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Breaking down how 266 Texas veterans died

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Cause of death by age group

Among the Texas veterans the American-Statesman studied, accidents and drug overdoses claimed more lives among those under 35, while disease and illness was the leading cause of death for the group as a whole.

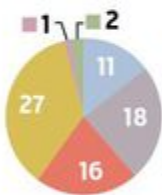
■ Disease/sickness ■ Accidents ■ Suicide ■ Overdose/toxic drug mix** ■ Service related ■ Homicide

Ages 20 to 24



Deaths: 32

Ages 25 to 29



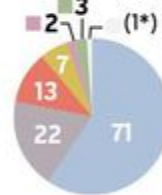
Deaths: 75

Ages 30 to 34



Deaths: 42

Ages 35 to 69



Deaths: 117
(* Not determined)

** Three overdoses were also ruled suicides

Note: VA vet deaths for 2003 through Oct. 2011.

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