

Kentucky Governors Challenge Team/KDVA Suicide Prevention



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Outline

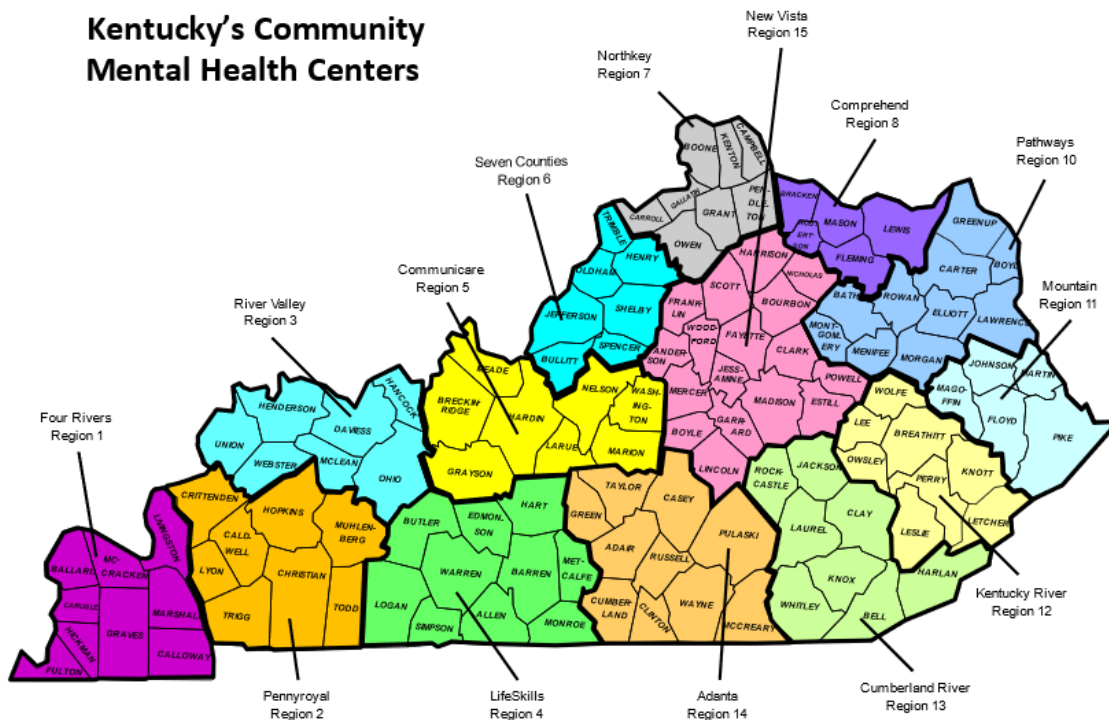
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CMHC = Community Mental Health Centers

KDVA = Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs

CMHC Mental Health Snapshot

Kentucky's Community Mental Health Centers



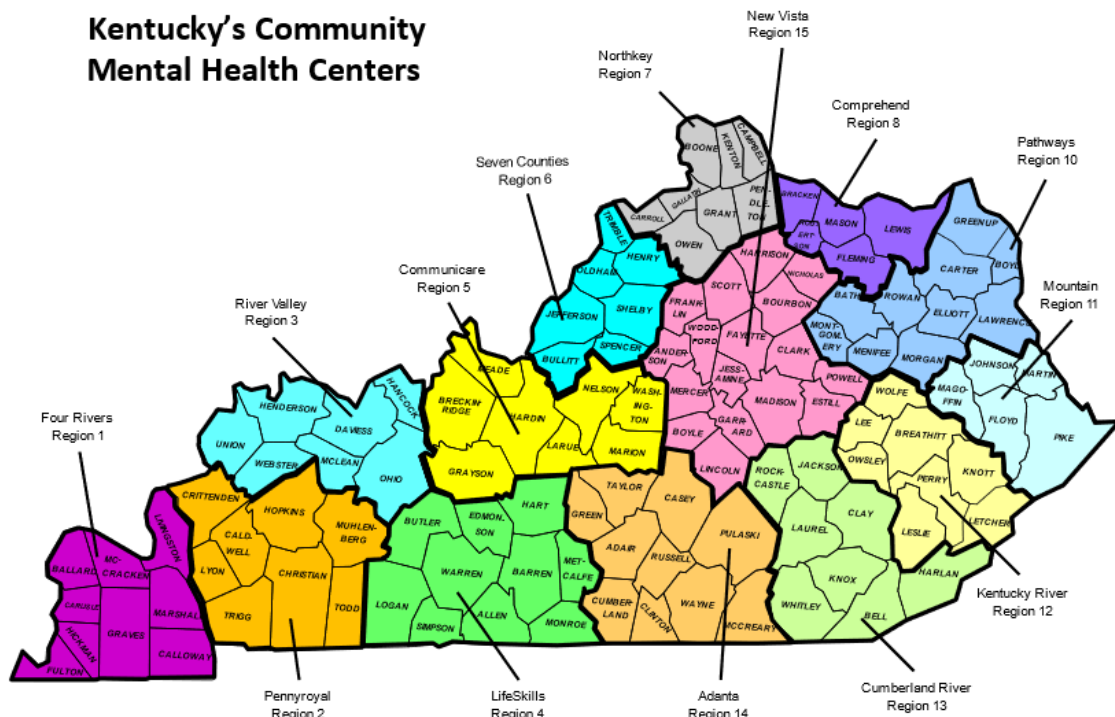
Veteran Served by CMHC's												
Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30 2022)												
CMHC	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Unduplicated Count	2,416	2,383	2,244	2,431	2,441	2,318	2,133	2,032	2,064	1,884	1,756	1,771

