**SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS AND ARMED FORCES:**
A look at 16 NVDRS states, 2010-2014

**MANNER OF DEATH**

- **Veteran/Armed Forces:**
  - **HOMICIDE:** 16,218 (24%)
  - **SUICIDE:** 7,176 (42.98%)
  - **Undetermined:** 779 (6%)
  - **Legal Intervention:** 124 (1%)
  - **Unintentional Firearm:** 363 (1%)
  - **Other:** 1,256 (10%)

- **Non-Veteran Civilian:**
  - **HOMICIDE:** 892 (1%)
  - **SUICIDE:** 4,980 (42.98%)
  - **Undetermined:** 7,799 (6%)
  - **Legal Intervention:** 12,400 (1%)
  - **Unintentional Firearm:** 1,716 (1%)
  - **Other:** 12,560 (10%)

**RACE/ETHNICITY OF SUICIDE VICTIMS**

- **White (Non-Hispanic):**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 89% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 84% (N=67,629)

- **Black (Non-Hispanic):**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 6% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 6% (N=67,629)

- **Hispanic:**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 3% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 5% (N=67,629)

- **AI/AN (Non-Hispanic):**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 1% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 1% (N=67,629)

- **Asian/PI (Non-Hispanic):**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 1% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 2% (N=67,629)

- **Two or More Races, Other or Unknown (Non-Hispanic):**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 1% (N=6,629)
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 2% (N=67,629)

**HAS VICTIM EVER SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES?**

- **Veteran/Armed Forces:** 23% Males, 3% Females, 19% Total
- **Non-Veteran Civilian:** 89%

**SUICIDE METHODS**

**By Sex**

- **Male:**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:**
    - Firearm: 71%
    - Hanging: 15%
    - Poisoning: 9%
    - Other: 5%
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:**
    - Firearm: 43%
    - Hanging: 17%
    - Poisoning: 33%
    - Other: 6%

- **Female:**
  - **Veteran/Armed Forces:**
    - Firearm: 35.7
    - Hanging: 7.4
  - **Non-Veteran Civilian:**
    - Firearm: 34.6
    - Hanging: 26.7

**SUICIDE RATES AMONG MALES**

**By Age (13 States)**

- **Veteran/Armed Forces**
  - **18-34:** 23.1
  - **35-54:** 36.4
  - **55-64:** 27.7
  - **65+:** 32.4

- **Non-Veteran Civilian**
  - **18-34:** 43.6
  - **35-54:** 27.3
  - **55-64:** 26.7
  - **65+:** 27.3

**SUICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES AMONG VETERANS AND ARMED FORCES**

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<td>Suicide intent disclosed within last month</td>
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**NOTE:** This data represents the following 16 states: Alaska, Colorado, Georgia (2010-2011, 2013-2014 only), Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio (2012-2014 only), Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina (2010-2012 only), Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin. Complete veteran variable data for all five years (2010-2014) was available for 13 of the 16 states included in this report (AK, CO, KY, MD, NJ, NM, NC, OK, OR, RI, UT, VA, WI). Only these states with complete data were included in overall rate calculations.

**HOMICIDE-SUICIDE**

- **222** homicide-suicide incidents involved male veterans/armed forces and resulted in 485 deaths (263 homicides, 222 suicides)
  - 197 (89%) incidents had a male veteran/armed forces member who was the perpetrator and died by suicide
  - 71% of homicide victims were male
  - 67% of cases with known circumstances involved intimate partner problems

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