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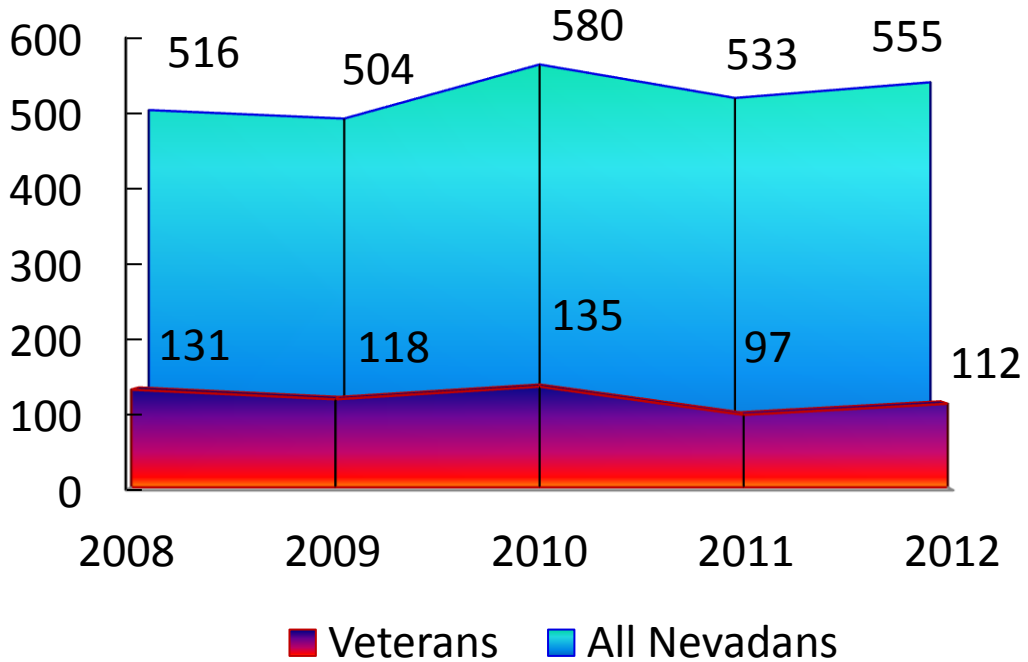
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## 2010-2012 Update to Suicide Mortality of Nevada Veterans



