

Suicide Prevention Training for Medical and Behavioral Health Providers

Data Report to Legislators: January 2023

The full report can be found at:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2889.pdf>

Executive Summary Highlights

- Among the licensing boards reporting, 33.2% of licensees reported completed trainings in 2020 and 36.8% reported completed trainings in 2022.
- Among the licensing boards reporting, there was approximately a 23% increase in total reported completed trainings from 2020 (30,893) to 2022 (37,994).
- School Counselors had the highest percentage of licensees completing continuing education on suicide risk assessment, treatment, or management in 2022 (85.5%).

More Executive Summary Highlights

- The physical therapist board reported having the least percentage of licensees having taken a relevant course in 2022 (8.5%).
- While the chiropractic physician board reported having the least percentage of licensees having taken a relevant course in 2020 (6.1%), they reported the largest increase during the 2022 (30.2%) reporting period. This is likely due to a requirement for training that was added by this Board during this reporting period.

OHA Recommendations

OHA recommends adding a requirement for medical healthcare providers to take suicide prevention training for relicensure.

OHA also recommends increasing the evaluation efforts related to workforce training to determine which courses increase provider confidence and competence by provider role

Physical Healthcare Professions

Professions

- + Physicians, Physician Assistants
- + Nurses, Nurse Practitioners
- + Naturopathic Physicians
- + Occupational Therapists
- + Physical Therapists
- + Chiropractic Physician
- + Note: SB818 adds acupuncturists

Boards

- + Oregon Medical Board
- + Oregon State Board of Nursing
- + Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
- + Occupational Therapy Licensing Board
- + Oregon Board of Physical Therapy
- + Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Behavioral Healthcare Providers (per HB2315)

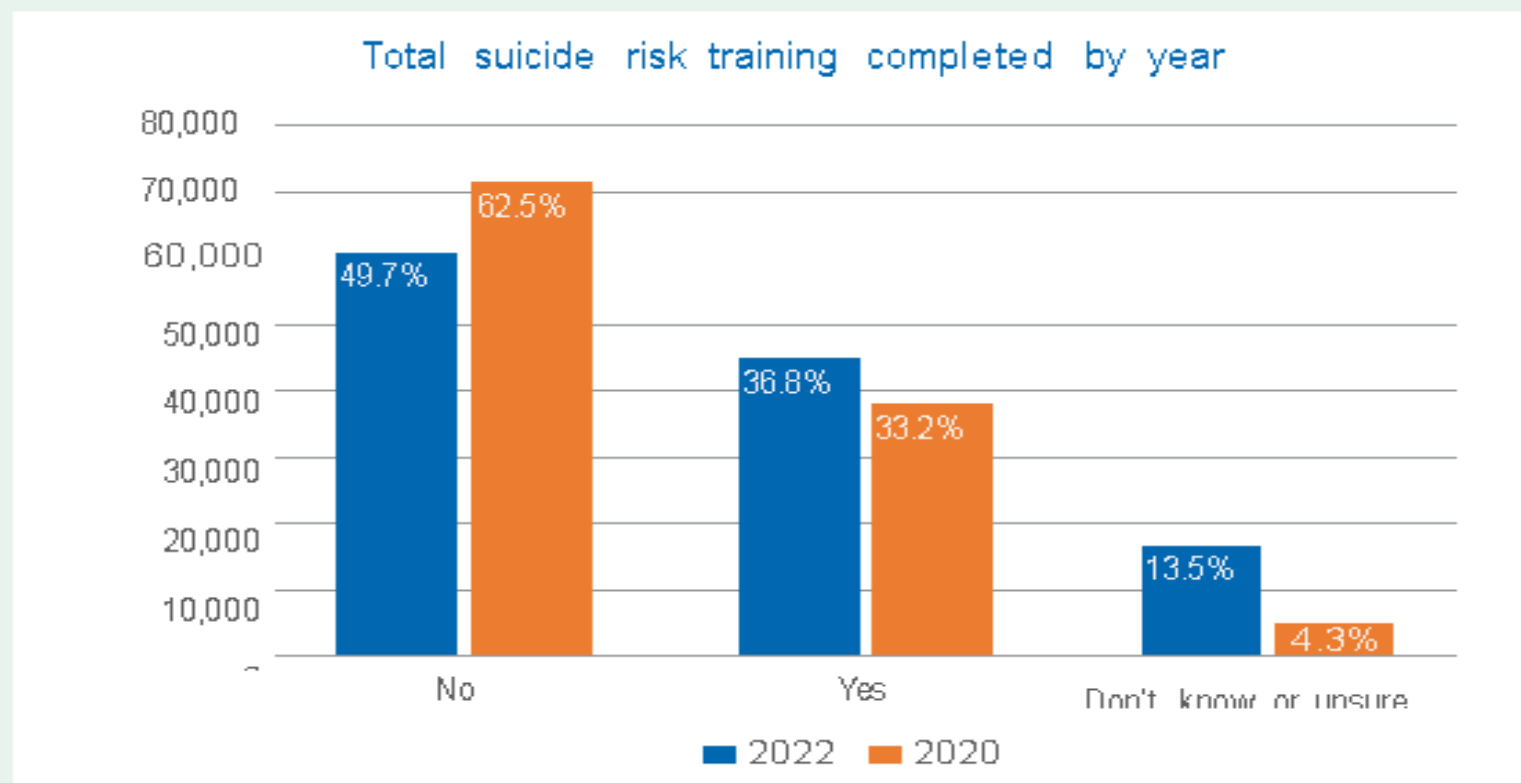
License

- + QMHA/QMHP
- + CADC
- + Social Worker
- + School Counselor
- + Licensed Counselors
- + Prevention Specialist
- + Problem Gambling Provider
- + Recovery Mentor
- + Traditional Health Workers

Board

- + OHA (unless otherwise indicated)
- + OR Board of Social Workers (social worker)
- + Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (School Counselor)
- + OR Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (Lic counselors)

Figure 1: Comparison of the total reported continued education in suicide risk assessment, treatment, or management by all licensing boards' licensees in 2022 and 2020.



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Figure 4: Percentage comparisons of licensees reporting completion of continued education in suicide risk assessment, treatment, or management by licensing board in 2022 and 2020.

