

The cover features a large, waving North Dakota state flag at the top. Below it, a dark blue banner contains the title. To the right, a graphic of the state flag is overlaid on a background of a laptop keyboard. At the bottom, a photograph shows a soldier in camouflage uniform from behind, with a young girl in a white sweater hugging him. She is holding a small American flag. The overall theme is military support and family care.

NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY

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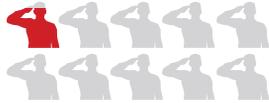
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DEMOGRAPHICS

There are **51,677 VETERANS** in North Dakota

WHICH IS

9%

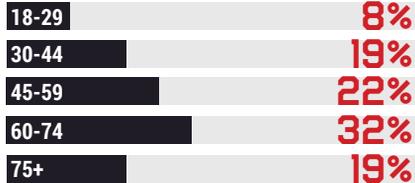


of the state's adult population

GENDER

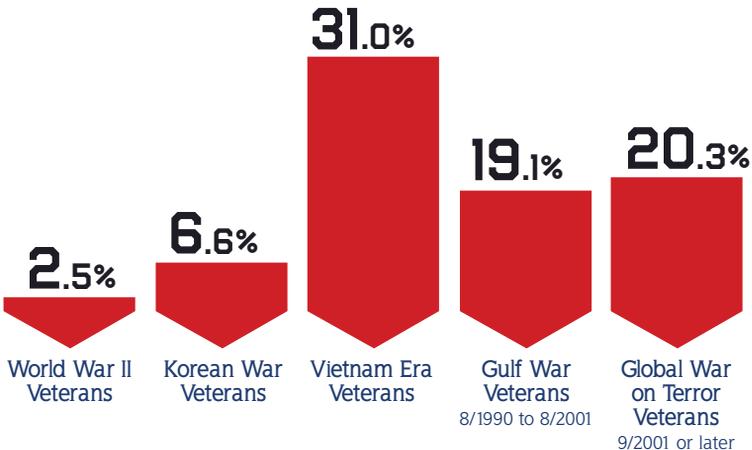


AGE



PERIOD OF SERVICE

of North Dakota Veterans



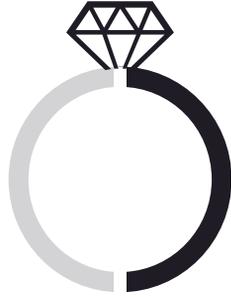
NOTE: 20.5% of ND Veterans are from periods of service other than depicted above.

Sources:

North Dakota Veterans; U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp

MARRIAGE & CHILDREN

Nationally **50%**
of Department of Defense military
members are reported as married.



40.6%
of the total military
force in the nation has
children.



Note: Children include minor dependents age 20 or younger or dependents age 22 and younger enrolled as full-time students.

AGE OF MILITARY CHILDREN



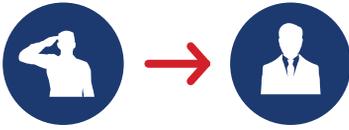
This information depicts the distribution of Active Duty and Selected Reserve children by age group. Across the DoD, there are 1,715,519 military children.

Note: Children ages 21 to 22 must be enrolled as full-time students in order to qualify as dependents; percentages may not total to 100 due to rounding.

Source:

2016 Demographics; Profile of the Military Community; Department of Defense, United States of America;
<http://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2016-Demographics-Report.pdf>

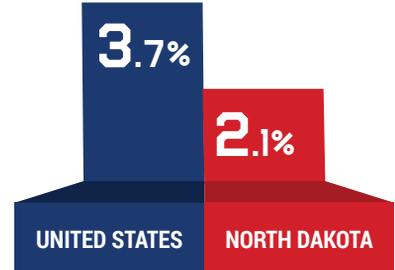
EMPLOYMENT



Although experience shows that Veterans generally enjoy a favorable employment rate in the nation's job market, many Veterans initially find it difficult to compete successfully in the labor market.

