

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

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

Utah Violent Death Reporting System (UTVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2004

First year of data collection: 2005

Utah has 29 counties covering 82,000 square miles. It is the 31<sup>st</sup> most populous state.

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

Veteran (Age 18+)	140,942
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	4,396
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	1,823,842

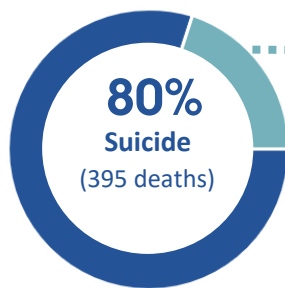
Homeless Veterans<sup>2</sup>  
(estimated)

317

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

11

## Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in Utah (N=496)



- 3% Homicide (14 deaths)
- >1% Unintentional firearm (2 deaths)
- 1% Legal intervention (7 deaths)
- 16% Undetermined (78 deaths)

> 28 times

SUICIDE was the most common type of violent death among veterans and armed forces in Utah, occurring more than 28 times as often as homicide during 2010-2014.

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

19% Males  
3% Females  
15% Total

## Suicide rates in Utah\*\*

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	55.7	35.9
Females	35.5***	10.7
Total	54.4	22.3

\*\*\* Rate based on <20 deaths.

## Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in Utah (N=395)

### Race/Ethnicity

96% White, Non-Hispanic

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

### Marital Status

45% Married\*\*

- 28% Divorced
- 16% Never married
- 7% Widowed
- 4% Other/unknown status

\*\* includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

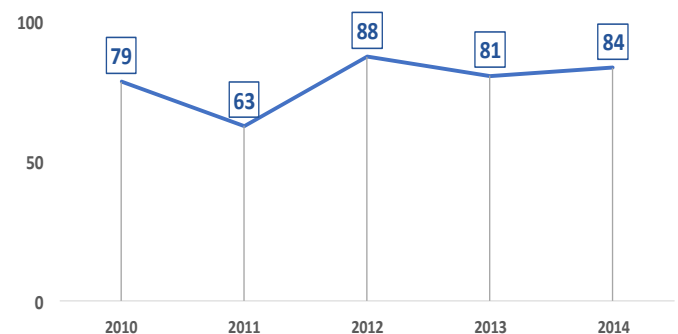
### Education Status

61% Some college credit or college degree

- 32% High school or GED graduate
- 6% Less than a high school education
- 2% 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 Utah



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

