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Attached is the data you requested regarding suicide numbers for Virginia veterans, 2003-2010.

Data were drawn from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), which documents violent deaths that originate within a state's borders. It compiles information sources involved in violent death investigation, and links victims to circumstances such as mental illness, intimate partner violence, and other events leading up to and contributing to the violent death. The Virginia Violent Death Reporting System (VVDRS) is the operation and reporting system of the NVDRS within Virginia, and uses the same methodology, definitions, coding schema, and software.

A violent death results from the intentional use of force or power against oneself, another person, group, or community. The VVDRS collects information on suicide, homicide, legal intervention, unintentional firearm death, undetermined death, and terrorism-related death.

Data reports made up of relatively small numbers (20 or fewer cases) are considered statistically unreliable and should be interpreted and used with caution. Numbers, percentages, or rates for 20 or fewer cases are presented in the interest of complete reporting. The research files for this report were created on February 17, 2012. Data may continue to be entered and updated in VVDRS after this date.

Complete descriptions of the data elements collected by VVDRS can be found in the NVDRS Coding Manual at: [http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/nvdrs-coding/vs3/NVDRS\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_Version\\_3-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/nvdrs-coding/vs3/NVDRS_Coding_Manual_Version_3-a.pdf)

Thank you for your interest in the VVDRS, and best wishes in your prevention work. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

#### **Suggested citation for these tables:**

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**Suicide Among Virginia Residents who are Veterans, 2003-2010**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Male</b>	168	173	199	172	173	194	186	181	<b>1,446</b>
<b>Female</b>	3	5	7	6	5	9	12	7	<b>54</b>
<b>Race</b>									
<b>White</b>	155	159	185	165	159	184	174	168	<b>1,349</b>
<b>Black</b>	16	19	21	13	19	15	23	19	<b>145</b>
<b>Asian</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	<b>5</b>
<b>Native American</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Select Race/Gender</b>									
<b>White Male</b>	152	155	180	159	155	176	167	163	<b>1,307</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	16	18	19	13	18	15	19	17	<b>135</b>
<b>White Female</b>	3	4	5	6	4	8	7	5	<b>42</b>
<b>Black Female</b>	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Asian Male</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
<b>Asian Female</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Native American Male</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Ethnicity<sup>1</sup></b>									
<b>Hispanic</b>	4	3	0	4	1	3	2	1	<b>18</b>
<b>Age Group</b>									
<b>18-19</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>20-24</b>	3	4	3	5	3	5	2	3	<b>28</b>
<b>25-34</b>	16	15	20	5	10	12	13	16	<b>107</b>
<b>35-44</b>	24	23	16	19	15	20	23	19	<b>159</b>
<b>45-54</b>	24	27	43	39	33	35	37	36	<b>274</b>
<b>55-64</b>	35	34	44	33	38	33	51	35	<b>303</b>
<b>65-74</b>	39	30	34	34	24	39	30	35	<b>265</b>
<b>75-84</b>	24	34	34	32	43	44	28	24	<b>263</b>
<b>85 and older</b>	6	11	12	11	12	14	14	20	<b>100</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1,500</b>

<sup>1</sup> Hispanic persons may be of any race.

Data request for: Oklahoma Watch

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