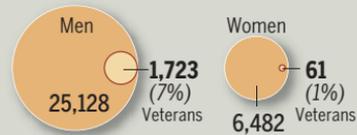


Suicide Among Veterans: a Partial View

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it cannot supply a comprehensive tally of veterans of the Iraq or Afghanistan wars who have taken their own lives, since the conflicts are recent and many soldiers are serving multiple tours of duty. It has given partial data for suicides among veterans of all conflicts (including those two) whom the VA health system has treated, showing suicide rates much higher than for the general population.

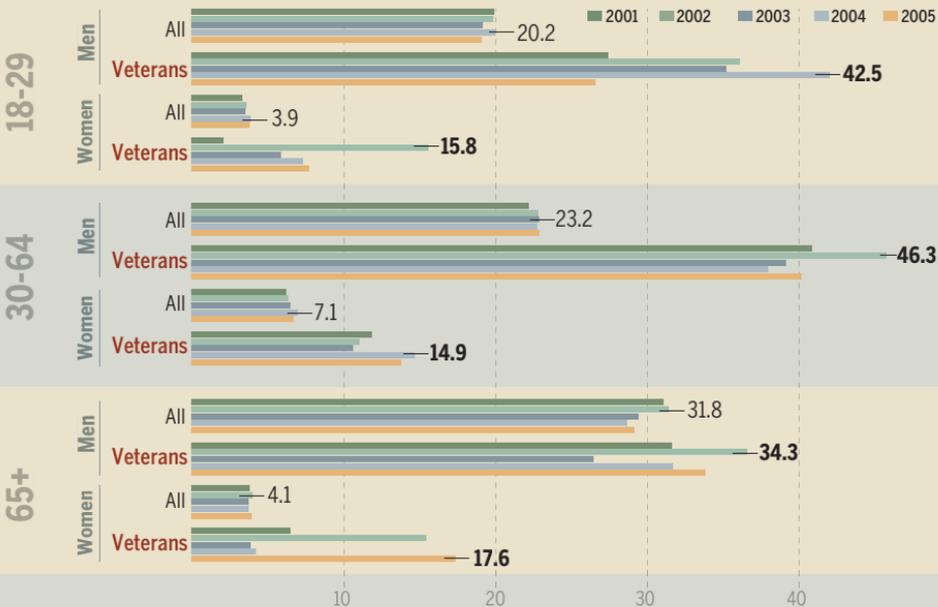
Comparing the general population to veterans in the VA mental health systems

Suicides in the United States, 2005



AGE GROUP

SUICIDE RATE, per 100,000 people per year



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs