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## Suicides Now Exceed Farmers' in India

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### In Short

- Student suicides continue to surpass both population growth rates, overall suicide trends
- Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh have the highest number of student suicides
- Data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau based on police-recorded FIRS

A new report reveals that student suicides in India are rising at a disturbing rate, far outpacing both population growth and overall suicide trends. The report, titled "Student Suicides: An Epidemic Sweeping India," was released on Wednesday during the Annual IC3 Conference and Expo 2024.

Drawing on data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the report

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be underreported, indicating a potentially even more severe issue.

The IC3 Institute, a volunteer-driven organisation, supports high schools worldwide by providing guidance and training resources and helping to establish and maintain strong career and college counselling departments for administrators, teachers, and counsellors.

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The rate of student suicides has consistently outpaced both population growth and overall suicide trends. Over the past decade, while the population of individuals aged 0-24 decreased from 582 million to 581 million, the number of student suicides rose sharply from 6,654 to 13,044," the report stated.

One in seven young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in India experiences poor mental health, including symptoms of depression and disinterest. Shockingly, only 41% of those surveyed felt the need to seek support when dealing with mental health challenges." UNICEF Report, The State of the World's Children.

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1. In 2022, there were 13,044 reported student suicides compared to 13,089 in 2021, representing an insignificant decrease in Y-O-Y.
2. In comparison, total suicides (students and other people) increased by 4.2 percent, from 164,033 in 2021 to 170,924 in 2022.
3. Over the last 10 and 20 years, total suicides increased 2 percent annually on average while student suicides increased 4 percent - i.e. 2X that of total suicides.
4. Student suicides are 7.6 percent of the total suicides, similar to that of many other professions such as salaried persons, farmers, unemployed persons, and selfemployed persons.
5. Gender-wise, male student suicides are higher than female student suicide counts. Male student suicides increased 50 percent while female student suicides increased by 61 percent over the last 10 years. Both male and female students have increased by

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## STUDENT SUICIDE RATES?

The five states in 2022 with the highest student suicide numbers are as follows:

States	# Student Suicides	% Total Student Suicides
Maharashtra	1764	14%
Tamil Nadu	1416	11%
Madhya Pradesh	1340	10%
Uttar Pradesh	1060	8%
Jharkhand	824	6%

Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Madhya Pradesh remain as the three highest states. These three states include one-third of the country's total student suicide count.

Uttar Pradesh, with the largest population amongst all states in India, now features among the five states with the highest student suicide rates, perhaps indicating improved reporting processes

Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand counts indicate high YOY increases in student suicides; 14 percent and 15 percent respectively

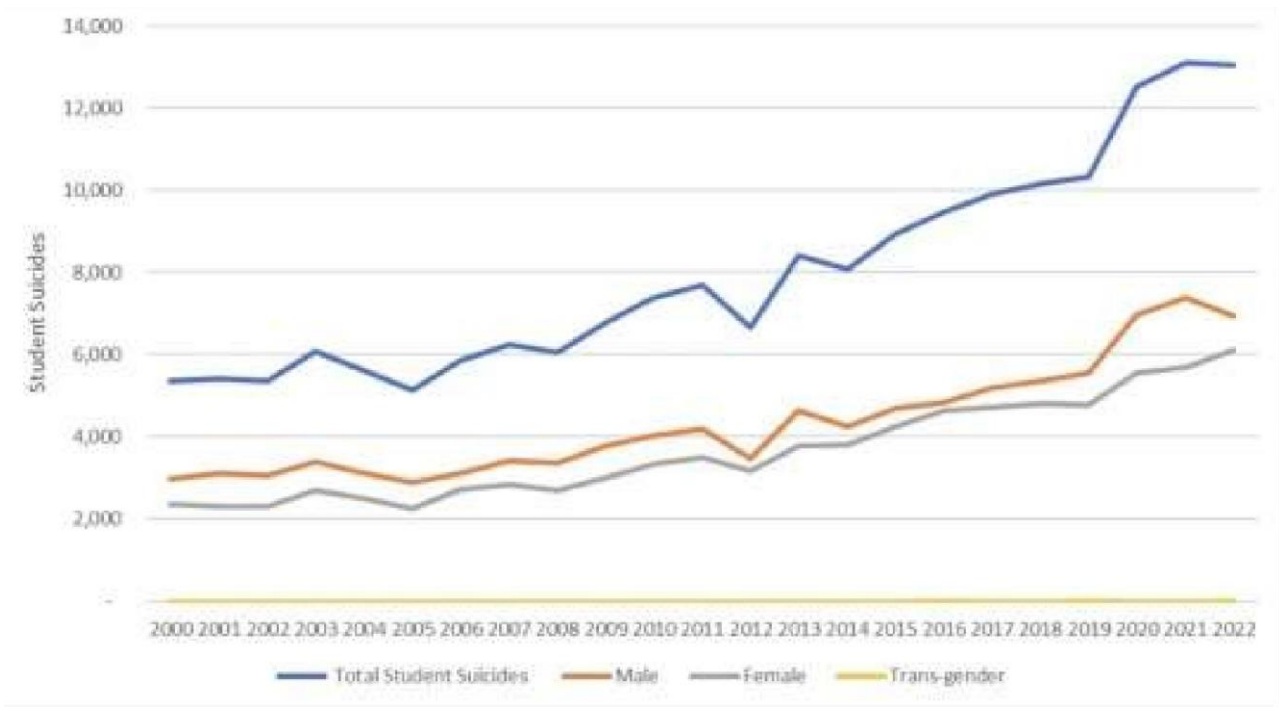
Rajasthan, with the infamous Kota coaching city, is ranked tenth with 571 student suicides.

