



Massachusetts Military & Veteran Suicides 2019

This publication contains information on 2019 Massachusetts suicide decedents who were current or former military personnel.

67

current or former military
personnel
died by suicide
in Massachusetts
in 2019.



1 in 10

of all Massachusetts suicide deaths
in 2019 were current or former military
personnel.



52%

had a known
current mental
health condition.

30%

had a known
physical health
problem.

24%

had a known
alcohol/substance
use problem.

16%

had a known
intimate partner
problem.

12%

had a known
job/financial
problem.

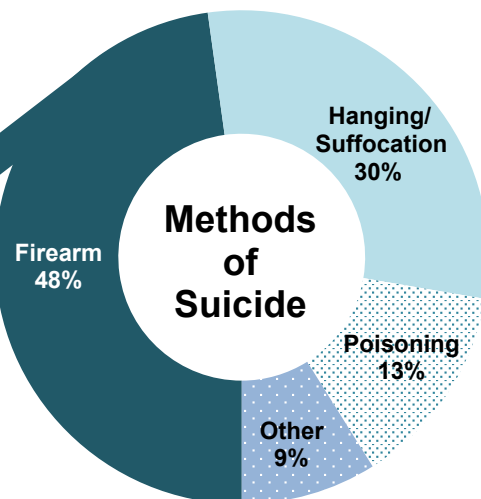
48% of military suicide deaths
involved a firearm,
nearly 2.5 times higher than the proportion
of all suicide deaths in 2019 in
Massachusetts that involved firearms

94%

were white, non-
Hispanic males.

61%

of decedents 75+ years
died by firearm.



Of those
tested,

29%

tested
positive for
alcohol.



Of those
tested,

27%

tested
positive for
antidepressants.



Of those
tested,

15%

tested
positive for
opioids.



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Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment (SAVE)
In Collaboration with the Department of Public Health

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Toll-free: (888) 844-2838



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(800) 273-TALK (8255), Press 1 for Veterans
Text: 838255
Online Chat: veteranscrisisline.net
TTY: (800) 799-4TTY (4880)

Toxicology data: 99% of decedents were tested for alcohol, opiates, and 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.