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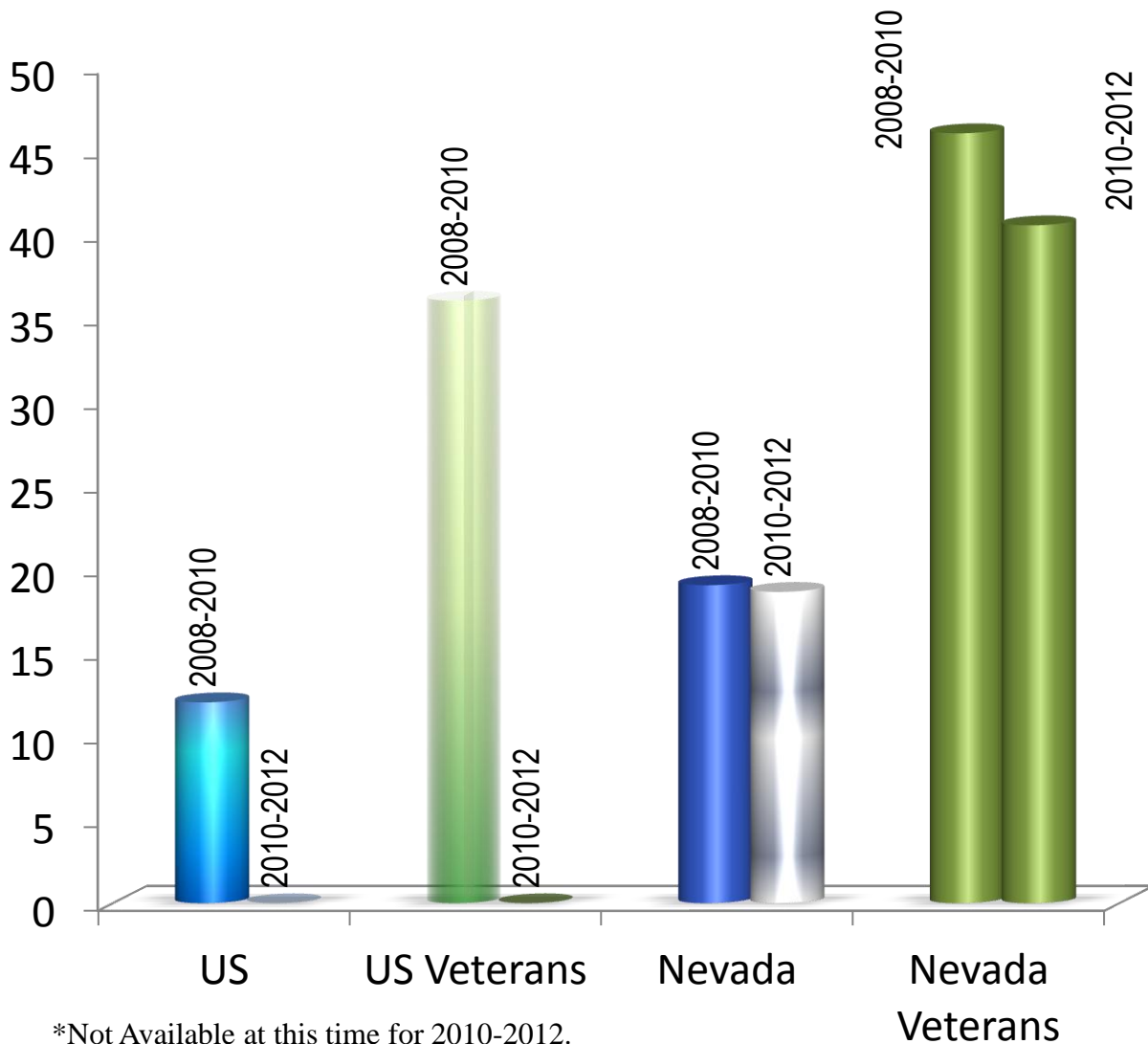
# Suicide Deaths by Veteran Status, Nevada 2008 – 2012\*



Nevada data for the most recent two years (2011-2012) provides reason for cautious optimism. Many veteran indicators have improved from the previous time period. However, caution must be exercised due to the relatively small numbers of events among some sub-groups can result in high variance of rates from year to year.

