

The homelessness-suicide link

- **Dr. Jack Tsai** with **Yale University** and the **VA New England Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center** led a study on the association between **suicide attempts** and **homelessness** in **Veterans** and **non-Veterans**.

- The study included data on more than **36,000 U.S. adults**.

- Among **non-Veterans**, there was a **fourfold higher likelihood** of **past suicide attempts** among those who had been **homeless**. Among **Veterans**, the association was even stronger, with an **eightfold higher likelihood**.

- The researchers concluded that “**strategies to synergize homeless and suicide prevention services**, particularly in the **Veterans Health Administration**, may benefit high-risk individuals.”

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