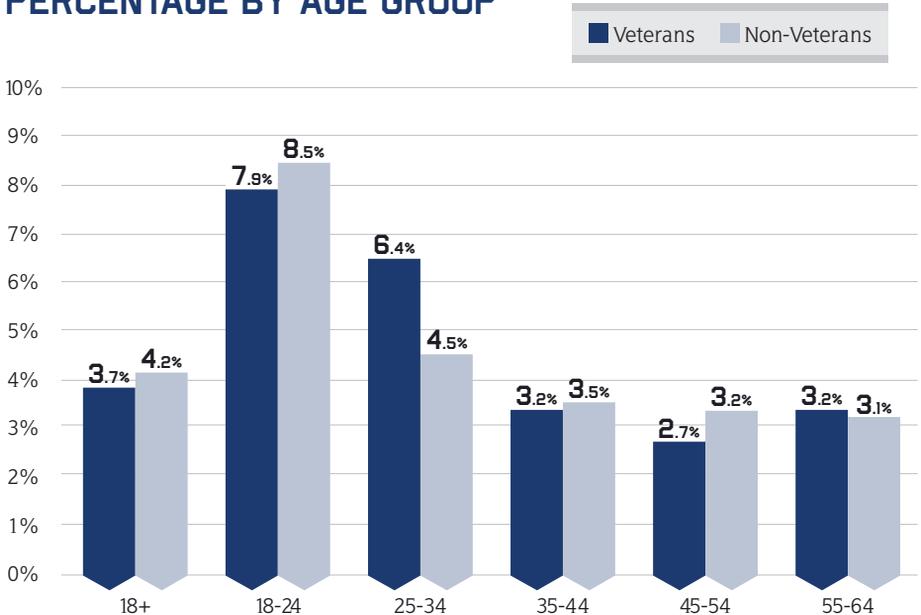
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF VETERANS

(age 18 and older)



Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 annual average

UNITED STATES VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGE BY AGE GROUP



2017 Veteran Employment Update (Current Population Survey (CPS)); Veterans' Employment & Training Service; U.S. Department of Labor

HOMELESSNESS

698
ND VETERANS
SERVICED

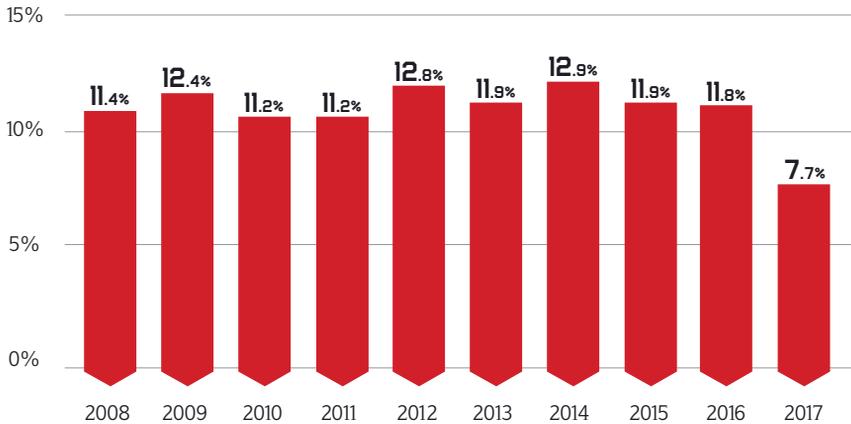
8%
Females

92%
Males

Five year average, ND Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 2018

According to Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a "homeless individual" is an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence which includes temporary housing shelters.

PERCENTAGE OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES IN NORTH DAKOTA WHO ARE VETERANS



ND Homeless Management Information System, data prepared on October 24th, 2018.

IN NORTH DAKOTA, HOMELESS VETERANS...



