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.”