

The Chart Page

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America's Living Military Veterans

(in thousands)

YEAR AND STATE OR OTHER AREA	Total veterans ¹	WAR VETERANS							Service between Korea and Vietnam only	Post-Vietnam ⁵
		Total ²	World War I	World War II ³	Korean conflict		Vietnam era			
					Total ^{3,4}	No service in World War II	Total ⁴	No service in Korean conflict		
1970	26,976	23,160	1,425	13,887	5,440	4,167	4,100	3,618	3,173	—
1980	28,640	23,965	461	11,720	5,434	4,331	8,118	7,453	3,086	1,120
1981	28,563	23,716	404	11,491	5,393	4,308	8,175	7,513	3,076	1,320
1982	28,399	23,421	348	11,241	5,346	4,280	8,210	7,551	3,064	1,479
1983	28,202	23,109	297	10,978	5,294	4,249	8,238	7,584	3,051	1,623
1984	28,027	22,782	250	10,700	5,237	4,215	8,263	7,616	3,037	1,803
1985	27,732	22,274	206	10,346	5,135	4,143	8,215	7,578	3,009	2,058
1986	27,682 ⁶	22,017 ⁶	171	10,076	5,105	4,134	8,264	7,636	3,004	2,283
1987, total	27,469	21,646	140	9,765	5,034	4,089	8,270	7,652	2,987	2,473
United States	27,344	21,551	140	9,736	5,000	4,058	8,236	7,619	2,975	2,456
Alabama	406	319	2	142	84	67	122	108	43	36
Alaska	71	56	*	14	11	9	34	32	9	6
Arizona	407	324	2	154	75	55	129	113	39	39
Arkansas	267	208	2	98	47	36	80	71	28	27
California	2,844	2,281	14	1,017	574	428	905	820	309	211
Colorado	398	313	2	115	75	58	154	139	44	37
Connecticut	393	314	2	150	74	62	104	99	46	28
Delaware	78	61	*	28	14	11	23	21	8	8
District of Columbia	58	46	*	22	12	9	15	14	5	6
Florida	1,477	1,201	11	654	282	195	404	341	125	124
Georgia	651	500	2	198	121	94	231	206	69	72
Hawaii	101	80	2	32	21	16	37	32	11	9
Idaho	117	91	1	38	20	16	39	36	13	11
Illinois	1,254	986	6	451	218	193	345	336	147	105
Indiana	647	490	3	206	111	98	189	183	75	74
Iowa	335	265	3	110	58	53	102	100	35	32
Kansas	286	230	2	103	52	43	89	82	31	22
Kentucky	368	291	2	129	67	57	110	103	40	31
Louisiana	432	337	2	148	76	61	137	126	46	42
Maine	154	121	1	54	28	23	47	44	16	15
Maryland	530	415	2	183	105	81	164	149	60	49
Massachusetts	685	547	4	275	125	104	172	163	76	55
Michigan	1,023	782	5	326	168	152	306	299	117	113
Minnesota	495	386	3	155	86	76	156	152	60	44
Mississippi	234	183	1	88	46	36	66	58	24	22
Missouri	633	498	4	221	117	98	186	175	68	59
Montana	106	84	1	34	18	15	36	34	12	9
Nebraska	186	147	1	62	36	31	57	53	21	17
Nevada	137	109	*	46	29	22	47	41	17	11
New Hampshire	141	110	1	46	26	21	46	43	16	14
New Jersey	887	706	4	357	164	141	214	204	104	64
New Mexico	172	135	1	57	32	24	59	53	16	18
New York	1,858	1,462	10	731	322	287	444	433	205	163
North Carolina	682	538	3	244	127	104	207	187	69	65
North Dakota	72	56	*	21	12	11	24	23	9	7
Ohio	1,302	1,007	6	458	217	191	365	353	144	136
Oklahoma	401	322	2	136	74	57	138	126	41	32
Oregon	350	278	2	117	57	46	118	112	39	29
Pennsylvania	1,524	1,209	7	601	262	225	389	375	171	125
Rhode Island	120	97	1	49	22	18	32	30	11	10
South Carolina	351	275	1	120	68	52	118	101	36	35
South Dakota	79	62	1	26	15	14	22	21	9	8
Tennessee	524	410	2	177	92	77	167	154	56	51
Texas	1,785	1,401	7	574	322	249	632	572	191	169
Utah	154	124	1	51	28	22	53	50	17	12
Vermont	64	48	*	20	11	9	20	19	7	7
Virginia	669	523	2	229	144	103	225	189	71	66
Washington	591	469	3	188	113	83	217	195	66	50
West Virginia	224	178	1	83	38	32	66	62	23	20
Wisconsin	565	432	4	180	93	83	169	165	72	56
Wyoming	59	47	*	16	10	9	23	22	7	5
Puerto Rico	125	95	*	30	35	32	35	33	12	17

*Fewer than 500. ¹Beginning 1980, includes peacetime veterans not shown separately, who served only between World War I and World War II, and those who served only between World War II and the Korean conflict. ²Veterans who served in both World War II and the Korean conflict, or in both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war, are counted only once. ³Includes 945,000 who served in both World War II and the Korean conflict. ⁴Includes 618,000 who served in both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war. ⁵Service only after May 7, 1975. ⁶There are also 3 living Spanish-American War veterans, whose median age is 102 years, and 60 living Mexican Border conflict veterans.

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