



Massachusetts Current Military & Veteran Suicides 2017

This publication contains information on current or former military personnel who died by suicide in Massachusetts in 2017.

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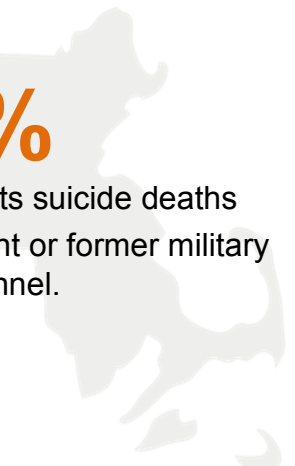


current or former military personnel died by suicide in Massachusetts in 2017.



9%

of all Massachusetts suicide deaths in 2017 were current or former military personnel.



44%

had a known current mental health condition.

30%

had a known intimate partner problem.

19%

had a known job/financial problem.

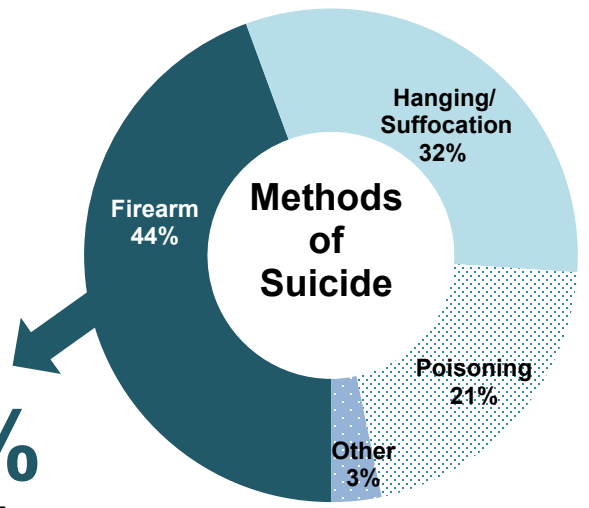
24%

had a known alcohol/substance abuse problem.

21%

had a known physical health problem.

44% of military suicide deaths involved a firearm, compared to **23%** of all 2017 suicide deaths in MA that involved firearms.



59%

of decedents 75+ years died by firearm.

91%

were white, non-Hispanic males.

Of those tested,

32%

tested positive for alcohol.



Of those tested,

17%

tested positive for antidepressants.



Of those tested,

17%

tested positive for opioids.



Toxicology data: 84% of victims were tested for alcohol and opiates. 83% of victims were tested for antidepressants.

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Data Source: Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System (MAVDRS), Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). All suicide data were ascertained using guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and are based upon the International Classification of Disease codes (ICD-10) for mortality.