

Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces OREGON, 2010 - 2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

Oregon Violent Death Reporting System (OVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2002

First year of data collection: 2003

Oregon has 36 counties covering 96,000 square miles. It is the 27th most populous state.

Population estimates for Oregon¹ (Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	313,261
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	2,739
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	2,724,254

Homeless Veterans²
(estimated)

1,292

Veteran Health Administration facilities in Oregon³

28

Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in Oregon (N=919)



- 5% Homicide (47 deaths)
- <1% Unintentional firearm (4 deaths)
- 2% Legal intervention (19 deaths)
- 6% Undetermined (59 deaths)

> 16 times

SUICIDE was the most common type of violent death among veterans and armed forces in Oregon, occurring more than 16 times as often as homicide during 2010-2014.

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

28% Males
4% Females
23% Total

Suicide rates in Oregon**

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	52.0	32.4
Females	24.2	9.8
Total	50.0	19.7

Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in Oregon (N=790)

Race/Ethnicity

96% White, Non-Hispanic

- 2% Hispanic
- 1% 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

41% Married**

- 30% Divorced
- 15% Never married
- 13% Widowed
- 1% Other/unknown status

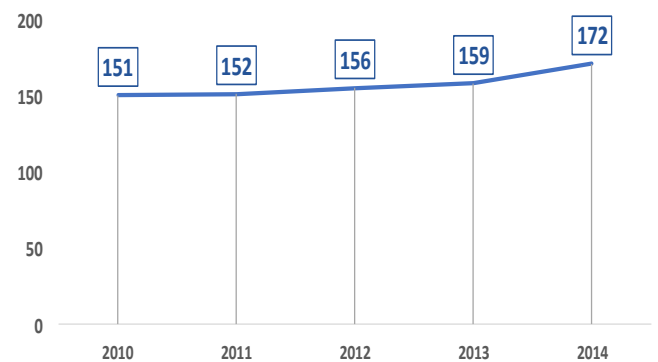
**includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

Education Status

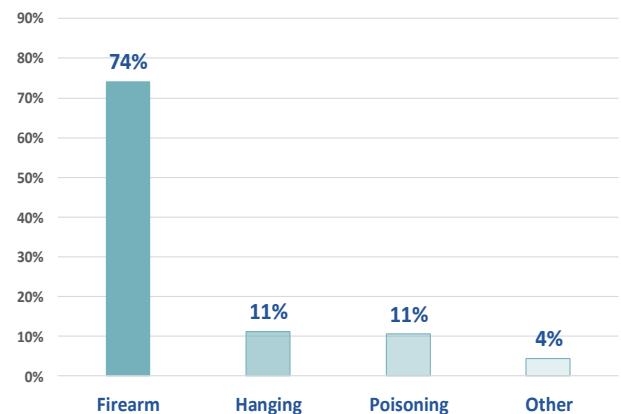
48% Some college credit or college degree

- 41% High school or GED graduate
- 9% Less than a high school education
- 2% Unknown or missing education level

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



Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Oregon



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

