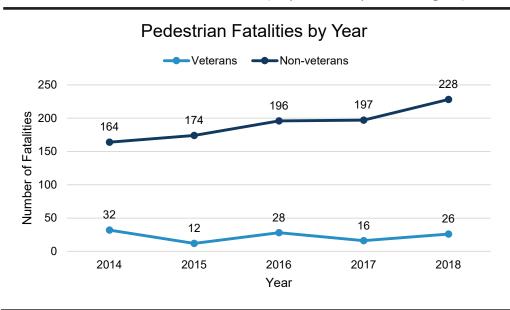
# Pedestrian Fatalities among Veterans in North Carolina

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In the United States (US), thousands of pedestrians are killed each year. Out of the 50 US states and the District of Columbia, North Carolina has the 13th highest pedestrian fatality rate at 2.2 deaths per 100,000 person-years [1]. In NC, veterans are overrepresented among pedestrian fatalities. The figures below display information comparing veteran pedestrian fatalities to non-veteran pedestrian fatalities.\* This analysis utilized NC death certificate data, which contains veteran status and educational attainment, unique in North Carolina among transportation data sources. The data displayed in this document were provided by the NC State Center for Health Statistics (https://schs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/).



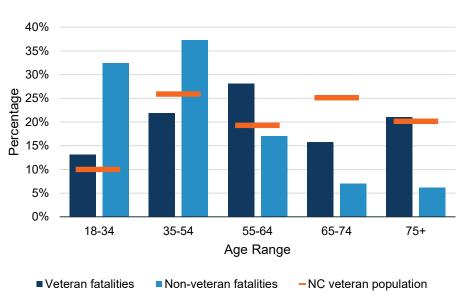
Veterans made up 10.6% of all NC pedestrian fatalities but only 8.6% of NC's population are veterans [2].

For the NC veteran population, 28.8% have some disability; in the general NC population, only 16.5% of people have a disability [3].

Among pedestrian fatalities 18 years of age and older, the median age of veteran fatalities was 60, while the median age among non-veterans was 44 years of age.

Veterans 55-64 years of age represent 19% of the veteran population in NC, but 28% of veteran pedestrian fatalities were in this age group.





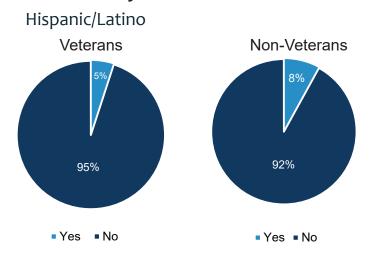
## **Gender Distribution**

Among veteran pedestrian fatalities, 93% were men and 7% were women.\*\* In contrast, among non-veteran pedestrian fatalities, 71% were men and 29% were women. In regard to age among veteran pedestrian fatalities, men had a higher median age. The median age of veterans who were men was 61 while the median age for women veterans was 39.

<sup>\*</sup>Observation counts: 114 veteran pedestrian fatalities and 853 non-veteran (greater than 18 years old) pedestrian fatalities. The non-veteran population data excludes 20 individuals whose veteran status was listed as unknown.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The observation count for men was 106, and for women it was 8.

# **Race/Ethnicity of Pedestrian Fatalities**



#### Veterans

Race	Percentage
White	60.5%
Black	34.2%
American Indian	1.8%
Other	3.5%

#### Non-Veterans

Race	Percentage
White	56.3%
Black	33.3%
American Indian	2.1%
Other	8.3%

### **Education Level of Pedestrian Fatalities**

