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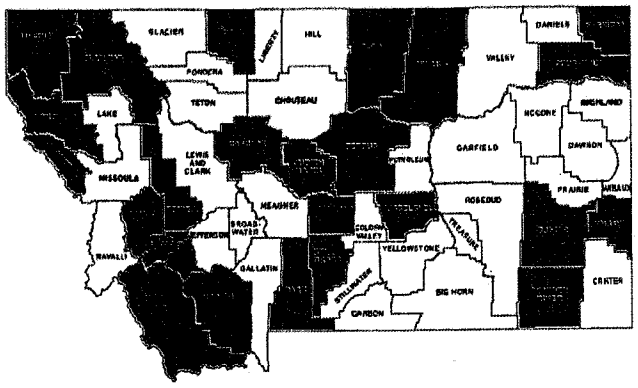
Suicide in Montana Counties

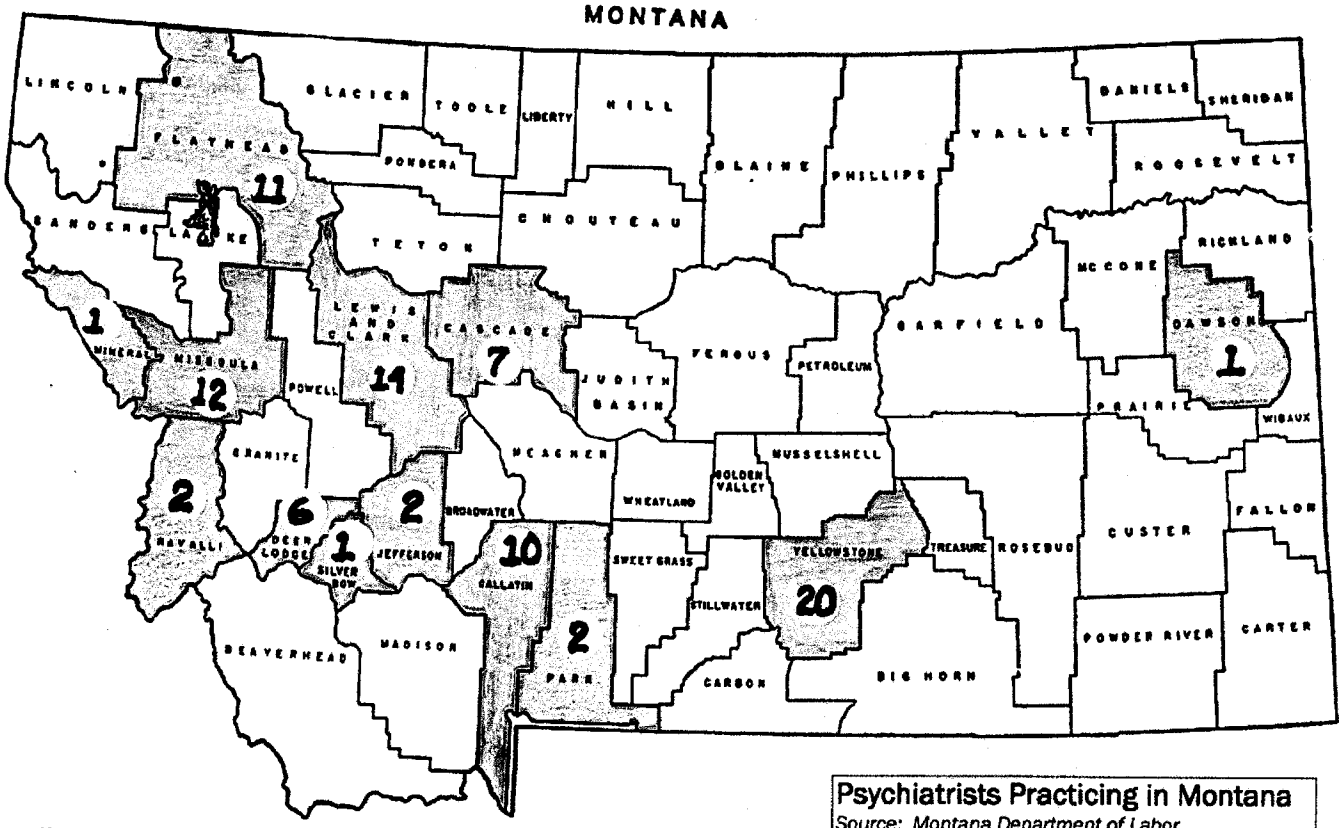
The suicide rate in Montana's counties varies from year to year due to small populations in the rural counties that greatly influence the rate of suicide with even one completed suicide. However, over the past seven years, 45% of Montana's counties presented with a suicide rate at or above the 80th percentile when compared to national numbers. During this seven year period, 21 Montana counties had a rate of suicide that was double the national average (Montana Vital Statistics, 2008).



