

Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces NORTH CAROLINA, 2010-2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NCVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2003 First year of data collection: 2004

North Carolina has 100 counties covering 48,000 square miles. It is the 9th most populous state.

Population estimates for North Carolina¹ (Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	709,471
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	85,760
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	6,670,975

Homeless Veterans²
(estimated)

1,164

Veteran Health Administration facilities in North Carolina³

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Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in North Carolina (N=1,353)



- 14% Homicide (186 deaths)
- 1% Unintentional firearm (7 deaths)
- 1% Legal intervention (15 deaths)
- 3% Undetermined (36 deaths)

Almost 6 times

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

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

23% Males
3% Females
18% Total

Suicide rates in North Carolina * +

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	29.6	24.9
Females	10.8	7.6
Total	27.9	15.0

Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in North Carolina (N=1,109)

Race/Ethnicity

89% White, Non-Hispanic

- 8% Black, non-Hispanic
- 1% 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

50% Married**

- 23% Divorced
- 15% Never married
- 10% Widowed
- 3% Other/unknown status

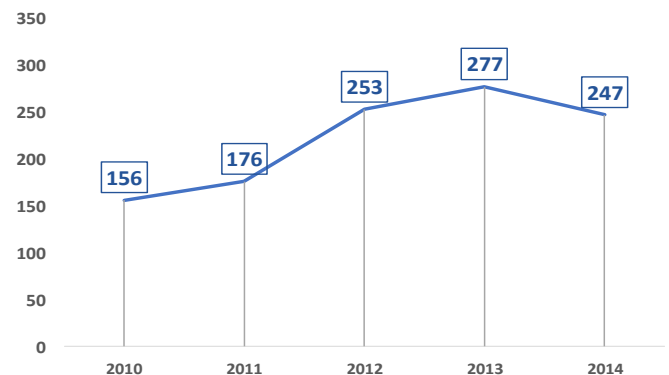
**includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

Education Status

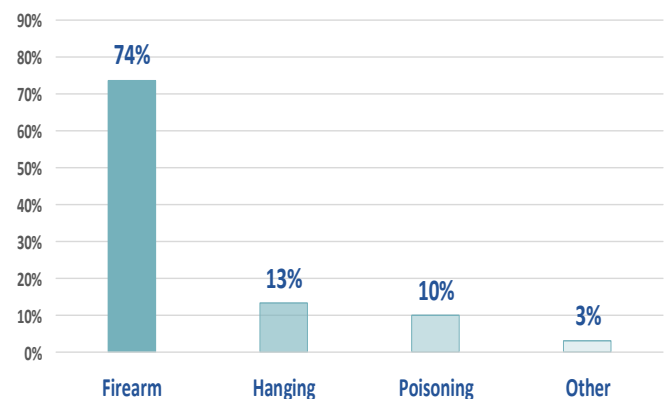
37% Some college credit or college degree

- 34% High school or GED graduate
- 6% Less than a high school education
- 23% Unknown or missing education level

Annual number of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in North Carolina



Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in North Carolina



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

