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Suicides among Kentucky Residents by Veteran Status and Other Demographics, 2018–Q2 2024

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Table 1. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by Veteran Status and Year, 2018–Q2 2024

Veteran Status	Year							Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1 and Q2 2024	
Yes	127	103	125	111	112	113	60	751
No or Not Stated	630	624	630	651	694	669	343	4,241
Total	757	727	755	762	806	782	403	4,992

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Table 2. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by Age Group and Year, 2018–Q2 2024

Veteran Status	Age Group	Year							Q1 and Q2 2024	Total
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Yes										
	10–11 years	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	
	12–17 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	18–24 years	*	*	9	9	5	*	*	*	
	25–34 years	12	*	10	9	9	*	*	62	
	35–44 years	*	14	15	11	14	12	*	83	
	45–54 years	13	14	12	14	12	14	8	87	
	55–64 years	17	18	18	13	10	15	9	100	
	65+ years	63	45	61	55	62	58	34	378	
No or Not Stated										
	10–11 years	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	7	
	12–17 years	*	*	*	*	29	28	9	146	
	18–24 years	72	64	73	77	77	85	36	484	
	25–34 years	100	110	119	122	125	115	58	749	
	35–44 years	110	127	127	123	141	118	59	805	
	45–54 years	134	102	103	109	121	109	56	734	
	55–64 years	100	118	105	88	99	93	55	658	
	65+ years	94	80	81	110	102	121	70	658	
Total		757	727	755	762	806	782	403	4,992	

Data for persons aged less than 10 years are not shown, as it is difficult to determine suicide intent among younger children.

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Table 3. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by Sex and Year, 2018–Q2 2024

Veteran Status	Sex	Year							Q1 and Q2 2024	Total
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Yes										
	Female	8	*	*	*	*	6	*	29	
	Male	119	*	*	*	*	107	*	722	
No or Not Stated										
	Female	128	150	112	112	140	149	78	869	
	Male	502	474	518	539	554	520	265	3,372	
Total		757	727	755	762	806	782	403	4,992	

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Table 4. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by Injury Mechanism and Veteran Status, 2018–Q2 2024

Injury Mechanism	Veteran Status		Total
	Yes	No or Not Stated	
Firearm	608	2,602	3,210
Suffocation/Hanging	72	1,063	1,135
Poisoning	48	372	420
Other/Unspecified	8	102	110
Cut/Pierce	9	53	62
Fall	6	49	55
Total	751	4,241	4,992

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Table 5. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by County and Veteran Status, 2018-Q2 2024

County	Veteran Status	
	No or Not Stated	Yes
Adair	20	*
Allen	25	*
Anderson	22	*
Ballard	8	0
Barren	51	8
Bath	13	0
Bell	28	*
Boone	91	16
Bourbon	13	*
Boyd	46	17
Boyle	31	7
Bracken	13	*
Breathitt	16	*
Breckinridge	19	5
Bullitt	96	13
Butler	10	*
Caldwell	17	*
Calloway	44	11
Campbell	56	9
Carlisle	5	*
Carroll	17	*
Carter	24	5
Casey	21	5
Christian	52	19
Clark	46	*
Clay	14	0
Clinton	4	*
Crittenden	8	*
Cumberland	8	0
Daviess	126	18
Edmonson	10	*
Elliott	8	*
Estill	20	*
Fayette	244	29
Fleming	11	0

County	Veteran Status	
	No or Not Stated	Yes
Floyd	40	5
Franklin	61	7
Fulton	6	*
Gallatin	7	*
Garrard	14	9
Grant	23	5
Graves	38	*
Grayson	24	8
Green	10	0
Greenup	33	12
Hancock	8	*
Hardin	102	27
Harlan	26	5
Harrison	22	*
Hart	15	*
Henderson	46	5
Henry	15	0
Hickman	4	*
Hopkins	53	11
Jackson	21	0
Jefferson	726	111
Jessamine	44	8
Johnson	22	*
Kenton	119	24
Knott	20	*
Knox	28	*
Larue	20	6
Laurel	52	12
Lawrence	13	*
Lee	9	0
Leslie	13	0
Letcher	18	*
Lewis	16	0
Lincoln	28	5
Livingston	6	5
Logan	23	*
Lyon	15	*

County	Veteran Status	
	No or Not Stated	Yes
Madison	80	17
Magoffin	6	0
Marion	18	*
Marshall	36	6
Martin	10	0
Mason	15	*
McCracken	73	18
McCreary	17	*
McLean	9	*
Meade	27	7
Menifee	7	*
Mercer	22	5
Metcalfe	14	*
Monroe	9	0
Montgomery	17	5
Morgan	15	0
Muhlenberg	34	9
Nelson	55	12
Nicholas	*	*
Ohio	23	10
Oldham	61	10
Owen	12	*
Owsley	6	0
Pendleton	11	*
Perry	13	*
Pike	73	7
Powell	11	0
Pulaski	78	8
Robertson	*	0
Rockcastle	31	*
Rowan	15	*
Russell	23	*
Scott	43	10
Shelby	44	8
Simpson	19	7
Spencer	24	*
Taylor	19	*

County	Veteran Status	
	No or Not Stated	Yes
Todd	15	*
Trigg	11	*
Trimble	10	*
Union	21	5
Warren	104	32
Washington	13	*
Wayne	24	*
Webster	16	*
Whitley	47	10
Wolfe	8	*
Woodford	20	*
Total	4,241	751

