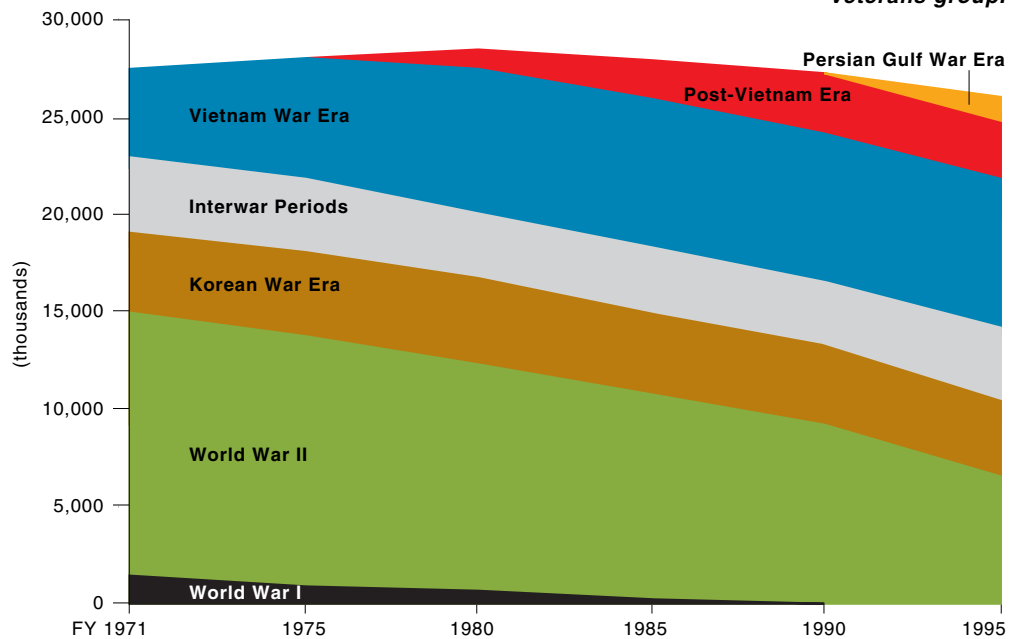


Here's a statistical profile of Americans who have served in the armed forces.

# VETERANS

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*The population of US military veterans has been shrinking for fifteen years. After peaking in 1980 at nearly twenty-nine million, the number has fallen to about twenty-six million. In 1994, Vietnam War Era servicemen and -women became the largest single veterans group.*



**World War I** April 1917 to November 1918

**World War II** December 1941 to September 1945.

**Korean War Era** June 1950 to January 1955

**Vietnam War Era** August 1964 to May 1975

**Post-Vietnam Era** May 1975 to August 1990

**Desert Storm Era** August 1990 to 1995

Figures for these periods denote those members having no prior service. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are counted only once.

**Interwar Period 1** November 1918 to December 1941

**IP 2** September 1945 to June 1950

**IP 3** January 1955 to August 1964

Figures for these periods denote those members who served *only* between these dates.

Information in this section was derived from the Department of Veterans Affairs publications, "Trend Data" and "National Survey of Veterans," unless otherwise noted. Numbers in this section may not sum to totals because of rounding or different cutoff dates.

## US Veterans 1971–95

(thousands)

