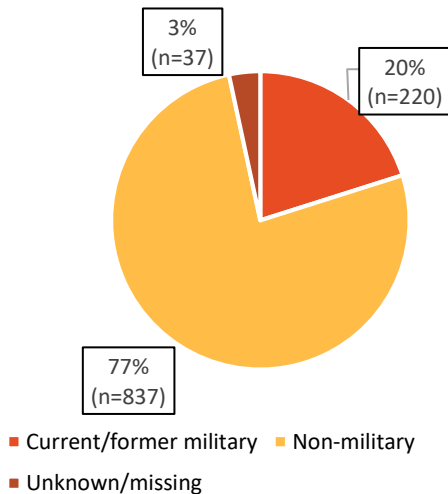


Virginia: Firearm Suicide among Current and Former Military Service Members

Current and former U.S. military Service Members are at high risk of firearm suicide:

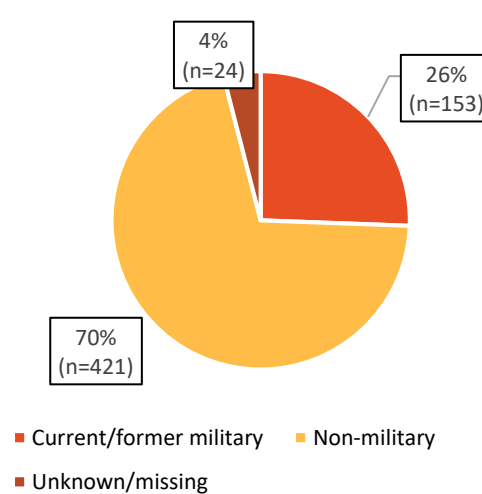
- In Virginia, one out of five suicides by any means, and one out of four firearm suicides, are of current or former Service Members.
- On average, three current or former Service Members die every week by firearm suicide.
- Seventy percent of current or former Service Members who die by suicide use firearms whereas 50% of non-military individuals who die by suicide use firearms.

Suicide in Virginia (2014)



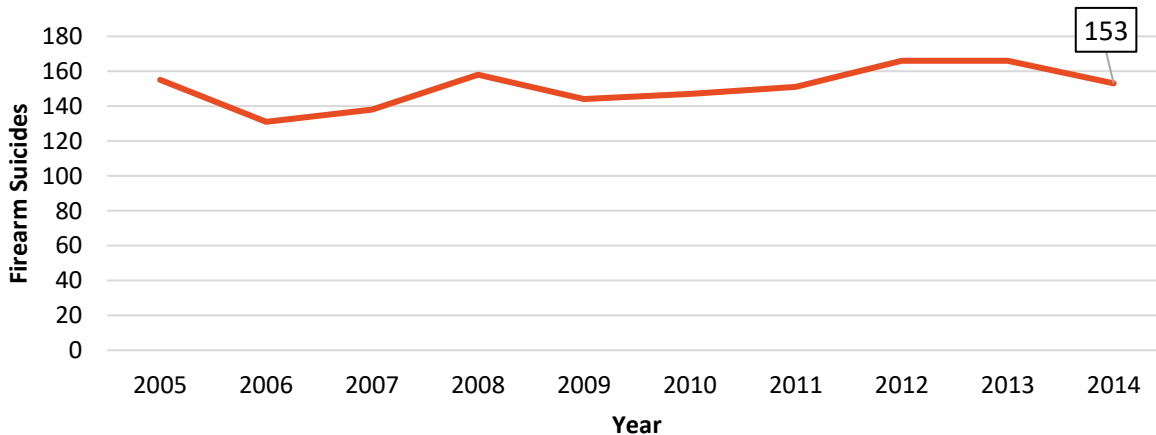
Total Suicides in 2014: 1,094

Firearm Suicide in Virginia (2014)

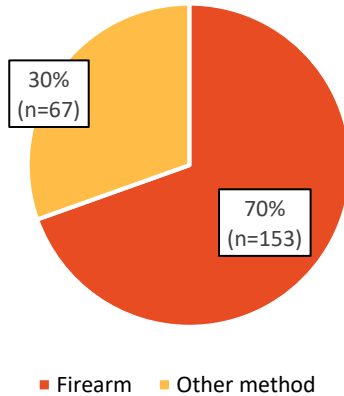


Total Firearm Suicides in 2014: 598

**Firearm Suicide among current/former Service Members,
2005-2014**

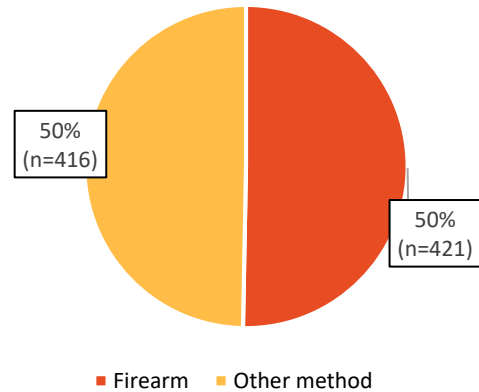


Current/Former Military Service Member Suicide Deaths in Virginia, by Method (2014)



Total Suicides in 2014 among current/former military Service Members: 220

Non-Military Suicide Deaths in Virginia, by Method (2014)



Total Suicides in 2014 among non-military members: 837

Source: National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) for Number of Deaths, Bureau of Census for Population Estimates. Retrieved September 26, 2017, from <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html>

Note: The most recently available NVDRS data is 2014; as such, 2014 data is used where appropriate.

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