One-fifth of all suicide deaths in Deschutes County occur among Veterans.

**Mechanism of Death among Veteran Suicide Decedents, Deschutes County, OR, 2003-2017**

- **Firearm**: 72%
- **Poisoning**: 16%
- **Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation**: 9%

**Veteran Suicide Decedents by Age, Deschutes County, OR, 2003-2017**

- **25-44**: 19%
- **45-64**: 34%
- **65+**: 45%

**Data source: Oregon Violent Death Reporting System**

**Mental Health Status**

- 1/3 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **mental health problem**
- 1/2 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **depressed mood**
- 1/4 of Veteran suicide decedents were engaged in **mental illness treatment**
- 1/3 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **substance problem**
- Every 1 in 7 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **suicide attempt history**

**Interpersonal Problems & Life Stressors**

- 1/3 of Veteran suicide decedents had an **intimate partner problem**
- 1/3 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **financial problem**
- 1/3 of Veteran suicide decedents had a **physical health problem**
- Every 1 in 10 Veteran suicide decedents had a **criminal/legal problem**

For resources & more information visit [www.deschutes.org/suicideprevention](http://www.deschutes.org/suicideprevention)

*at time of death*