



**Department of Defense
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Purpose

The Department of Defense (DoD) Quarterly Suicide Report (QSR) summarizes suicide counts for the Active Component (AC), Reserves, and National Guard. The purpose of the QSR is to communicate DoD suicide data to stakeholders external to DoD on a routine and frequent basis. The 2014 3rd Quarter DoD QSR shows calendar year 2014 3rd Quarter suicides for each of the Services.

Summary of Results

The Services reported that there were 56 AC suicides during the 3rd Quarter of 2014. During that same data collection period, the Reserves reported 20 suicides and the National Guard reported 26 suicides.

Quarterly suicide counts are available in Table 1.

Data Sources and Collection Process

The Armed Forces Medical Examiner System (AFMES) provides suicide mortality data contained in this report with additional inputs from the individual Service suicide prevention programs. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) provides the population data.

AFMES tracks suicide data for the AC and Selected Reserves (SELRES). The AC, as defined in DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1215.06, "Uniform Reserve, Training, and Retirement Categories for the Reserve Components," is that portion of the Military Services identified in annual authorization acts as "active forces" and in section 115(a)(1) of Title 10 of the United States Code as those active duty personnel paid from funds appropriated for active duty personnel. The Selected Reserves (SELRES) are Reserve and National Guard Service members who consist of "individuals in the Ready Reserve designated by their respective Service, and approved by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as so essential to initial wartime missions that they have priority over all other Reserves." (DoDI 1215.06)

For all other Service members whom AFMES does not track, the suicide data originates from civilian authorities and is made available through the Services to AFMES.

DMDC is the DoD's human resource information source and serves as the authoritative source of information on the DoD population.

Suicides

Suicides, defined as self-inflicted death with evidence (either explicit or implicit) of intent to die are broken down by component, (AC or RC, and Service). The AC suicide numbers provided in this report also include the Cadets and Midshipmen at the military academies.

The RC refers collectively to the Army National Guard, the Army Reserve, the Navy Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve, and the Coast Guard



Reserve when the Coast Guard is operating as a Service of the Department of the Navy. Suicide numbers are also provided for the RC. The data provided for the RC include Reserve and National Guard suicides regardless of the Service member's duty status at the time of death.

Data for military retirees and members in Temporary or Permanent Disability Retired Lists (TDRL, PDRL) is excluded from suicide counts in this report as it may overlap with Department of Veterans Affairs data.

Results

Table 1. Suicides by Component and Service

DoD Component and Service	2012	2013	2014		
	Total Suicide Counts	Total Suicide Counts	Q1 Suicide Counts	Q2 Suicide Counts	Q3 Suicide Counts
Active Component	320	254	74	70	56
Air Force	50	48	19	11	12
Army	165	120	27	31	31
Marine Corps	48	45	11	9	6
Navy	58	41	16	19	7
Reserves	72	86	24	14	20
Air Force Reserve	3	11	2	1	3
Army Reserve	50	59	13	4	15
Marine Corps Reserve	11	11	4	5	1
Navy Reserve	8	5	5	4	1
National Guard	130	134	22	20	26
Air National Guard	20	14	6	2	3
Army National Guard	110	120	16	18	23

Note: All figures above may be subject to change in future publications as updated information becomes available.

Suicide counts are current as of January 1, 2015. Counts will be updated quarterly, as needed, and changes will be highlighted.