

FIREARMS BY THE NUMBERS: WASHINGTON MILITARY VETERANS

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700 Veterans have died by suicide in Washington over the last 3 years.

221 Veterans have died by suicide in Washington in 2020.

Roughly **2/3** of decedents had not enrolled VHA healthcare.

Nationally, between 2017 and 2018, the suicide rate among Veterans with **recent VHA use** decreased by **2.4%**, while among Veterans who **did not use VHA care** the rate increased by **2.5%**.

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME OF DEATH WERE:

19-34 intimate partner crisis/problems.

More than **2/3** of Veterans who died by suicide in Washington used a firearm.

65+ physical health problems.

35-64 job/financial problems & mental health or substance use history.

gunresponsibility.org/resources/veteran-resources/

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