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# The 13 Careers Where You're Most Likely To Commit Suicide

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Lots of jobs can be frustrating, but how many will actually drive you to suicide?

Data on occupational suicide is hard to find, perhaps because the subject is controversial, but we talked to the premier suicide statistician, [Wayne State's Steven Stack](#).

Combining several papers by Stack, we came up with a list of the most suicidal jobs.

This list is *not* weighted for demographic factors. If it were, the list might look different. For instance, men are four times more likely to commit suicide than women, according to Stack, and white Americans are twice as likely to commit suicide as blacks.



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### 13) Semi and unskilled manual laborers are 1.46 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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A welder

*Source: [Suicide and the Creative Arts](#) and [Occupation and Suicide](#), both studies based on data from 1990.*

## 12) Skilled manual laborers and machinists are 1.63 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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A plumber

Source: *Suicide and the Creative Arts* and *Occupation and Suicide*, both studies based on data from 1990.

## 11) Mathematicians and scientists are 1.85 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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## 10) Performers like comedians are 1.90 times more likely to commit suicide than average



Famous comedian suicide, Richard Jeni.

Source: *Suicide and the Creative Arts* and *Occupation and Suicide*, both studies based on data from 1990.

## 9) Doctors are 1.94 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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Doctors

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## 8) Carpenters are 2 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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A carpenter

Source: *Suicide and the Creative Arts* and *Occupation and Suicide*, both studies based on data from 1990.

## 7) Artists, sculptors and painters are 2.12 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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## Famous painter suicide, Mark Rothko

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## 6) Photographers are 2.50 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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## 5) Authors are 2.60 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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Famous author suicide, Ernest Hemingway

Source: *Suicide and the Creative Arts* and *Occupation and Suicide*, both studies based on data from 1990.

## 4) Dancers are 2.67 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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Dancers

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### 3) Actors are 2.80 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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Famous actress suicide, Marilyn Monroe

Source: *Suicide and the Creative Arts* and *Occupation and Suicide*, both studies based on data from 1990.

## 2) Musicians are 3.60 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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## Famous musician suicide, Kurt Cobain

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# 1) Dentists are 5.45 times more likely to commit suicide than average



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Dentists

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