

FIREARMS BY THE NUMBERS: MILITARY VETERANS

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Nearly half of Veterans experience domestic violence.

Research shows about **48%** of Veterans report being victims, compared to about **38%** of active-duty service members.

Women Veterans face even higher risk. Women Veterans under 30 report some of the highest rates of abuse—around 1 in 4 in a single year. LGBTQ+ women Veterans report abuse at **two to three times** the rate of heterosexual women Veterans.

Domestic violence is often two-sided for Veterans. Veterans are more likely than active-duty service members to report both experiencing and using violence in relationships (**called “bidirectional IPV”**)

About **74%** of Veteran suicides involve a firearm.

Nearly **50%** of Veterans own firearms.

Over **50%** of Veteran gun owners said they store their firearms in unsafe ways (e.g. loaded and unsecured).

Around **73–88%** of Veterans who own guns say clinicians should at least sometimes speak about firearm safety in certain health or mental health situations.

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