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Table 6. Suicides among Kentucky Residents by County and Year, 2018–Q2 2024

Year	Year						Q1 and Q2 2024
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Adair	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen	5	*	*	*	6	5	*
Anderson	*	6	8	*	*	5	*
Ballard	*	*	0	*	0	*	0
Barren	17	10	*	6	8	8	*
Bath	*	0	*	*	*	*	5
Bell	5	*	*	6	*	8	*
Boone	19	15	15	11	18	19	10
Bourbon	*	*	*	*	0	*	*
Boyd	12	*	13	8	10	8	*
Boyle	7	*	*	6	7	10	*
Bracken	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Breathitt	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Breckinridge	*	*	*	5	*	*	5
Bullitt	20	14	14	22	18	15	6
Butler	*	0	*	*	0	*	*
Caldwell	*	*	*	*	5	*	*
Calloway	7	12	*	9	10	7	*
Campbell	13	10	12	8	5	9	8
Carlisle	*	0	*	*	*	*	0
Carroll	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Carter	*	*	*	*	6	7	*
Casey	8	*	*	*	5	*	*
Christian	17	*	10	13	12	11	*
Clark	*	6	8	11	10	9	*
Clay	*	*	6	*	0	*	0
Clinton	0	0	*	*	*	*	0
Crittenden	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cumberland	0	0	*	*	*	*	0
Daviess	18	12	24	28	23	20	19
Edmonson	*	*	*	0	*	5	*
Elliott	*	*	0	*	*	*	0
Estill	7	*	*	*	*	*	0

Year	Year						Q1 and Q2 2024
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Fayette	29	36	52	42	45	44	25
Fleming	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Floyd	10	*	7	*	8	8	*
Franklin	9	*	13	9	11	15	*
Fulton	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
Gallatin	*	*	0	*	0	*	0
Garrard	*	6	*	*	*	*	*
Grant	5	*	*	*	8	*	5
Graves	*	*	6	5	9	7	5
Grayson	8	9	*	6	*	*	0
Green	*	*	*	*	*	0	*
Greenup	*	8	7	10	6	6	*
Hancock	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
Hardin	16	23	15	24	21	24	6
Harlan	*	*	8	6	*	*	*
Harrison	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Hart	*	*	*	*	6	*	0
Henderson	6	8	*	9	6	13	*
Henry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hickman	0	*	0	0	*	*	*
Hopkins	13	12	10	9	8	7	5
Jackson	5	*	*	*	5	*	0
Jefferson	123	124	117	132	156	121	64
Jessamine	11	*	5	10	15	*	*
Johnson	5	*	*	5	*	*	*
Kenton	25	29	22	20	17	16	14
Knott	*	*	6	*	*	*	*
Knox	*	*	*	5	5	8	5
Larue	*	*	6	*	5	*	*
Laurel	13	7	10	*	11	14	*
Lawrence	*	*	*	0	*	*	0
Lee	*	*	*	*	0	0	0
Leslie	6	*	*	0	*	*	*
Letcher	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Lewis	*	*	0	*	*	*	0

Year	Year						Q1 and Q2 2024
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Lincoln	*	*	*	*	8	5	*
Livingston	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Logan	*	7	*	*	*	*	*
Lyon	*	*	6	*	*	*	*
Madison	15	11	10	18	16	18	9
Magoffin	0	*	0	0	*	*	*
Marion	5	*	5	0	*	5	*
Marshall	*	7	*	5	6	13	5
Martin	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
Mason	0	*	0	*	*	*	*
McCracken	13	13	19	9	14	14	9
McCreary	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McLean	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
Meade	5	5	6	9	*	5	*
Menifee	0	*	*	*	*	*	0
Mercer	*	8	5	*	6	5	0
Metcalfe	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monroe	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
Montgomery	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Morgan	0	*	5	*	5	*	0
Muhlenberg	6	9	*	5	7	8	*
Nelson	7	8	11	7	18	9	7
Nicholas	0	0	*	0	*	*	0
Ohio	7	*	6	5	6	6	*
Oldham	11	9	12	12	10	11	6
Owen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Owsley	0	*	0	*	*	0	*
Pendleton	5	*	*	*	*	*	0
Perry	*	*	*	5	0	0	*
Pike	17	8	8	15	9	9	14
Powell	0	*	7	*	*	*	0
Pulaski	12	14	11	15	15	14	5
Robertson	0	0	*	0	0	*	*
Rockcastle	*	*	5	*	8	9	*
Rowan	*	*	*	5	*	5	0

Year	Year						Q1 and Q2 2024
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Russell	6	*	*	*	9	*	*
Scott	7	8	11	*	8	10	*
Shelby	15	9	9	9	5	*	*
Simpson	*	*	*	*	9	*	*
Spencer	6	*	*	7	*	*	*
Taylor	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Trigg	*	*	0	*	*	*	0
Trimble	*	5	*	*	*	*	0
Union	*	9	*	*	*	5	*
Warren	18	21	27	12	19	27	12
Washington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wayne	*	*	7	*	*	*	*
Webster	*	0	8	*	*	*	*
Whitley	9	9	*	*	9	12	7
Wolfe	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Woodford	5	6	*	*	*	*	0
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