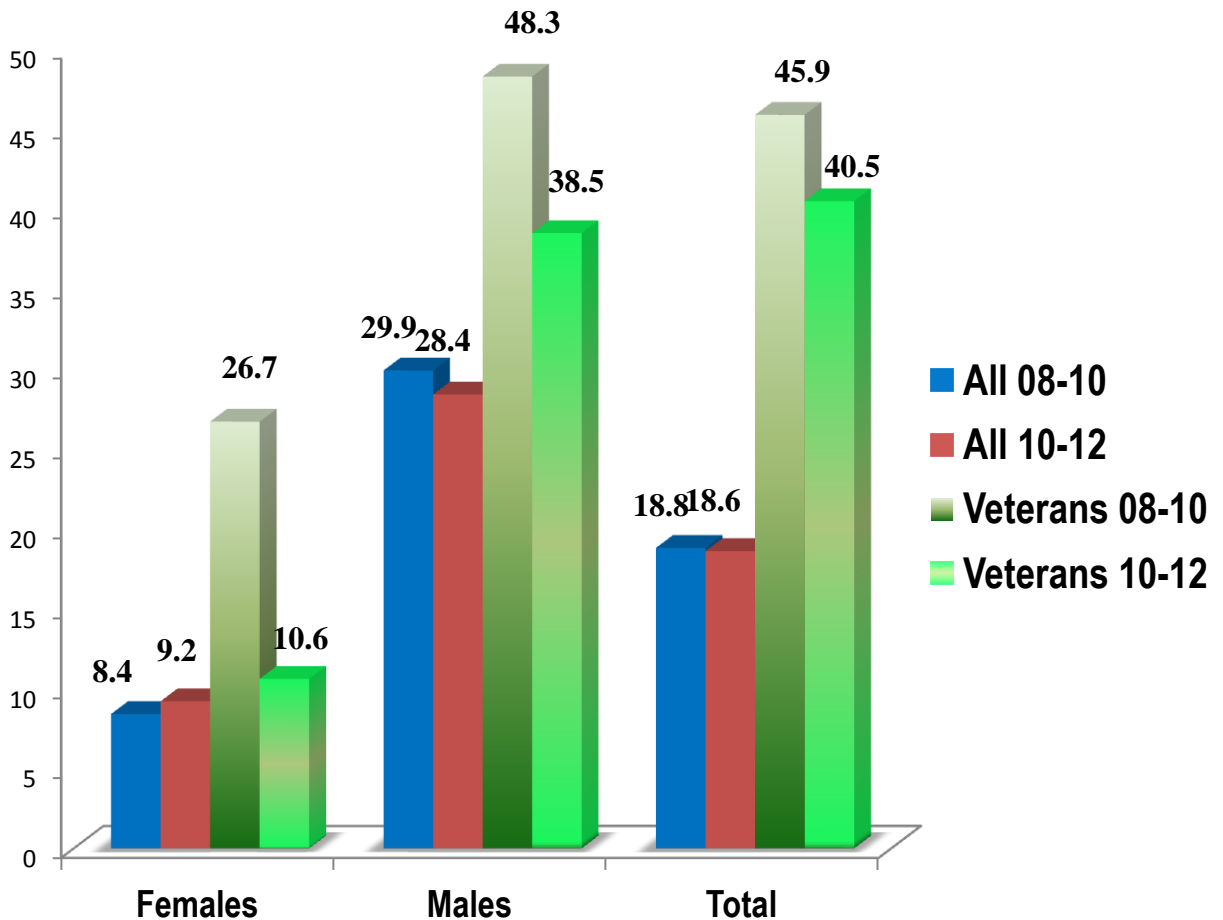
\*Data for 2011 & 12 is not final due to reporting delays on deaths of Nevada residents that occur outside of Nevada.