2000-2006 Rate of Suicide for Montana Counties (per 100,000 people)

Counties in Red indicate a Suicide Rate at or above the 80th Percentile Nationally

County	# of Suicides	Rate	County	# of Suicides	Rate
BEAVERHEAD	17	27.2	MADISON	15	30.4
BIG HORN	13	14.4	MEAGHER	2	14.6
BLAINE	12	25.4	MINERAL	7	25.6
BROADWATER	5	16	MISSOULA	122	17.7
CARBON	11	16.1	MUSSELSHELL	9	28.6
CARTER	1	10.7	PARK	30	27.1
CASCADE	123	22	PETROLEUM	0	0
CHOUTEAU	5	12.7	PHILLIPS	6	20
CUSTER	24	30.1	PONDERA	8	18.4
DANIELS	2	15	POWDER RIVER	3	23.9
DAWSON	10	16.3	POWELL	10	20.4
DEER LODGE	20	31.5	PRAIRIE	0	0
FALLON	5	26	RAVALLI	51	18.9
FERGUS	17	20.8	RICHLAND	11	16.9
FLATHEAD	124	22.3	ROOSEVELT	16	21.7
GALLATIN	88	17	ROSEBUD	8	12.3
GARFIELD	0	0	SANDERS	23	30.8
GLACIER	18	19.3	SHERIDAN	6	23
GOLDEN VALLEY	0	0	SILVER BOW	56	24
GRANITE	4	19.8	STILLWATER	9	15.3
HILL	16	13.9	SWEET GRASS	6	23.4
JEFFERSON	12	16.1	TETON	4	9.1
JUDITH BASIN	4	25.7	TOOLE	8	21.7
LAKE	37	19.2	TREASURE	0	0
LEWIS & CLARK	73	18.2	VALLEY	9	17.6
LIBERTY	0	0	WHEATLAND	5	34
LINCOLN	29	21.9	WIBAUX	0	0
MCCONE	2	15.6	YELLOWSTONE	161	17.2



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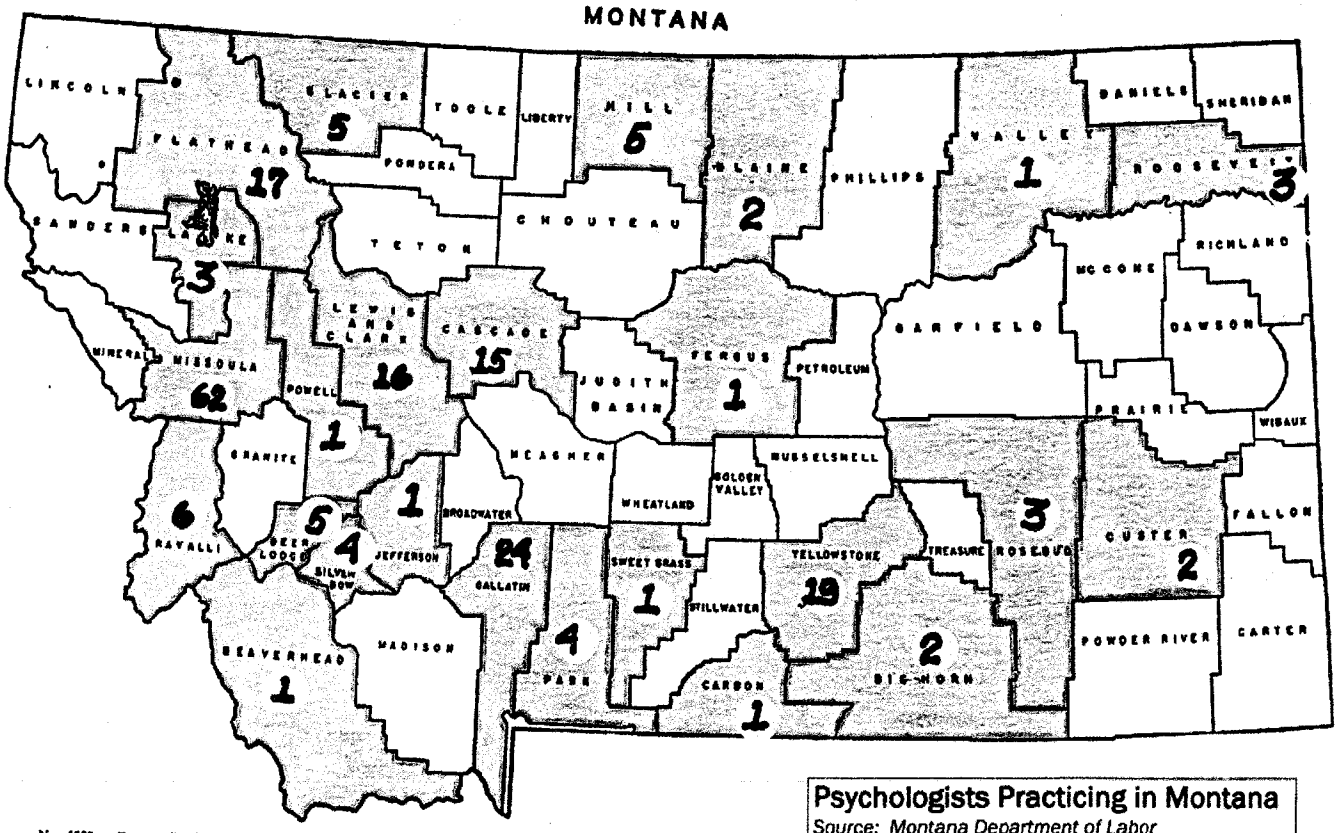

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