

Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces NEW MEXICO, 2010 - 2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

New Mexico Violent Death Reporting System (NMVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2004 First year of data collection: 2005

New Mexico has 33 counties covering 121,000 square miles. It is the 36th most populous state.

Population estimates for New Mexico¹ (Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	170,321
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	8,526
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	1,390,361

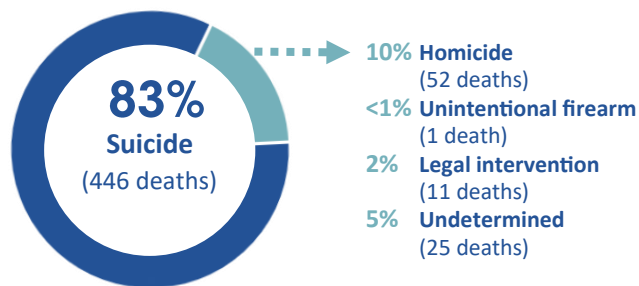
Homeless Veterans²
(estimated)

318

Veteran Health Administration facilities in New Mexico³

20

Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in New Mexico (N=535)



> 8 times

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

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

27% Males
5% Females
21% Total

Suicide rates in New Mexico **

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	52.1	37.6
Females	27.8	12.4
Total	49.9	23.4

Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in New Mexico (N=446)

Race/Ethnicity

76% White, Non-Hispanic

19% Hispanic
2% American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
2% Two or more races, other, or unknown race
1% Black, non-Hispanic
<1% Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic

Marital Status

42% Married**

28% Divorced
18% Never married
10% Widowed
2% Other/unknown status

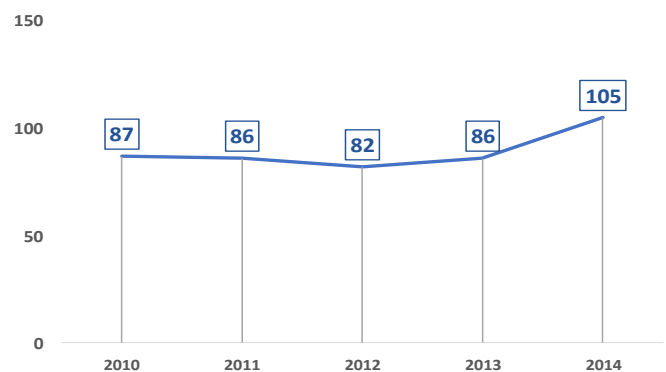
**includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

Education Status

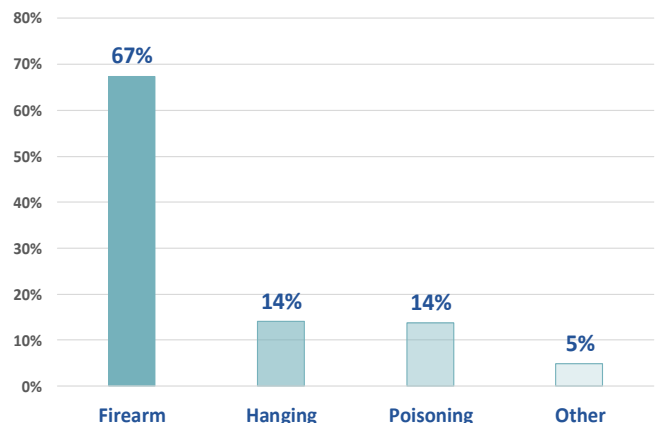
61% Some college credit or college degree

31% High school or GED graduate
5% Less than a high school education
3% Unknown or missing education level

Annual number of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in New Mexico



Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in New Mexico



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

