**Table 1: Total Number of Vets who Committed Suicide in Iowa From 2006-2011 by Military Age Status**

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|  | MILITARY AGE (17-55) | | |
| Year | No | Yes | Total Number |
| 2006 | 36 | 27 | 63 |
| 2007 | 35 | 28 | 63 |
| 2008 | 42 | 32 | 74 |
| 2009 | 46 | 25 | 71 |
| 2010 | 40 | 31 | 71 |
| 2011 | 45 | 38 | 83 |
| Average Annual Number | 40 | 30 | 70 |

On average, every year 70 veterans lose their lives to suicide.  Those belonging to the military age group (17-55), who are more likely to have been deployed in recent wars, represent 43 % of all veteran suicides.

The deaths certificate data only asked whether the deceased was ever in the Armed Forces. No further detail is provided.