36% have disabilities



14% have a chronic health condition



35% have mental illness



71% are age 45 or older



23% have drug and alcohol abuse issues



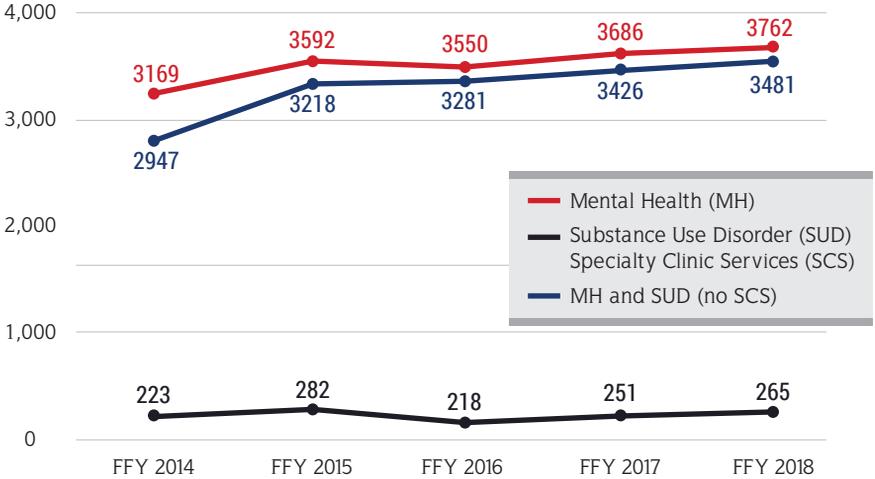
14% have children

Five year average, ND Homeless Management Information System, data prepared on October 24th, 2018.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) FARGO

Number of Veterans who received behavioral health services from Veterans health in North Dakota

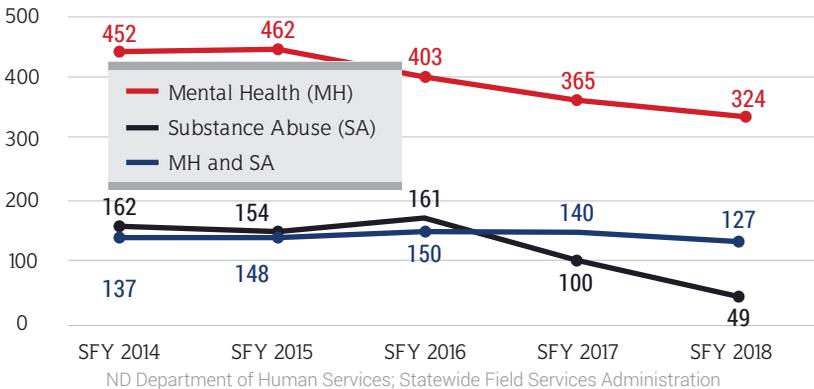


US Department of Veterans Affairs; Fargo VA Health Care System; Mental Health Services

For the purposes of VA health benefits and services, a person who served in the active military service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable is a Veteran.

ND HUMAN SERVICE CENTERS

Number of individuals who are veterans or served in the military who received behavioral health services from the Human Service Centers in North Dakota.