# Suicide In the Nation,\* Nevada, and Nevada Veterans, Aggregate Age-Adjusted Rates, 2008-2010 and 2010-2012



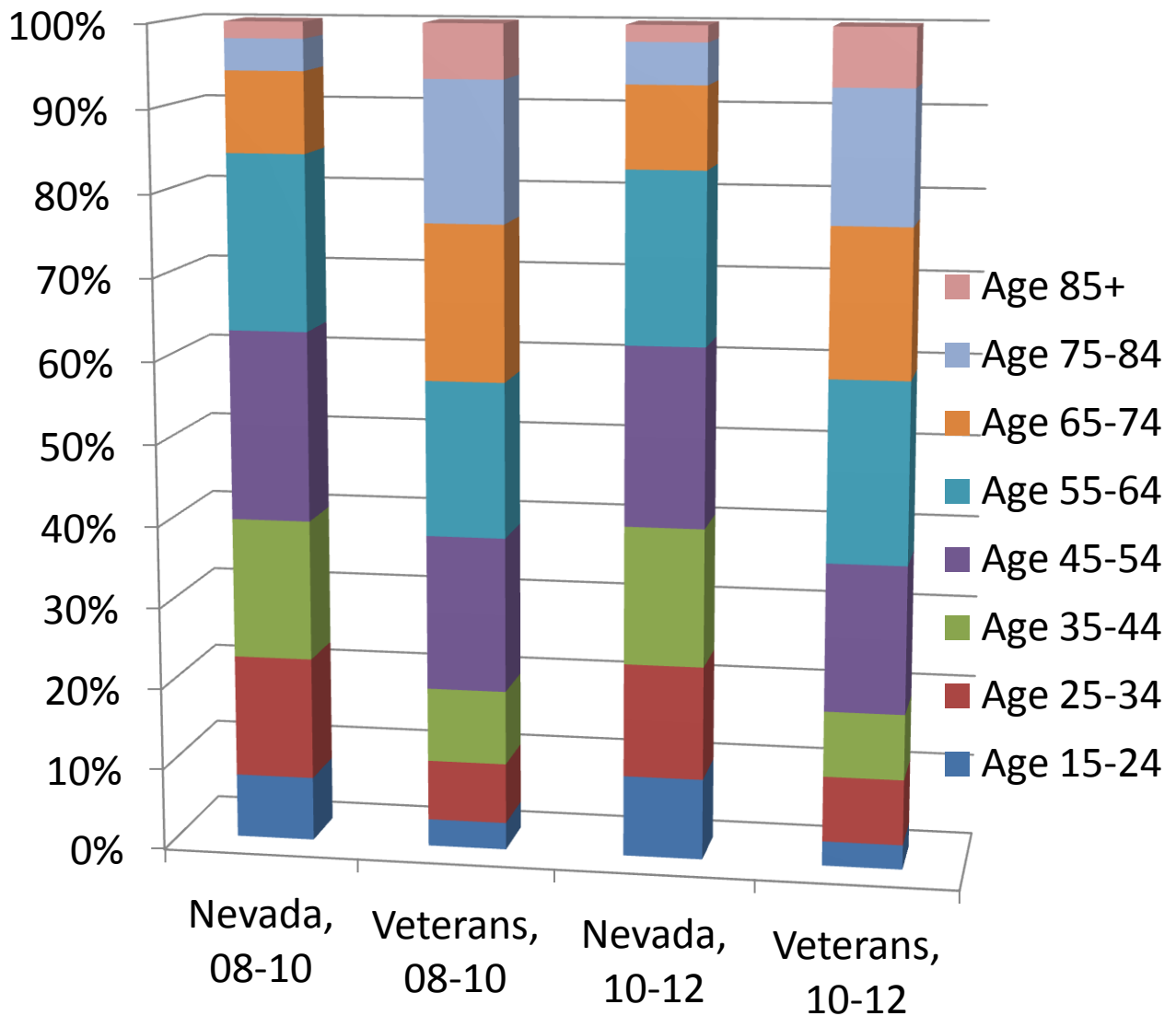
Data illustrated in the above chart indicates that the state experienced a slight decline in the suicide rate. Veterans experienced an even greater decline in rates.

