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# Study finds high suicide rate in Italy in 2013



A recent study by the Link Lab Research Agency says that financially-related suicides in Italy rose to 149 last year from 89 in a year before. According to the Rome-based agency, the high number of suicides is related to the emotional stress resulted by the country's worst recession since the WW2. Analysts say that it will be a while before Italy's economy picks up enough to deliver real benefits to struggling households. Premier-in-waiting Matteo Renzi has vowed to introduce growth-boosting measures and tax cuts to boost the economy but the Italians remain skeptical. Pundits say Italy needs a stable, long-lasting government to seriously deal with the country's grave socio-economic situation. Italy has been struggling with an economic crisis in the past several years, which has taken its toll on the public. The authorities have adopted harsh austerity measures which they say are necessary to tackle the economic problems. People, however, see the measures as the violation of their basis rights.

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