Active Duty Personnel Served by CMHC's												
Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30 2022)												
CMHC	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Unduplicated Count	964	808	811	870	886	806	760	705	680	657	599	601

Veteran and Active Duty Personnel Served by CMHC's												
Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30 2022)												
CMHC	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Unduplicated Count	3,380	3,191	3,055	3,301	3,327	3,124	2,893	2,737	2,744	2,541	2,355	2,372

Deaths By Suicide by CMHC

Kentucky's Community Mental Health Centers



	All	Year					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All	4,512	736	757	727	755	763	774
Age							
Adult	4,327	701	726	697	726	734	743
Youth	185	35	31	30	29	29	31
Race							
Black	229	30	33	35	42	38	51
Other	87	6	15	14	11	18	23
White	4,196	700	709	678	702	707	700
Ever Served							
No or not stated	3,812	612	630	624	630	652	664
Yes	700	124	127	103	125	111	110

KY Fatal Overdose Rate by Area Development District, 2010-2015

Figure 3: Veteran fatal overdose rate per 100,000

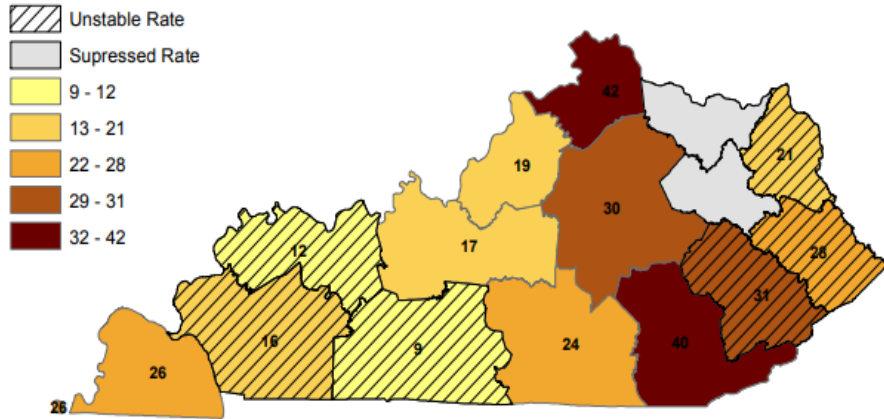
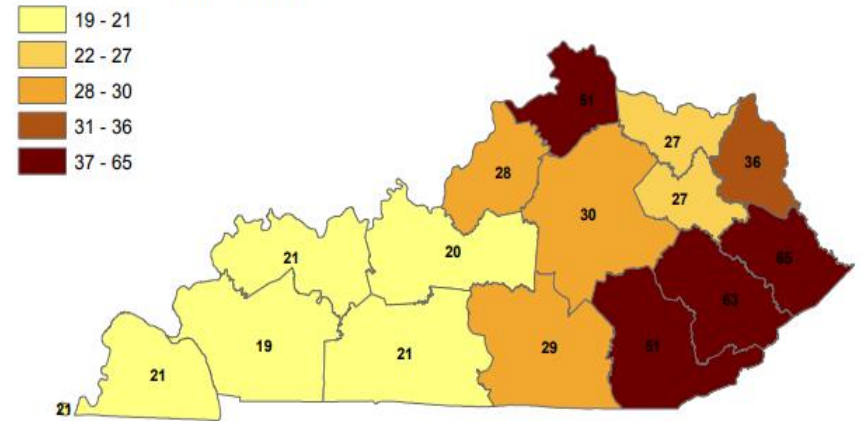


Figure 4: Non-veteran fatal overdose rate per 100,000



Kentucky Death Certificate Database, Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Data are provisional and subject to change.

