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**Answer**

See attached

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#### **QUESTION**

Could you advise the current official rate of Indigenous suicides in the NT and provide a comparison with ten years ago?

#### **ANSWER**

The below statistics have been sourced from the official ABS website.

It is not unusual that there is some slight variation in the data sets as ABS report on confirmed cause of death only after the coronial investigation, which may take up to 2 years.

#### **NT 2015**

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander deaths attributed to Intentional self-harm (suicide) = 14 persons
- Total deaths attributed to intentional self-harm (suicide) – including above = 50 persons

#### *SOURCE:*

ABS: 3303.0 Causes of Death, Australia, 2015

Table 12.7 Underlying causes of death, Leading causes by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, Northern Territory, 2015

#### **NT 2006**

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander deaths attributed to Intentional self-harm (suicide) = 15 persons
- Total deaths attributed to intentional self-harm (suicide) – including above = 29 persons

#### *SOURCE:*

ABS: 3303.0 Causes of Death, Australia, 2006

Table 5.1 Underlying cause of death, Selected causes by Indigenous status(a), Selected state or territory of usual residence(b), 2006