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	1	0
Azerbaijan	Yes	87	1	No	***	***	No	26	0
Belgium	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	5	0	Yes	6	0
BH: BiH (total)	Yes	2	0	Yes	8	NA	Yes	2	NA
BH: BiH (st. level)	No	0	NAP	No	0	NAP	No	0	NAP
BH: Fed. BiH	Yes	2	0	Yes	4	0	Yes	1	0
BH: Rep. Srpska	Yes	0	0	Yes	4	0	Yes	1	0
Bulgaria	Yes	6	0	Yes	9	0	Yes	7	0
Croatia	Yes	10	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Cyprus	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Czech Rep.	Yes	2	0	Yes	2	0	Yes	0	0
Denmark	Yes	NA	NA	Non	***	***	No	***	***
Estonia	Yes	3	0	Yes	2	0	No	***	***
Finland	Yes	0	0	No	***	***	No	***	***
France	Yes	7	0	No	***	***	No	***	***
Georgia	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
Germany	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
Greece	Yes	32	NA	Yes	15	NA	Yes	2	NA
Hungary	Yes	28	2	Yes	3	2	Yes	0	0
Iceland	No	***	***	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Ireland	No	***	***	Yes	10	1	No	***	***
Italy	Yes	NA	0	Yes	NA	0	No	***	***
Latvia	Yes	12	0	No	***	0	No	***	***
Liechtenstein	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Lithuania	Yes	2	0	Yes	2	0	Yes	0	0
Luxembourg	Yes	1	0	No	***	***	No	***	***
Malta	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0	No	***	***
Moldova	Yes	23	0	Yes	1	0	Yes	1	0
Monaco	No	***	0	No	***	0	No	***	0
Montenegro	Yes	1	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Netherlands	Yes	0	0	Yes	4	0	Yes	2	0
Norway	Yes	NA	0	Yes	NA	0	No	***	***
Poland	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
Portugal	Yes	12	0	Yes	0	0	No	***	***
Romania	Yes	53	0	Yes	24	0	No	***	***
Russian Fed.									
San Marino	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Serbia	Yes	16	1	No	***	***	Yes	3	0
Slovak Rep.	Yes	3	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	0	0
Slovenia	No	***	***	Yes	3	0	No	***	***
Spain (State Adm.)	Yes	7	0	Yes	61	3	Yes	33	1
Spain (Catalonia)	No	***	***	Yes	9	1	Yes	15	1
Sweden	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
Switzerland	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
FYRO Macedonia	Yes	1	0	Yes	0	0	Yes	1	0
Turkey	Yes	0	0	Yes	162	1	No	***	***
Ukraine	Yes	669	NA	Yes	115	NA	No	***	***
UK: Engl. & Wales	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	No	***	***
UK: North. Ireland	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA
UK: Scotland	No	***	***	Yes	6	1	No	***	***

