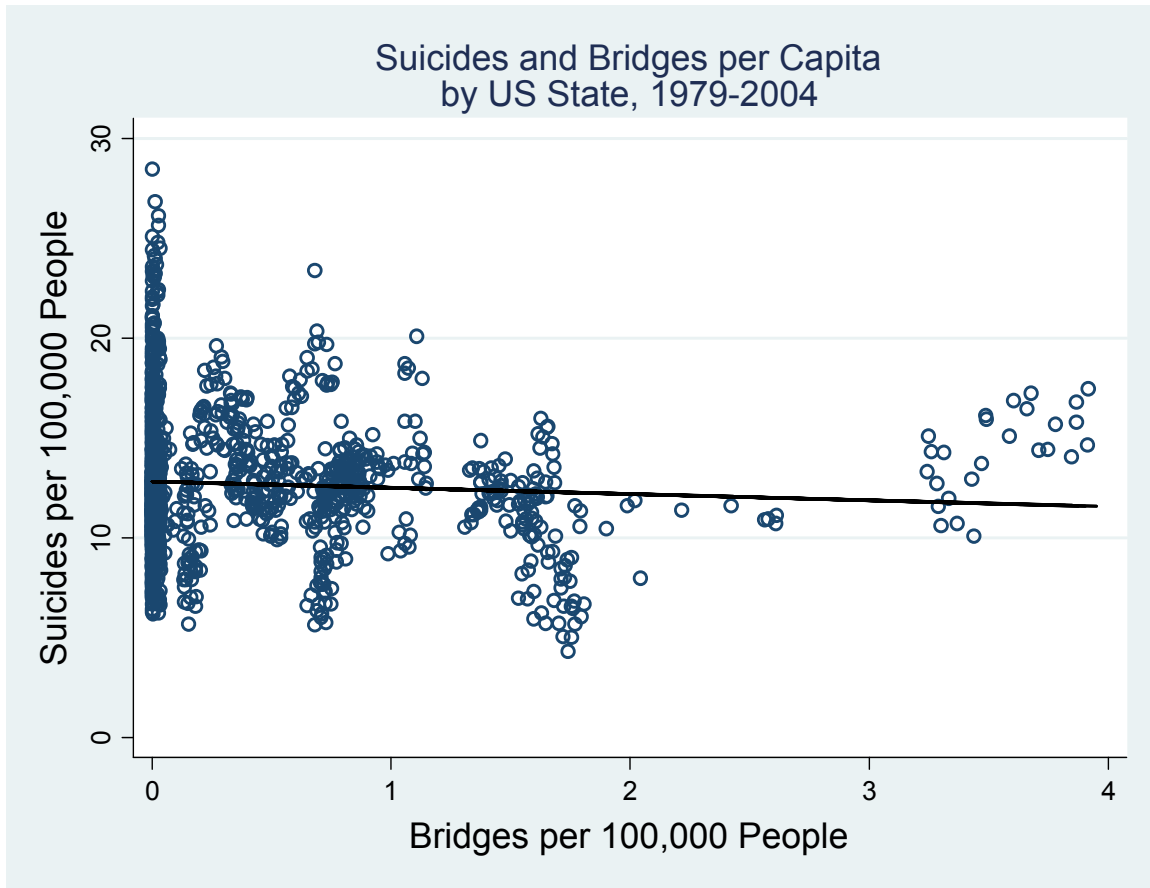


Revised Graph Examining Bridges per Capita Rather than Total Bridges



An online comment on my study of suicide barriers on bridges pointed out that regressing the suicide rate on the total number of bridges in each state could produce a misleading picture of the relationship between bridges and suicide. Here I revise the regression and graph to include the number of bridges per capita rather than the total number of bridges.

A fixed effects regression of bridges per capita on the suicide rate with unemployment and the lagged suicide rate as controls and heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors yields a coefficient of -0.057 (0.070) on bridges per capita.