KY Army National Guard Considerations

Why does understanding matter?

Regardless of where you are or what professional setting you are in, it is highly likely you will interact with Reserve military members and/or families.



Governor's Challenge 2022-2023 Highlights

- ❑ **Aug 2022**, The Governor's Challenge Executive Committee attended the Federal Governor Challenge Summit Washington D.C.



- ❑ **Mar 22-23, 2023** VA/SAMHSA Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among service members, Veterans, and their families Kentucky In-Person Site Visit

- ❑ **May 9-11, 2023**, Silas and Tim attended the Federal Governor Challenge Summit Washington D.C.

- ❑ **May 2023**, Bimonthly meetings were established



Governors Challenge 2022-2023 Highlights

❑ Short-term goals

- ❑ Train providers on military cultural competency and counseling on access to lethal means
- ❑ Training and handouts at gun shows

❑ Long-term goals

- ❑ Volunteers of America grant partnership on “safe place” branding
- ❑ Summit
- ❑ Target firearm retailers for promoting safe storage, suicide prevention trainings, and handouts with gunlocks
- ❑ Training on gun safety for younger people in schools



Next Steps

- Continue Bimonthly Meetings/Summit Planning
- Distribute material at June 27-29 VEAC
- Suicide Prevention Event with KDVA State Programs



- ❑ **FY2022/23:** Veterans Mental Health/Suicide Prevention – top five priority for KDVA
- ❑ **Fall 2022:** KDVA participated VISON #9 Virtual Mental Health Summit
- ❑ **Nov 2022:** Hired key leaders and coordinators in Office of Kentucky Veterans Services to provide wrap-around services for veterans
- ❑ **Mar 2023:** Commissioner Allen proxy for the Kentucky Judicial Committee on Mental Health
- ❑ **May 2023:** KDVA/CHFS expand partnerships through KDVA State Programs Division/TBI Division
- ❑ **May 31 – Jun 2, 2023:** KDVA host a veteran mental health breakout session during the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health.
- ❑ **Jun 6, 2023:** KDVA introduce VA Women Veterans Health Reengagement Training (heaRT) Outreach Team during KDVA 2023 Women Veterans State

❑ Next Steps:

- ❑ Joint partnership ventures with CHFS and Governor Challenge Team
- ❑ Schedule Wounded and Disable Veterans outreach activities and events
- ❑ Incorporate veteran suicide awareness and prevention in KDVA messaging – newsletter, social media platforms, etc.
- ❑ Continue work with Kentucky Judicial Committee on Mental Health
- ❑ VISN 9: VA Mid-South Healthcare Network Monthly Coordination Meeting w/ KY/TN Commissioners

- ❑ [VA Mental Health Services | Veterans Affairs](#)
- ❑ [Homeless Veteran Care | VA Louisville Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)
- ❑ **Community Mental Health Centers** <https://dbhdid.ky.gov/crisisnos.aspx>
- ❑ [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline | SAMHSA](#)
- ❑ [Substance Use Treatment For Veterans | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)
- ❑ [Veterans Treatment Court - Kentucky Court of Justice \(kycourts.gov\)](#)
- ❑ [Psycharmor](#)
- ❑ [Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors \(TAPS\) Is Here For You!](#)
- ❑ [Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives - Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear](#)
- ❑ [Suicide Prevention - Mental Health \(va.gov\)](#)

Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

<http://dbhdid.ky.gov>

Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF) Behavioral Health

Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual
Disabilities (DBHDID)

Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

www.veterans.ky.gov

Suicide Prevention Program Manager

VA Midsouth Healthcare Network (VISN 9)

- ❑ [Veterans Programs - Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- ❑ [Veterans Benefits - Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- ❑ <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyVeterans/>
- ❑ <https://veterans.ky.gov/Benefits/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❑ Local Religious Leaders and Organizations
- ❑ Local Veteran Support Organizations
- ❑ 2nd Chance initiative

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Questions??



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