# Suicide Rates by Gender and Veteran Status, Nevada, Aggregate 2008-2010 & 2010-2012



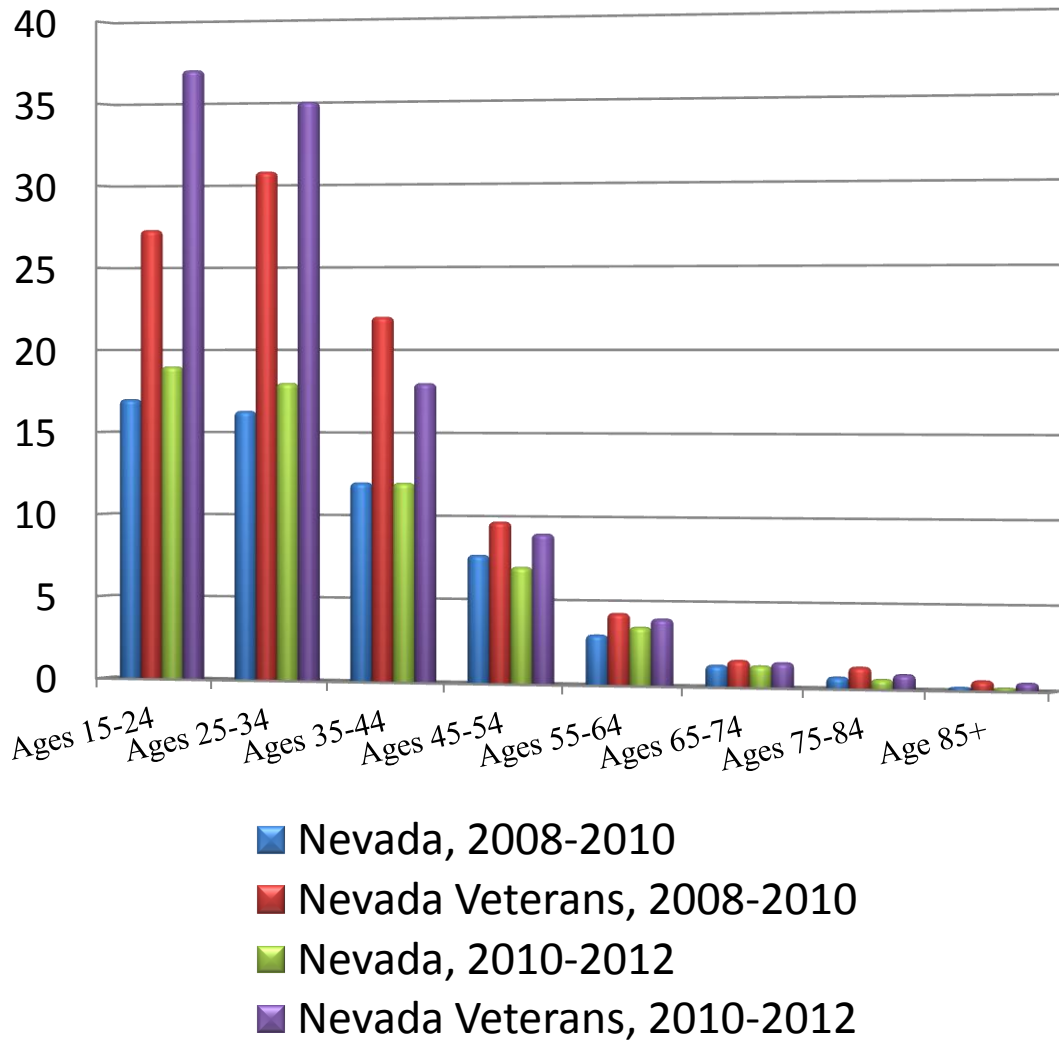
Female veterans had the most dramatic decline while all Nevada females saw a slight uptick. The decline in suicide death rates for female Nevada veterans may be over represented in this data due to extremely small number. More years of data will provide a stronger indication of overall trends.