ND Department of Human Services; Statewide Field Services Administration

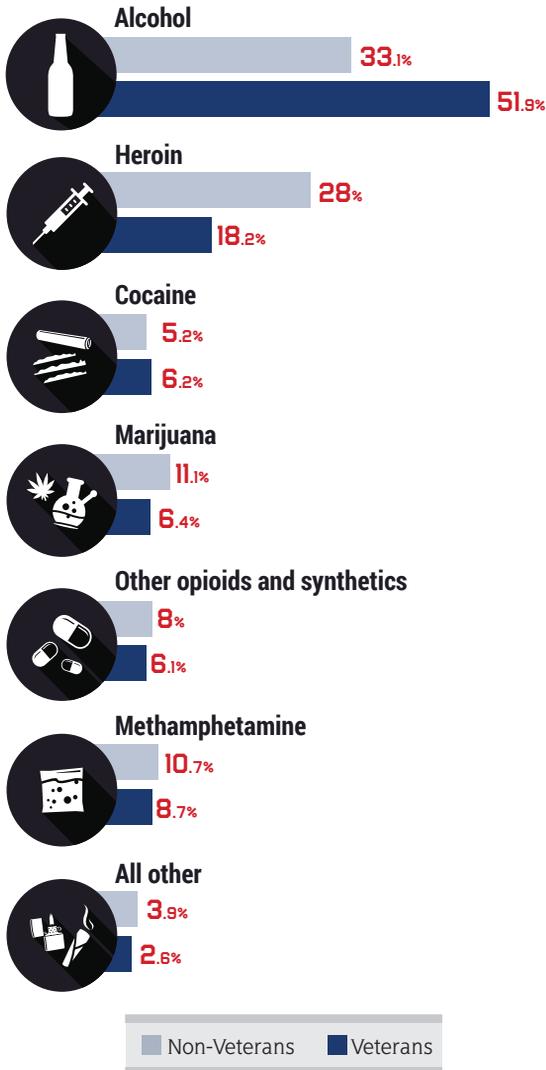


Yearly, on average **669** Veterans or individuals who served in the military are treated in the ND Human Service Centers. Of those, 60% received mental health services.

ND Department of Human Services; Statewide Field Services Administration; 2014-2018 data

FFY - Federal Fiscal Year SFY - State Fiscal Year

NATIONAL ADMISSIONS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT BY VETERAN STATUS AND PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF ABUSE



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS): 2016. Admissions to and Discharges from Publicly Funded Substance Use Treatment. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2018



Yearly, on average, **76 VETERANS** receive services from the Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Office, Fargo VA.

63% report MH issues

50% report SA issues

HOMES via VACO (2008 thru 2014), Veterans Justice Outreach Program Coordinator, Fargo VA Health Care System, received on November 16th, 2018



6.6%

of the North Dakota Veteran population reported having a substance use disorder.

US Department of Veterans Affairs; Fargo VA Health Care System; Mental Health Services and ND Department of Human Services; Statewide Field Services Administration; 2014-2018 data

SUICIDE

Since the Global War on Terrorism began, more North Dakota National Guard members have died by suicide than in combat.



Veterans accounted for 14% of suicides nationwide though they make up only **8%** of the U.S. population. Nationally, Veteran suicide rates for the age group 18-34 rose by **11.4%**, from 2015 to 2016.

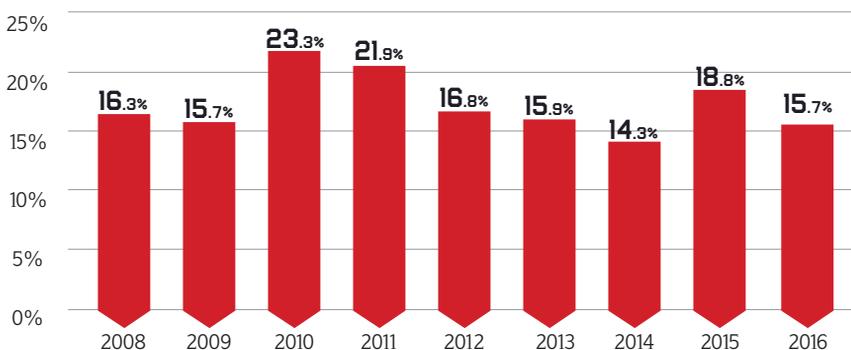
More Young veterans Committing Suicide, VA Data Show, Ben Kelsing, September 26th, 2018, <https://www.wsj.com/articles>



Recent estimates suggest that **20 VETERANS** may die by suicide each day.

VA Releases National Suicide Data Report for 2005-2016, U.S. Department of veterans Affairs, News Release, dated September 26, 2018

ND INDIVIDUALS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO SUICIDE WHO WERE OF VETERAN STATUS



Vital Records, ND Department of Health

The causes of suicide are complex and may be the result of multiple factors, including mental illness, substance abuse, painful losses, exposure to violence, and social isolation.

The most critical risk factors for suicide are prior suicide attempts, mood disorders (such as depression), alcohol and drug use, and access to lethal means.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

A Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is caused by a

BUMP

BLOW

JOLT

to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal function of the brain.

Individuals with TBI are at an increased risk of depression, anxiety, and involvement with the criminal justice setting and suicide.

