

**TABLE 2.** Leading Underlying Causes<sup>a</sup> of Death Among U.S. Army Active Duty Soldiers, 2014–2019 (n=2,530)

Subgroup <sup>b</sup>	Cause of Death <sup>c</sup>	Death Count (n)
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	Suicide by gunshot wound	538
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	401
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	214
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	211
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	130
Female	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	52
	Suicide by gunshot wound	37
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	30
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	16
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	14
<b>Age, y</b>		
17–24	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	215
	Suicide by gunshot wound	195
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	106
	Accidental overdose	44
	Homicide by gunshot wound	34
25–34	Suicide by gunshot wound	245
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	152
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	74
	Accidental overdose	48
	Homicide by gunshot wound	31
35–44	Suicide by gunshot wound	108
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	91
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	60
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	51
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	42
45–64	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	106
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	41
	Suicide by gunshot wound	27
	Other Illness <sup>g</sup>	22
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	19
<b>Race and ethnicity</b>		
White, non-Hispanic	Suicide by gunshot wound	383
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	252
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	162
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	145
	Accidental overdose	98
Black, non-Hispanic	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	100
	Suicide by gunshot wound	85
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	63
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	42
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	27
Hispanic	Suicide by gunshot wound	64
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	50
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	33
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	21
	Cardiovascular disease and events <sup>f</sup>	17
Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	Suicide by gunshot wound	19
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	16
	Neoplasm <sup>e</sup>	12
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	10
	Accidental drowning	5
American Indian/Alaskan Native, non-Hispanic	Suicide by gunshot wound	6
	Motor vehicle accident <sup>d</sup>	6
	Suicide by hanging / asphyxiation	2
	Homicide by gunshot wound	2
	Accidental overdose	1

Abbreviations: n, number; y, years.

<sup>a</sup> Cause of death based on the ICD-10 National Center for Health Statistics records and obtained from the Suicide Data Repository.<sup>b</sup> Information on demographic characteristics was obtained from the Defense Casualty Information Processing System or Defense Manpower Data Center.<sup>c</sup> Rank based on number of deaths.<sup>d</sup> Includes accidents involving heavy transport vehicles, buses, and individuals injured in collisions with motor vehicles, regardless of whether passenger, driver, or pedestrian.<sup>e</sup> Includes deaths directly attributed to primary or secondary neoplasms and complications of neoplasms.<sup>f</sup> Includes cardiac events, embolisms, aneurysms, strokes, and hemorrhages.<sup>g</sup> Includes diseases related to nervous system, respiratory system, digestive system, musculoskeletal system, mental and behavioral disorders, congenital malformations, blood, endocrine, skin, pregnancy, infections, surgical complications, and all other natural conditions.