

# Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces KENTUCKY, 2010 - 2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

Kentucky Violent Death Reporting System (KVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2004 First year of data collection: 2005

Kentucky has 120 counties covering 39,000 square miles. It is the 26<sup>th</sup> most populated state.

### Population estimates for Kentucky<sup>1</sup> (Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	303,167
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	15,502
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	3,046,346

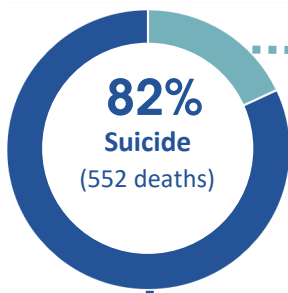
Homeless Veterans<sup>2</sup> (estimated)

600

Veteran Health Administration facilities in Kentucky<sup>3</sup>

25

## Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in Kentucky (N=674)



- 9% Homicide (64 deaths)
- 2% Unintentional firearm (13 deaths)
- 1% Legal intervention (6 deaths)
- 6% Undetermined (39 deaths)

> 8 times

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

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

21% Males  
4% Females  
17% Total

## Suicide rates in Kentucky\*\*

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	35.6	27.9
Females	22.1	6.4
Total	34.6	15.8

## Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in Kentucky (N=552)

### Race/Ethnicity

94% White, Non-Hispanic

- 4% Black, non-Hispanic
- 1% Hispanic
- 1% Two or more races, other, or unknown race
- <1% Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 0% American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic

### Marital Status

45% Married\*\*

- 27% Divorced
- 13% Widowed
- 11% Never married
- 5% Other/unknown status

\*\*includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

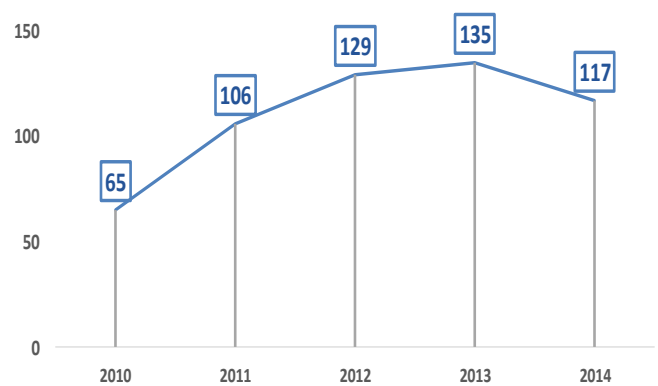
### Education Status

50% High school/GED graduate

- 36% Some college credit or college degree
- 14% 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: <sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2014; <sup>2</sup>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress; <sup>3</sup>U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

## Annual number of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Kentucky



## Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Kentucky

