

Suicide among Veterans and Armed Forces VIRGINIA, 2010 - 2014

Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

Virginia Violent Death Reporting System (VVDRS) Joined the NVDRS: 2002

First year of data collection: 2003

Virginia has 95 counties and 38 independent cities covering 39,000 square miles. It is the 12th most populous state.

Population estimates for Virginia¹
(Average annual estimate, 2010-2014)

Veteran (Age 18+)	718,034
Armed Forces (Age 16+)	108,658
Non-Veteran/Civilian (Age 18+)	5,496,232

Homeless Veterans²
(estimated)

620

Veteran Health Administration facilities in Virginia³

27

Types of violent deaths among veterans and armed forces in Virginia (N=1,345)



- 10% Homicide (130 deaths)
- 1% Unintentional firearm (10 deaths)
- 1% Legal intervention (10 deaths)
- 3% Undetermined (45 deaths)

> 8 times

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

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

27% Males
4% Females
22% Total

Suicide rates in Virginia**

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

	Veterans/ Armed Forces	Non-Veteran Civilians
Males	30.5	24.1
Females	9.4	6.8
Total	27.8	14.2

Demographics of veterans and armed forces suicide victims in Virginia (N=1,150)

Race/Ethnicity

87% White, Non-Hispanic

- 9% Black, non-Hispanic
- 2% Hispanic
- 1% Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- <1% Two or more races, other, or unknown race
- 0% American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic

Marital Status

40% Married**

- 20% Divorced
- 17% Never married
- 12% Widowed
- 11% Other/unknown status

**includes civil unions and domestic partnerships

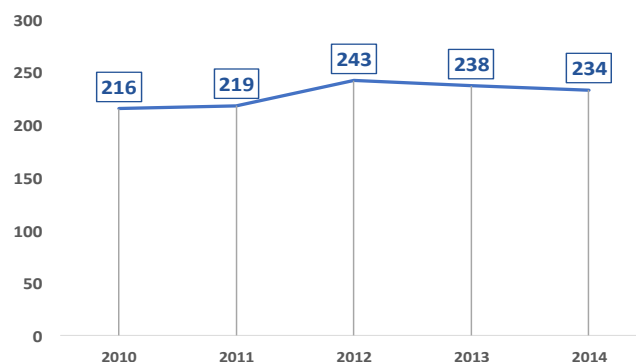
Education Status

47% Some college credit or college degree

- 41% High school or GED graduate
- 11% 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: 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

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



Method of suicide deaths among veterans and armed forces in Virginia