# Percent of Suicides by Age and Veteran Status, 2008-2010; 2010-2012



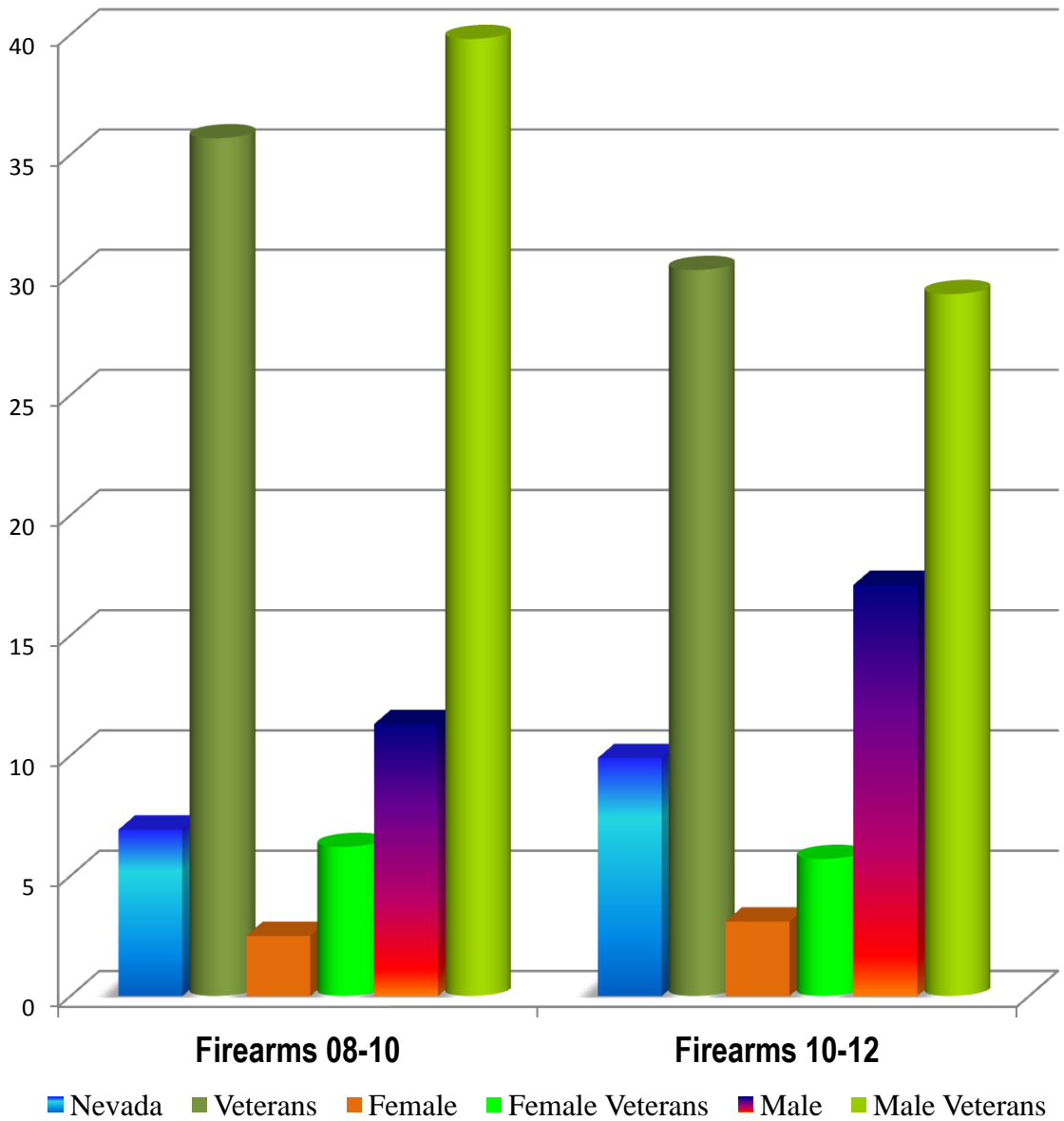
Changes in the data represented in the chart indicates that the majority of veteran suicides occurs in older individuals which differs from the population as a whole. The data is representative of the age of the majority of the veteran population.

