FIREARM SUICIDES AMONG CURRENT AND FORMER MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN VIRGINIA

- Current and former U.S. Military Service Members are at high risk of firearm suicide:
  - Approximately three current or former U.S. Military Service Members die every week by firearm suicide in Virginia.
  - In Virginia, one out of five suicides (21%) by any means, and one out of four firearm suicides (26%), are of current or former Military Service Members.
  - Seventy percent of current or former U.S. Military Service Members who die by suicide whereas 50% of non-military individuals who die by suicide use firearms.

**SUISIDES IN VIRGINIA, 2018**

- Total Suicides in 2018: 1,160
- **Current/former military**
  - (n=238)
  - 21%
- **Non-military**
  - (n=909)
  - 78%
- **Unknown/missing**
  - (n=13)

**FIREARM SUICIDES IN VIRGINIA, 2018**

- Total Firearm Suicides in 2018: 633
- **Current/former military**
  - (n=166)
  - 26%
- **Non-military**
  - (n=459)
  - 73%
- **Unknown/missing**
  - (n=8)

**FIREARM SUICIDES AMONG CURRENT AND FORMER U.S. MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, 2009-2018**

- Firearm Suicides
- Year: 2009-2018
- Virginia: 166
- 10 year average: 161
CURRENT/FORMER MILITARY MEMBER SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2018

**By Method**

- **Firearm**
  - (n=166) 70%
- **Other**
  - (n=72) 30%

Total Suicides among Current/Former Military Members in 2018: 238

NON-MILITARY SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2018

**By Method**

- **Firearm**
  - (n=459) 50%
- **Other**
  - (n=450) 50%

Total Suicides among Non-Military Members in 2018: 909


**Note:** The most recently available CDC data is 2018; as such, 2018 data is used where appropriate.