

Appendix

Exhibit A1 / Firearms, Firearm Storage Practice, Mental Health, and Health Care Needs Among Veterans in California, 2021

	Prevalence estimate	95% confidence interval (%)
≥1 Firearm in household~	38.1%	35.2–41.0
At least one firearm stored unlocked*	36.0%	28.1–43.9
At least one firearm stored loaded*	25.6%	17.8–33.5
At least one firearm stored loaded & unlocked*	13.9%	10.7–17.2
Serious psychological distress*	6.3%	3.8–8.8
Lifetime suicidal ideation*	14.1%	10.8–17.4
Past year suicidal ideation†	21.7%	12.6–30.8
Lifetime suicide attempt†	23.3%	12.7–33.7
Received care for mental health needs within an emergency department setting in past year*	24.4%	19.9–28.8
Reported needing professional help for an emotional, mental health, alcohol, or drug problem in past year*	18.0%	14.3–21.7
Received care from a primary care clinician for an emotional, mental health, alcohol, or drug problem in past year*	7.8%	5.1–10.5
Received care from an “other professional” for an emotional, mental health, alcohol, or drug problem in past year*	11.8%	8.3–15.4
~For comparison, 16.3% (15.7–17.0) of nonveteran adults in California resided in a household with at least one firearm. *Estimated among those who resided in households with at least one firearm † Estimated among those who resided in households with at least one firearm AND reported lifetime suicidal ideation		

Source: 2021 California Health Interview Survey