

Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces COLORADO, 2010 - 2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

Colorado Violent Death Reporting System (COVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2003 First year of data collection: 2004

Colorado has 64 counties covering 103,000 square miles. It is the 22nd most populated state.

Population estimates for Colorado¹ (Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	395,007
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	31,757
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	3,536,136

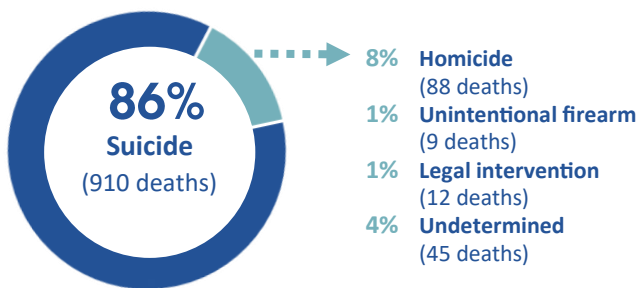
Homeless Veterans²
(estimated)

753

Veteran Health Administration facilities in Colorado³

27

Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in Colorado (N=1064)



> 10 times

SUICIDE was the most common type of violent death among veterans and armed forces in Colorado, occurring more than ten times as often as homicide during 2010-2014.

Percent of all suicide victims in Colorado in 2010-2014 identified as veterans or armed forces

24% Males
3% Females
19% Total

Suicide rates in Colorado*+

Suicide rates were higher among veterans and armed forces in Colorado in 2010-2014

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	45.9	34.9
Females	13.3	11.0
Total	42.6	21.8

Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in Colorado (N=910)

Race/Ethnicity

90% White, Non-Hispanic

6% Hispanic
2% Black, non-Hispanic
1% Two or more races, other, or unknown race
<1% American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
<1% Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic

Marital Status

47% Married**

25% Divorced
16% Never married
10% Widowed
1% Other/unknown status

**includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

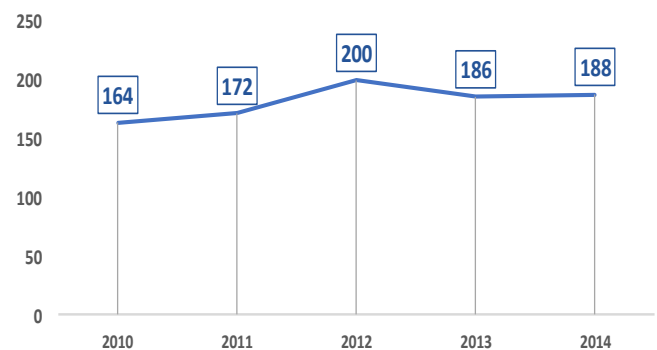
Education Status

56% Some college credit or college degree

38% High school or GED graduate
4% Less than a high school education
1% Unknown or missing education level

Percents may not equal 100% due to rounding. *All rates are occurrent ratios based on the number of resident and non-resident deaths that occurred in the state per 100,000 resident population. *Statistical testing was not conducted. Differences between veterans/armed forces and non-veteran civilians may not be statistically significant. Sources: ¹U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2014; ²U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress; ³U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

Annual number of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Colorado



Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Colorado

