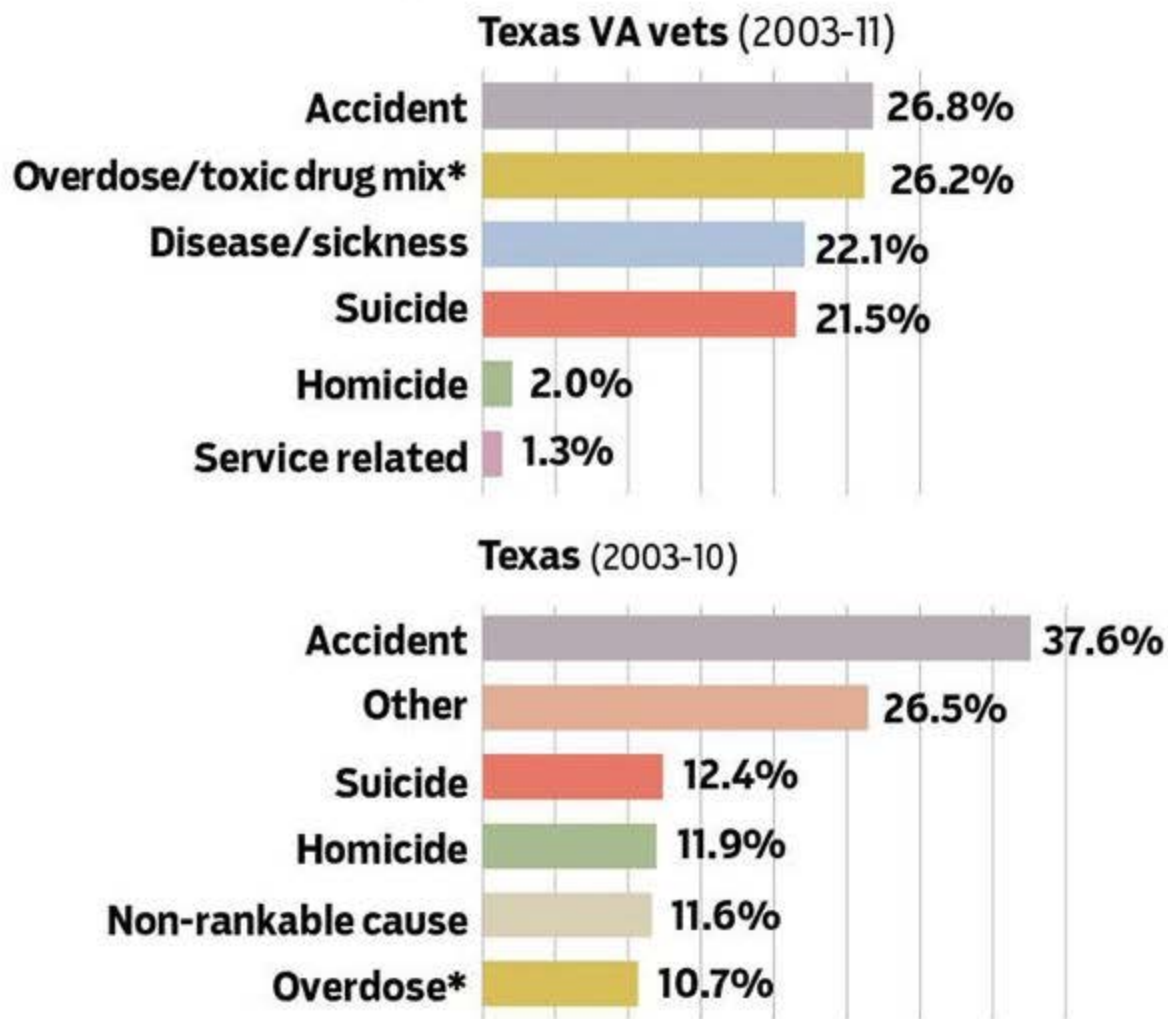


## Causes of death: Texas VA vets vs. Texas, ages 20 to 34

Among all Texans who die between ages 20-34, the leading cause of death is accidents. Among the veterans studied by the American-Statesman, accident and overdose were the leading causes of death, and suicides were significantly higher than for Texans in that age group. Differences between the two groups account for some of the disparity.



\* Overdoses include some suicides

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Sources: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Texas Department of State Health Services, analysis by Statesman Investigative Team