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### [SY-42-02] Youth and Young Adult suicide prevention policy in South Korea

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South Korea maintains the highest suicide rate among OECD countries. Although rates declined after the 2011 *Suicide Prevention Act*, they have risen again, with youth suicides increasing post-COVID-19. Pandemic-related isolation worsened mental health risks, as seen in a 2023 live-streamed student suicide and online crimes targeting vulnerable youth. In response, the Ministry of Education launched a suicide prevention division in 2024. This presentation reviews Korea's current mental health screenings, services, and suicide prevention strategies.