The incidence of student suicides continues to surpass both population growth rates and overall suicide trends. Over the last decade, while the population of 0-24-year-olds was reduced from 582 million to 581 million, the number of student suicides increased from 6,654 to 13,044.

# MALE STUDENT SUICIDES DROP WHILE FEMALE STUDENT SUICIDES INCREASE YEAR-OVER-YEAR

In 2022, male students made up 53% of all student suicides. From 2021 to 2022, ADVERTISEMENT

and reporting for transgender students are necessary, as their circumstances are not well represented in the current data.



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While we may not have all the answers, we know enough to act. We need to advocate for and safeguard the mental well-being of every student. Achieving this will require unwavering dedication accompanied by adequate resources, open communication to dismantle taboos and obstacles, and proactive measures to mitigate risk factors and enhance protective factors in key areas of students' lives, particularly within the

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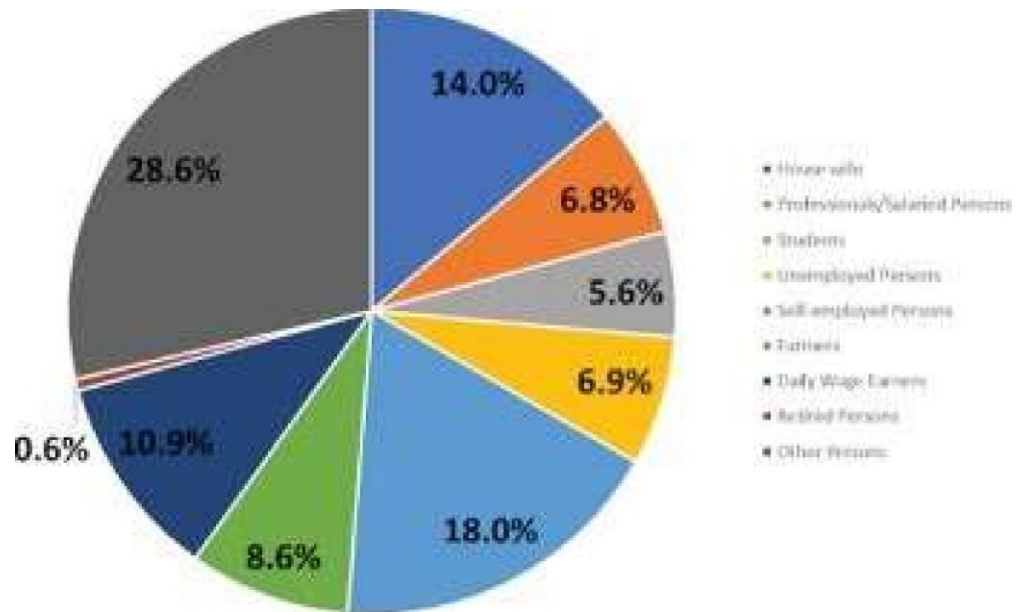
report serves as a reminder of the urgent need to address mental health challenges within our learning institutions. Our educational focus must shift to fostering the competencies of our learners such that it supports their overall well-being, versus pushing them to compete against each other. We must build a systematic, comprehensive, and robust career and college counselling system within each institution, while seamlessly integrating the same within the learning curriculum. Through this year's Annual IC3 Conference, we aim to galvanise action and drive systemic change in how we approach student development through counselling and career guidance."

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## STUDENT SUICIDE INCIDENCE IS SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER PROFESSIONS

In 2022, student suicides accounted for 7.6% of all suicides, up from 5.6% over the previous eight years. This marks a significant increase in the share of student suicides.

Figure 4: Suicides by profession 2014



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Over the past year, the task force launched initiatives including an annual mental health survey, student-led school plays to bring awareness and reduce stigma by empowering students, and focused education and training programmes for educators to support student well-being.

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