# Suicide as a Percent of All Deaths by Veteran Status & Age Group, 2008-2010



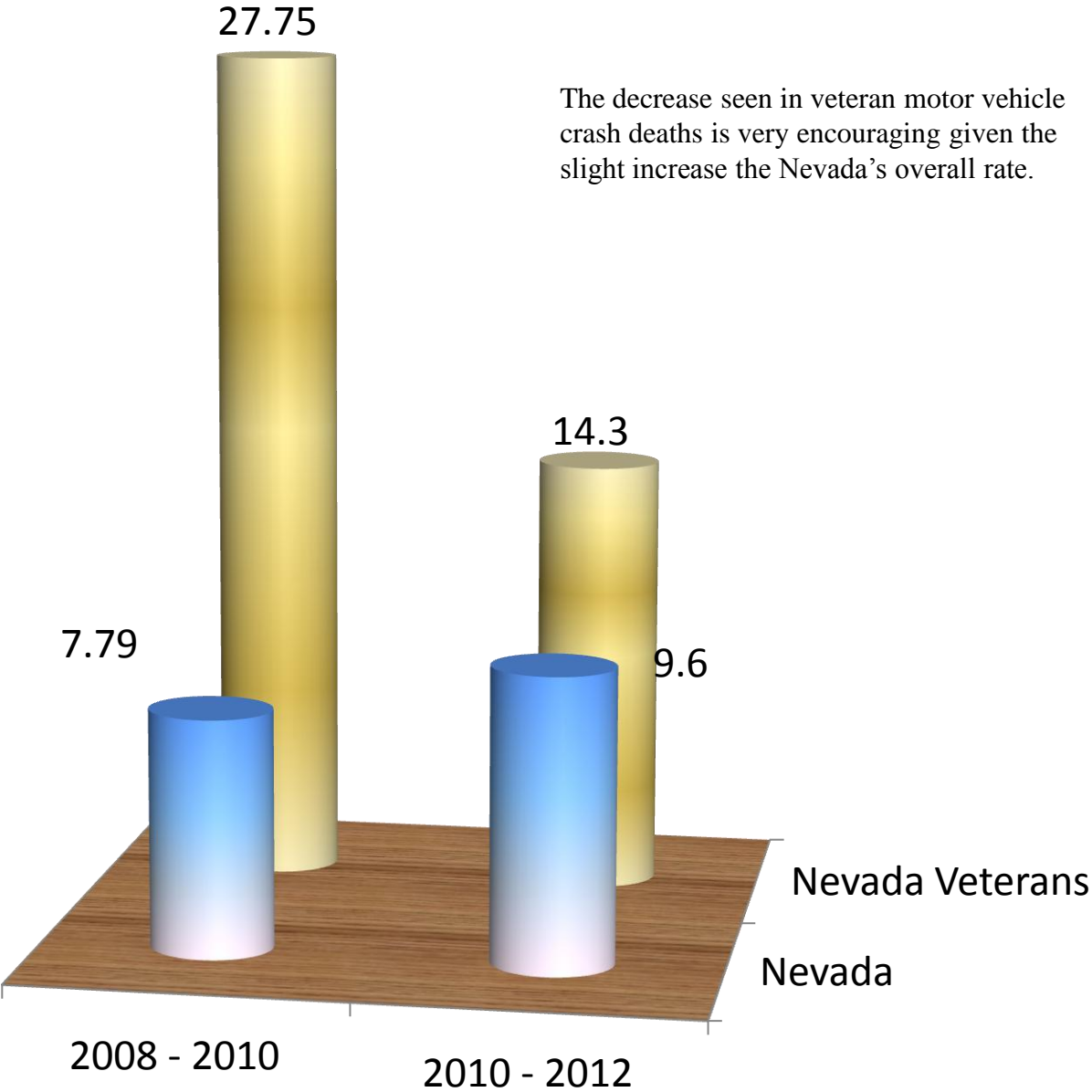
Significant disparities remain when veteran rates are compared to rates for age-cohort peers. The greatest disparities are among the younger age-cohorts. The differences between veterans and the general population becomes insignificant for the oldest age-cohorts.

