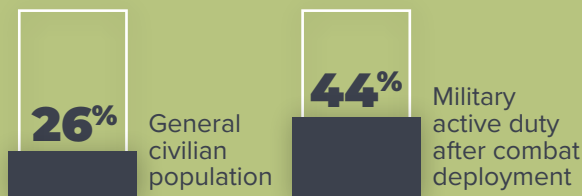


# ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN IN MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

Similar to the general population, military service members and Veterans can face challenges associated with acute and chronic pain. However, military service members are at greater risk for experiencing pain due to combat-related injuries and other occupational hazards. Delayed pain treatment following injury can increase the likelihood of acute pain becoming chronic pain in this special population.

## Prevalence of Chronic Pain



Pain conditions are associated with a greater risk of suicide.

In 2016  
the rate of  
suicide was



**1.4 x**  
higher among male  
Veterans compared  
with non-Veteran  
adult men, and



**1.8 x**  
higher among  
female Veterans  
compared with  
non-Veteran  
adult women.

## FULFILLING OUR SOLEMN OBLIGATION TO CARE FOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

Provide military service members and Veterans access to primary care clinicians, pain specialists, and mental health providers.

Streamline the transition from active duty to Veteran status.

