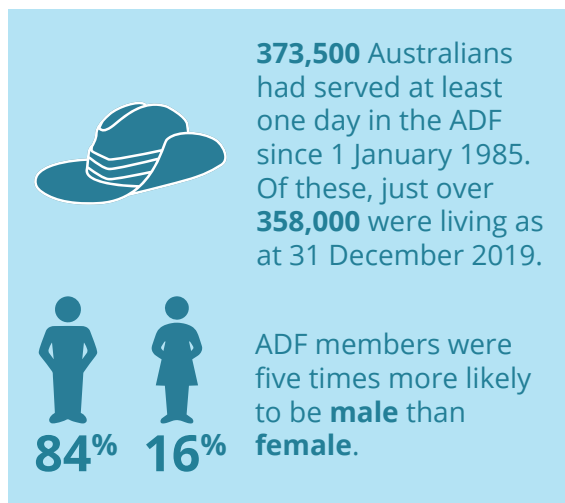
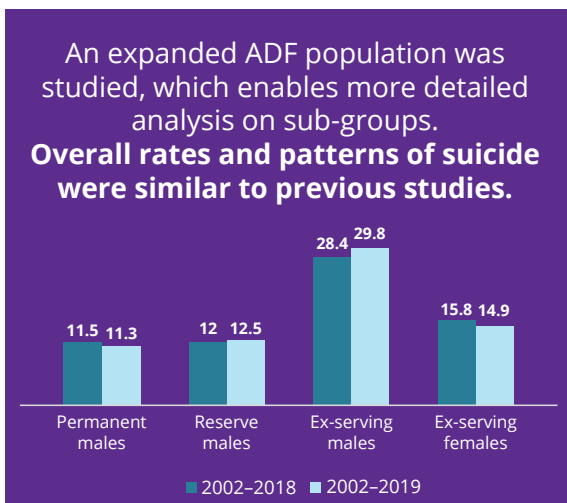


Serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members who have served since 1985: Suicide monitoring 2001 to 2019



1,273 certified suicide deaths between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2019 among those with at least one day of ADF service from 1985.

Permanent and **Reserve** males are about **half** as likely to die by suicide as Australian males.

Ex-serving **females** had a **lower** suicide rate than ex-serving males. However, it is **twice** as high as that for Australian females.

Ex-serving males aged **50 years and over** had a **lower** suicide rate than those under 50 years.

Ex-serving males who **separated voluntarily** had a **lower** rate of suicide than those who separated for involuntary medical reasons.

Ex-serving males who served in the **Air Force** had a **lower** suicide rate than those who served in the Navy or Army.

Ex-serving males who served for **20 years** or more had a rate of suicide about **one-third** the rate of those who served for less than a year.

Suicide rate for ex-serving males who separated as **commissioned officers** is about **half** the suicide rate of those who separated at all other ranks other than commissioned officers.

Source: AIHW analysis of linked Defence Historical Personnel data-PMKeyS-NDI data 1985-2019; Defence population snapshots, 2002-2019.

For more detail, see the full report, [Serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members who have served since 1985: suicide monitoring 2001 to 2019](#), which is available from the AIHW website.