<b>AUSTRIA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since 2011 there is a special unit in the Austrian Prison Directorate, investigating and documenting every suicide in Austrian prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Total number of deaths:</b> 133 deaths, of which 106 persons died in the institutions managed by the Penitentiary service, 1 person died at the pre-trial institution of the Ministry internal affair.</li> <li><b>Table 15.1 (Other causes):</b> diseases</li> <li><b>Table 15.3:</b> 26 persons died outside prison.</li> </ul>
<b>BELGIUM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Table 15.3:</b> Deaths which occurred during the time served under Electronic Monitoring are included in the total number of deaths. Yet, those which occurred during the authorised leaves or permissions are not recorded.</li> </ul>
<b>BH: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (TOTAL)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Figures presented in this Table have been calculated by the authors of this report on the basis of the raw data provided by national correspondents. Therefore, these figures <i>should not</i> be considered as official inputs. These figures were not used for the calculation of mean and median values at the European level.</li> </ul>
<b>BH: FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Table 15.3:</b> There is no special prison hospital. However within Zenica Prison perimeter, there is a sick bay for placing or holding ill prisoners who serve their sentences in Zenica Prison.</li> </ul>
<b>BH: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (REPUBLIKA SRPSKA)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the course of 2010 out of the total of 6 deaths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 persons died of illness (1 in the penitentiary establishment and 4 in local hospitals)</li> <li>1 committed suicide by hanging while on weekend leave</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>FRANCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tables 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3:</b> Are included deaths which occurred while in custody, of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 suicides while the act committed in custody but the death occurred outside in a community hospital;</li> <li>3 suicides while the act committed and the death occurred outside prison, in a community hospital;</li> <li>9 suicides of the persons with the status of “écroués” but who were in external placement (not held in prisons);</li> <li>51 deaths occurred in hospitals and outside custody;</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Table 15.3 (1<sup>st</sup> column):</b> Figures relate to the deaths within the regional medical and psychiatric services.</li> </ul>
<b>ICELAND</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Table 15.3:</b> There is no prison hospital in Iceland</li> </ul>
<b>IRELAND</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Table 15.1 (Other):</b> 1 other and 5 Inquests Pending;</li> <li><b>Table 15.3:</b> The information on the persons considered as being inmates but who died outside prison was not collated in 2010.</li> </ul>
<b>ITALY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Except for cases of suicides and homicides, the information on the reasons of deaths is not collated for statistics.</li> </ul>
<b>LATVIA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data in on the total number of deaths also include 8 deaths (not suicides), that happened in prisons (cells, dormitories, medical units), but not in prison hospitals, community hospitals or outside the prisons.</li> </ul>

<b>MOLDOVA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Table 15.1 (Other causes):</b> 39 cases of illness;</li> <li>● <b>Table 15.3 (inside prison hospitals):</b> death cases in prison hospitals were caused by illness reasons.</li> <li>● <b>Table 15.3:</b> One death case while escorting in the special wagon.</li> </ul>
<b>NORWAY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Suicide</b> is defined in accordance with the <i>Nordisk Statistisk</i> registration rules. If an inmate injures himself in prison and later dies of these injuries outside of the prison (i.e. in or on the way to hospital) then the incident is registered as “in prison”. Cases of overdose are not included unless there are clear indications that the act was intentional.</li> <li>● <b>Death in prison</b> includes those who died in hospital as a result of an action taken whilst in prison. E.g. A suicide attempt in prison is recorded as “death in prison” if the person later dies after being transferred to a hospital.</li> <li>● A further 6 persons died whilst on prison leave (or similar). Cause of death is not registered.</li> </ul>
<b>PORTUGAL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prisoners who died or committed suicide in community hospitals: are included the data from the hospitals under the authority of the National Health Service.</li> </ul>
<b>SWEDEN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Figures on the number of deaths are only for final sentenced prisoners. Data on pre-trial detainees are not available.</li> </ul>
<b>UKRAINE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Table 15.3 (inside prison hospitals):</b> 669 deaths, of which 426 in multiple prison hospitals and 243 in TB hospitals.</li> </ul>
<b>UK: ENGLAND AND WALES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total number of deaths in penal institutions includes all deaths in prison custody arising from incidents in prison custody irrespective of cause or eventual location of death. Similarly, the figure of suicides includes all suicides irrespective of final location of death.</li> </ul>
<b>UK: SCOTLAND</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Scottish Prison Service does not have a dedicated hospital facility within the prison estate.</li> <li>● <b>Table 15.2:</b> Of the 10 suicides, one has been determined following Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) as a deliberate overdose, which accounts under heading “drug/alcohol intoxications”.</li> <li>● <b>Table 15.3:</b> prisoners who are at hospital and subsequently die but are still legally held in custody are included in the statistics.</li> </ul>

### MAP 3: SUICIDE RATE PER 10,000 INMATES IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN 2010

Reference: Council of Europe, SPACE | 2011.m.3



Some of the raw data used for Map 3 were very low. Therefore, when using the rates presented in the Map 3 one should pay attention to the explanatory notes (see notes to Tables 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3). The average (mean) rate of suicides in Europe is 6.7 per 10,000 inmates. The median value is of 5.4 per 10,000 inmates.

The highest rates (of more than 5) are presented in the Figure below.

