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Sen. Boquist,

Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division (Injury and Violence Prevention Section). Their team works with medical examiners and others to collect and analyze causes of deaths in Oregon. The data always is a little delayed, but they have some great reports.

Here is the best estimate from Public Health:

From 2001-2012, the number of deaths by suicide among veterans remained relatively steady. However, because the population of veterans declined during that time, the rate of death by suicide among Oregon veterans increased. On average there were approximately 150 deaths, or 45 deaths per 100,000 veterans each year.

Full report can be found here:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/InjuryFatalityData/Documents/NVDRS/suicide-among-oregon-veterans2008through2012.pdf>

Approximately 1/5th of all suicides in Oregon occur among veterans and OHA's one page overview here:

https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/InjuryFatalityData/Documents/Fact%20Sheets/Suicide_2015v03022015.pdf

This Oregon data always lags by a few years, but matches the national studies as well by the Fed VA. Nationally, veterans also make up about 20% of all suicides – works out to be about 20 veterans across the nation committing suicide every day.

Best Federal VA summary on suicide data nationally can be found here:

<http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/2016suicidedatareport.pdf>

In terms of military, below is national DoD suicide data from their most recent 2014 report:

Active Component

Air Force 60 -- 13.7%

Army 122 -- 27.9%

Marine Corps 34 -- 7.8%

Navy 53 -- 12.1%

Reserve Component

All Reserve 80 -- 18.3%

All National Guard 89 -- 20.3%

Full DoD report available here:

<http://t2health.dcoe.mil/sites/default/files/CY-2014-DoDSEER-Annual-Report.pdf>

Lisa Millet with OHA Public Health is the best link on Oregon suicide data. Please let us know if you need any other info.

Best,
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