

TABLE 1. Categories^a and Causes^b of Death Among U.S. Army Active Duty Soldiers^c, 2014–2019 (n=2,530)^d

	Year of Death, n (%)						
	2014 (n=434)	2015 (n=415)	2016 (n=385)	2017 (n=431)	2018 (n=427)	2019 (n=419)	2014-2019 (n=2,511)
Combat	31 (7)	3 (1)	12 (3)	20 (5)	14 (3)	16 (4)	96 (4)
Accident^e	136 (31)	137 (33)	123 (32)	154 (36)	128 (30)	136 (32)	814 (32)
Motor vehicle	76 (56)	71 (52)	70 (57)	77 (50)	66 (52)	71 (52)	431 (53)
Motorcycle	15 (11)	13 (10)	12 (10)	10 (7)	11 (9)	2 (1)	63 (8)
Air, space, other transportation ^f	9 (7)	12 (9)	3 (2)	10 (7)	7 (5)	6 (4)	47 (6)
Drug/alcohol overdose ^g	16 (12)	21 (15)	18 (15)	31 (20)	24 (19)	11 (8)	121 (15)
Drowning ^h	6 (4)	7 (5)	9 (7)	9 (6)	5 (4)	12 (9)	48 (6)
Fall ⁱ	5 (4)	5 (4)	2 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	5 (4)	23 (3)
Other ^j	6 (4)	5 (4)	9 (7)	11 (7)	8 (6)	10 (7)	49 (6)
Unknown ^k	3 (2)	3 (2)	0	3 (2)	4 (3)	19 (14)	32 (4)
Natural^l	104 (24)	109 (26)	85 (22)	84 (20)	84 (20)	68 (16)	534 (21)
Neoplasm	56 (54)	58 (53)	48 (57)	38 (45)	34 (40)	29 (43)	263 (49)
Circulatory system	30 (29)	36 (33)	19 (22)	23 (27)	30 (36)	7 (10)	145 (27)
Other ^m	17 (16)	11 (10)	12 (14)	11 (13)	11 (13)	8 (12)	70 (13)
Unknown ^k	1 (1)	4 (4)	6 (7)	12 (15)	9 (11)	24 (35)	56 (11)
Suicideⁿ	140 (32)	144 (35)	144 (37)	139 (32)	165 (39)	151 (36)	883 (35)
Gunshot wound	99 (71)	92 (64)	99 (69)	95 (68)	103 (62)	87 (58)	575 (65)
Hanging/asphyxiation	28 (20)	38 (26)	34 (24)	36 (26)	44 (27)	48 (32)	228 (26)
Drug/alcohol overdose ^g	7 (5)	8 (6)	5 (4)	6 (4)	6 (4)	1 (1)	33 (4)
Other ^o	5 (4)	5 (3)	3 (2)	2 (1)	7 (4)	3 (2)	25 (3)
Unknown ^k	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0	5 (3)	12 (8)	22 (2)
Homicide	17 (4)	14 (3)	16 (4)	17 (4)	17 (4)	13 (3)	94 (4)
Gunshot wound	11 (65)	12 (86)	9 (56)	16 (94)	15 (88)	11 (85)	74 (79)
Sharp object	3 (18)	2 (14)	4 (25)	0	1 (6)	2 (15)	12 (13)
Legal intervention ^p	2 (12)	0	1 (6)	0	0	0	3 (3)
Other ^q	0	0	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	0	3 (3)
Unknown ^k	1 (6)	0	1 (6)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Undetermined^r	5 (1)	8 (2)	5 (1)	15 (3)	5 (1)	3 (1)	41 (2)
Pending^s	1 (<1)	0	0	2 (<1)	14 (3)	32 (8)	49 (2)

Abbreviation: n, number.

^a Category of death was obtained from the Defense Casualty Information Processing System or the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System.^b Underlying cause of death was obtained from the Suicide Data Repository (SDR), maintained by the DOD and Veterans Affairs.^c Includes Army active component, activated National Guard, and activated Reserve soldiers. Due to rounding, some percentages may add up to more than 100.^d Total includes all 19 deaths with missing category or cause information.^e Excludes 8 deaths that were missing cause of death information.^f Other transportation includes rail, water transport, and all other transportation.^g Drug/alcohol overdose includes poisonings from other solids and liquids, including medications.^h Includes accidental drowning in any body of water.ⁱ Includes falls from high places, ladders, and any other type of fall.^j Includes explosions, pending, and all other accidental deaths.^k Includes any deaths that have no known cause of death or are classified as unknown.^l Excludes 5 deaths missing cause of death information.^m Includes diseases related to nervous system, respiratory system, digestive system, musculoskeletal system, mental and behavioral disorders, congenital malformations, blood, endocrine, skin, pregnancy, infections, surgical complications, and all other natural conditions.ⁿ Excludes 3 deaths missing cause of death information.^o Includes carbon monoxide and other gas/vapor poisonings, jumping from a high place, and all other means.^p Legal intervention includes legal execution and deaths by police or other law enforcement agents.^q Includes strangulation, blunt object, bodily force, and all other means.^r Excludes 2 deaths missing cause of death information.^s Excludes 1 death missing cause of death information.