

## FIGURE 6.9 U.S. Suicide Rates per 100,000 Population From 1950–2009

In 2009, more Americans died from suicide than from traffic-related accidents (Surgeon General Report, 2012). In 2016, suicide was reported to be the tenth leading cause of death in the United States (<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/suicide/statistics/>). The first nine causes are medical conditions such as heart disease and cancer. As you will see later in this section, the suicide rate increases with age.

Source: Office of the U.S. Surgeon General & National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. (2012).

