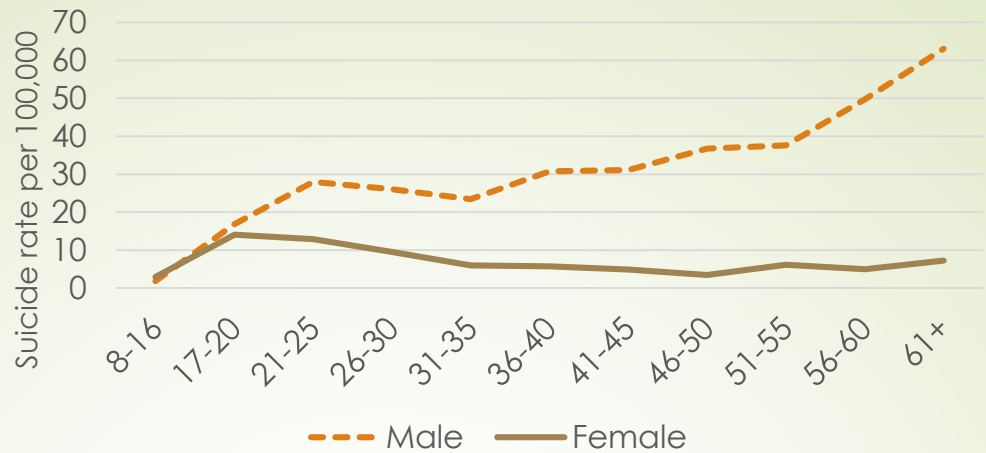


# Suicide in Sri Lanka 2018

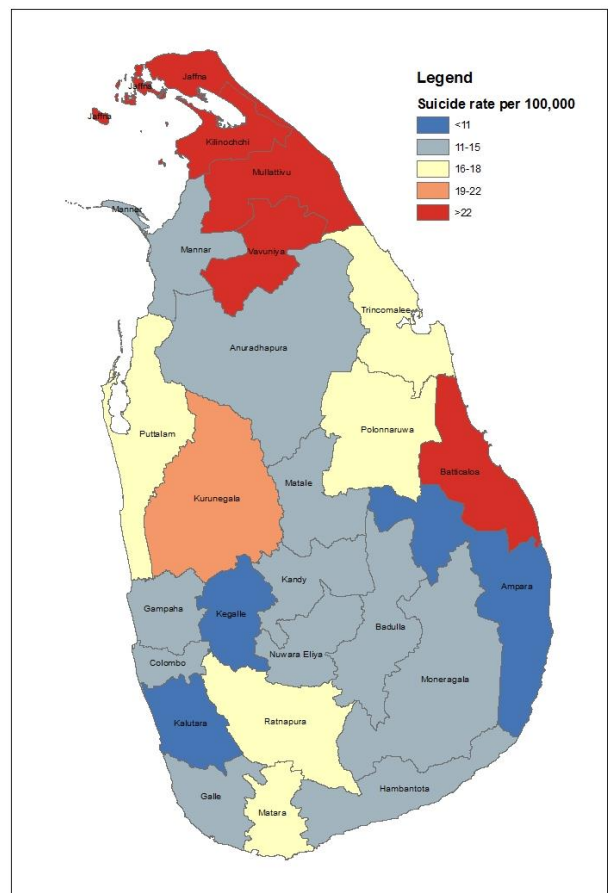


**The age-standardised suicide rate in Sri Lanka is 14.9 per 100,000 (2018\*) and equates to 3281 deaths.**

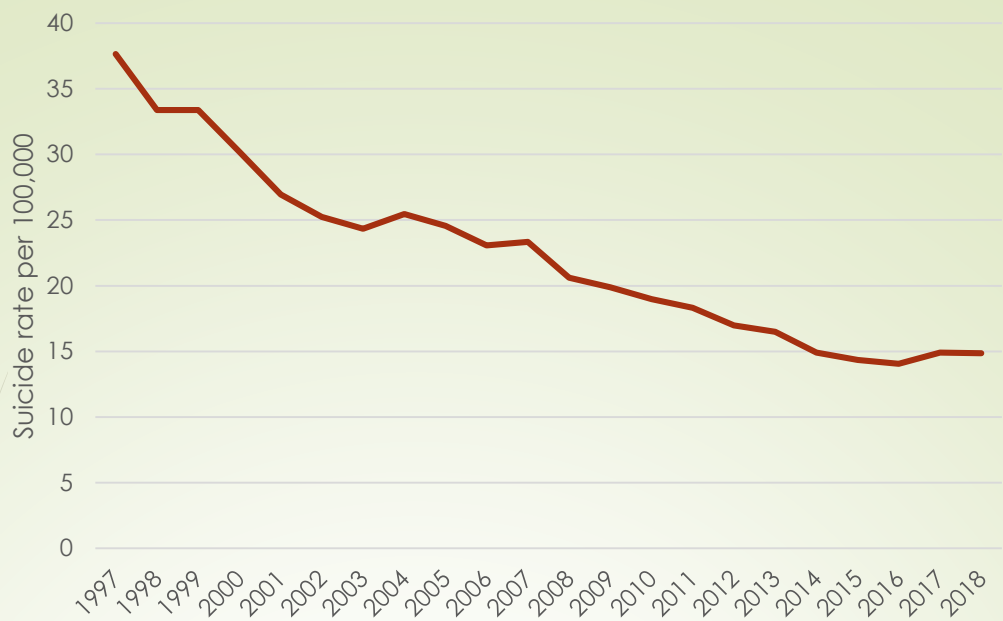
The suicide rate is higher in men (25.1 per 100,000) than women (5.9 per 100,000).

Young women and older men have the highest rate of suicide.

In 2018, Kegalle had the lowest suicide rate (9.3 per 100,000), and Mullativu had the highest (47.9 per 100,000)



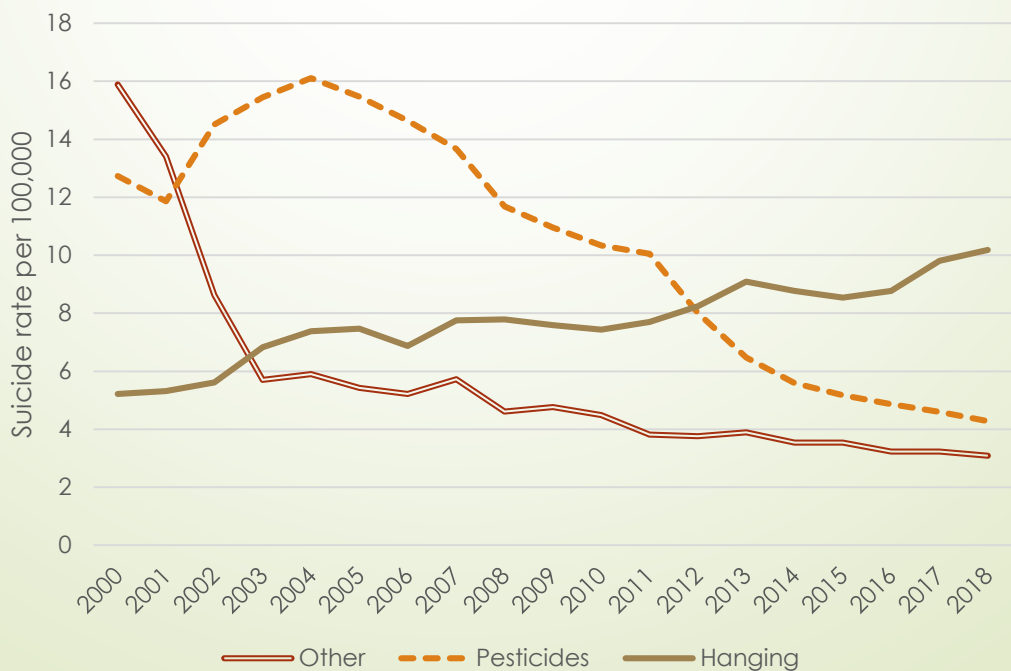
Data sources: Department of Police & Department of Census and Statistics  
 \*Mid-year population estimates used as denominator  
 For more information contact [dee.knipe@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:dee.knipe@bristol.ac.uk)  
 Twitter: @dee\_knipe Facebook: @duleekaknipe



## There has been a year on year decline in the suicide rate over the last 20 years

The drop in the overall suicide rate is driven by a drop in pesticide suicide deaths.

In recent years hanging has become the most common method of suicide\*



\*Note to media – if reporting on methods, do not highlight this in the headline or too early on in the text