E.J. Shiroma, P.L. Ferguson, E.E. Pickelsimer. Prevalence of traumatic brain injury in an offender population: a meta-analysis. *J Correctional Health Care*, 16 (2) (2010), pp. 147-159

Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Anxiety and Depressive Disorders after Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review. Annemieke C. Scholten, Juanita A. Haagsma, Maryse C. Cnossen, Miranda Olf, Ed F. van Beeck, and Suzanne Polinder. *Journal of Neurotrauma*. Nov 2016. ahead of print. <http://doi.org/10.1089/neu.2015.4252> Published in Volume: 33 Issue 22: November 15, 2016

Madsen T, Erlangsen A, Orlovskaya S, Mofaddy R, Nordentoft M, Benros ME. Association Between Traumatic Brain Injury and Risk of Suicide. *JAMA*. 2018;320(6):580-588. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.10211

DOD NUMBERS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY WORLDWIDE - TOTALS

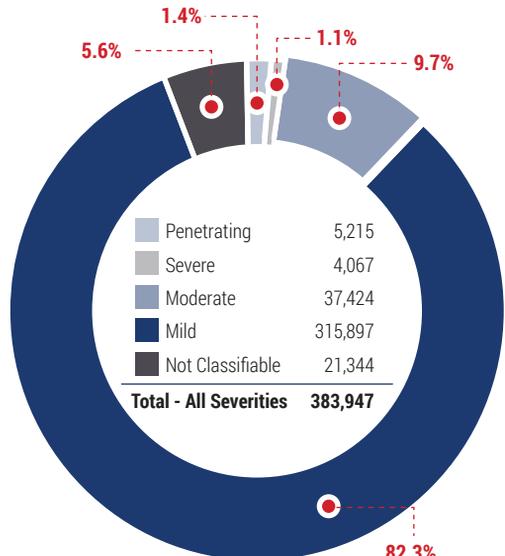
2000-2018 Q1, as of June 21, 2018

Mild: Confused or disoriented state which lasts less than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for up to 30 minutes; or memory loss lasting less than 24 hours.

Moderate: Confused or disoriented state which lasts more than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for more than 30 minutes, but less than 24 hours; or memory loss lasting greater than 24 hours but less than seven days

Severe: Confused or disoriented state which lasts more than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for more than 24 hours; or memory loss for more than seven days.

Penetrating: A head injury in which the scalp, skull and dura mater (the outer layer of the meninges) are penetrated.



http://dvbic.dcoe.mil/files/tbi-numbers/worldwide-totals-2000-2018Q1-total_jun-21-2018_v1.0_2018-07-26_0.pdf



ABOUT ND CARES

MISSION: STRENGTHENING AN ACCESSIBLE, SEAMLESS NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, FAMILIES, AND SURVIVORS.

The ND Cares Coalition includes a broad spectrum of military and civilian professionals dedicated to the support of North Dakota Service Members, Veterans, Families, and Survivors (SMVFS).

The coalition uses the broadest definition of Veteran and is working to encompass all individuals who are currently serving or who have served – the “total force.”

ND Cares is not a provider of services; rather, it is dedicated to improving understanding of the needs and services required by our SMVFS.

The purpose of ND Cares is to resolve barriers or gaps in services to ensure those serving and those who have served, their families, and survivors receive the care and assistance they need.

ND CARES GOALS

1. Convene in a collaborative process to provide a robust, readily accessible information portal for Service Members, Veterans, Families, and Survivors.

2. Educate and engage partners at the local, state, and tribal levels around priority issues (e.g., substance abuse, suicide prevention and resource gaps).

ND CARES STRATEGIC FOCUS

1. Partnerships and capacity-building

2. Training and education

3. Internal and external communication

RESOURCES

NATIONAL

fargo.va.gov/services/caregiver/index.asp

maketheconnection.net

militaryonesource.mil

psycharmor.org

samhsa.gov

va.gov

NORTH DAKOTA

capnd.org

jobsnd.com

legalassist.org

myfirstlink.org

nd.gov/veterans

ndhealth.gov/suicideprevention

ndhomelesscoalition.org

nd.gov/dhs/services/

nd.ng.mil/Pages/default.aspx

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