# Suicide Rate by Firearms & Veteran Status, 2008-2010 and 2010-2012



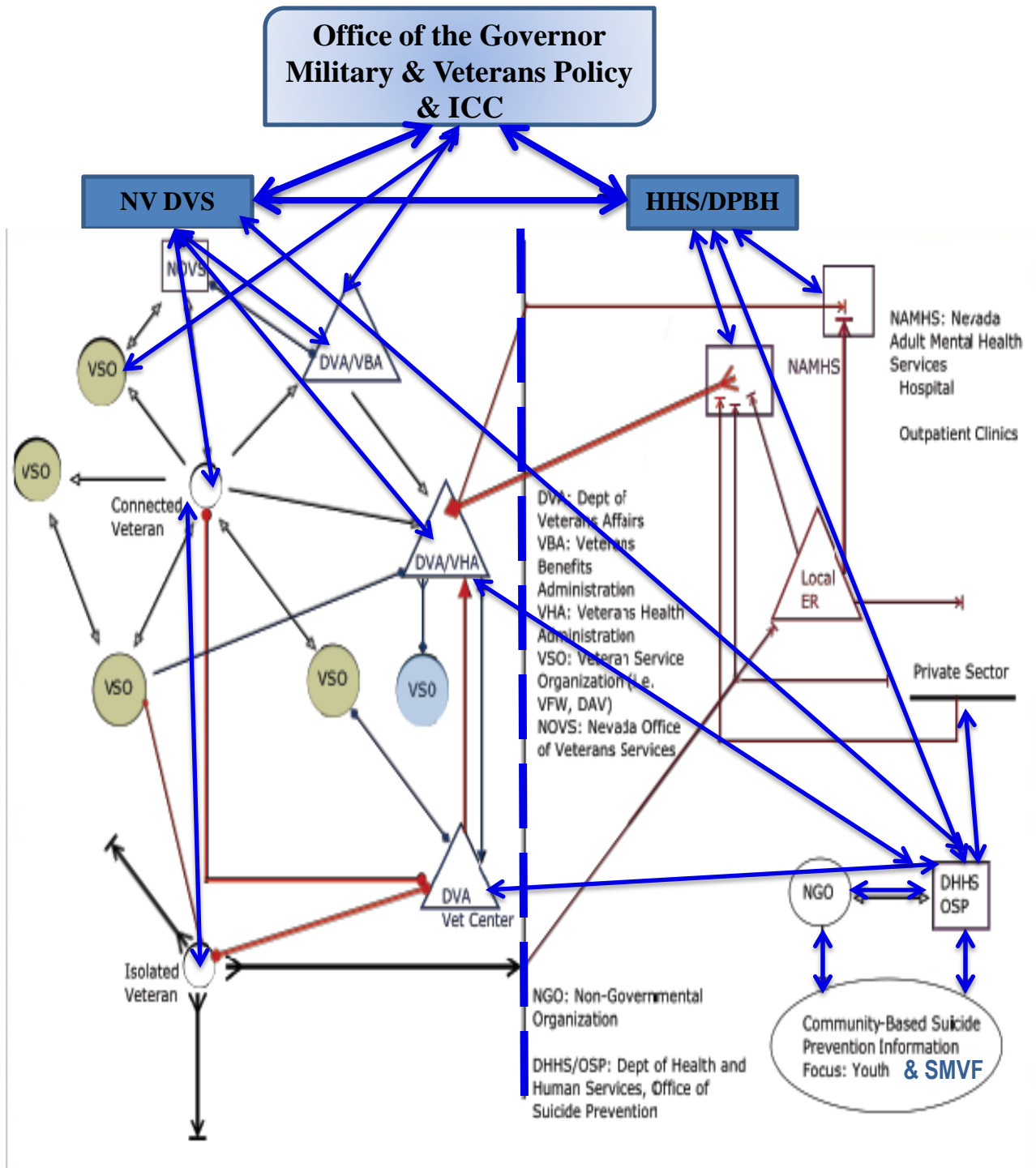
Firearms remain the method of choice for veterans, indicating a comfort with and access to firearms that exceeds non-veterans.

# Motor Vehicle Death Crash Rate by Veteran Status





# Updated View of Current System for Prevention of Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families



# Veteran Focused System

The diagram on the previous page shows changes and improvements in the service system in blue. New relationships and program capacities have been achieved in the last year. Nevada's suicide prevention community is no longer isolated from the issues surrounding veteran suicide. In fact, the Office for Suicide Prevention has become engaged as a leader in addressing prevention. The wall between the federal and state system is becoming more porous with increasing levels of collaboration.