Fiscal Year	World War I	World War II	Korean War Era	Interwar Periods 1, 2, 3	Vietnam War Era	Post-Vietnam War Era	Persian Gulf War Era	Total
1971	1,306	13,713	4,225	3,791	4,488	0	0	27,523
1972	1,192	13,532	4,275	3,766	5,192	0	0	27,956
1973	1,084	13,343	4,324	3,741	5,634	0	0	28,125
1974	981	13,147	4,365	3,716	6,009	0	0	28,218
1975	884	12,943	4,392	3,692	6,370	0	0	28,281
1976	793	12,733	4,395	3,667	6,740	77	0	28,405
1977	686	12,451	4,385	3,635	7,078	292	0	28,526
1978	605	12,216	4,371	3,609	7,245	500	0	28,546
1979	530	11,972	4,352	3,582	7,367	801	0	28,605
1980	493	11,841	4,340	3,568	7,409	989	0	28,640
1981	426	11,628	4,330	3,416	7,472	1,247	0	28,519
1982	365	11,404	4,315	3,390	7,513	1,444	0	28,432
1983	310	11,171	4,298	3,364	7,542	1,631	0	28,316
1984	261	10,927	4,277	3,338	7,568	1,835	0	28,207
1985	217	10,673	4,254	3,312	7,590	2,029	0	28,075
1986	178	10,410	4,226	3,284	7,612	2,235	0	27,946
1987	144	10,137	4,196	3,254	7,628	2,444	0	27,803
1988	113	9,854	4,162	3,225	7,645	2,651	0	27,650
1989	86	9,561	4,125	3,194	7,666	2,866	0	27,497
1990	63	9,258	4,084	3,162	7,681	3,072	0	27,320
1991	45	8,841	4,016	3,124	7,697	3,067	363	27,152
1992	34	8,499	3,958	3,092	7,718	3,060	618	26,980
1993	25	8,150	3,897	3,059	7,740	3,054	863	26,789
1994	19	7,029	3,832	3,790	7,750	3,048	1,035	26,503
1995	13	6,698	3,764	3,723	7,753	3,041	1,206	26,198

## Veterans by Service Branch

*The VA attributes to the services these percentages of the total veteran population, using data from the 1990 US census. The numbers of veterans in this table are estimates, derived from VA percentages, and show the likely composition of the veteran population in Fiscal 1995.*

Service	Number	Percent of Total
Army	13,518,168	51.6
Navy	6,130,332	23.4
Air Force	4,060,690	15.5
Marine Corps	2,122,038	8.1
Coast Guard	366,772	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,198,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Growth of the Retired Force

Veterans Receiving Military Pay, 1971–95

Fiscal Year	Air Force	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Total
1971	251,331	297,653	230,696	42,955	822,635
1975	363,701	354,031	272,381	53,810	1,043,923
1980	452,821	424,898	322,547	64,259	1,264,525
1985	501,319	456,960	347,584	67,904	1,373,767
1990	538,622	489,310	370,621	73,576	1,472,129
1995	581,873	536,739	402,350	82,146	1,603,108

*Today, more than 1.5 million veterans receive retired pay, reflecting two factors: maintenance of a large, standing military during the long Cold War period and creation in 1973 of the All-Volunteer Force, both of which stimulated the growth of a large career enlisted force. The Air Force has for twenty years had the largest retired force, reflecting the fact that more USAF personnel stay for a full twenty-year career.*

Source: FY 1994 DoD Statistical Report on the Military Retirement System

## Federal Spending on Veterans

Department of Veterans Affairs Outlays in Constant 1995 Dollars (thousands)

Fiscal Year	Medical Programs	Compensation, Pensions	Vocational Rehabilitation, Education	Construction	General Operating Expenses	Other	Total
1971	\$7,514,012	\$21,541,356	\$6,212,927	\$320,179	\$978,924	\$6,951,656	\$43,519,054
1972	8,606,105	22,034,039	7,124,354	400,648	1,059,202	7,164,051	46,388,398
1973	9,092,970	22,053,293	9,216,253	326,366	1,088,441	6,186,887	47,964,210
1974	9,107,640	20,445,740	9,858,200	337,608	1,063,140	6,304,927	47,117,255
1975	9,859,535	20,915,283	12,467,110	347,667	1,242,598	6,164,758	50,996,952
1976	10,265,788	20,892,226	13,713,431	510,209	1,239,936	5,560,985	52,182,575
1977	11,444,918	22,318,603	9,732,729	573,932	1,312,906	5,630,018	51,013,106
1978	11,940,954	22,102,095	7,816,276	584,620	1,344,519	5,150,416	48,938,880
1979	11,713,810	21,668,056	5,774,031	534,231	1,313,539	5,553,632	46,557,299
1980	11,173,909	20,426,877	4,345,679	555,443	1,119,358	5,263,143	42,884,408
1981	11,017,801	20,496,085	3,841,186	685,307	1,052,234	5,162,345	42,254,957
1982	11,592,932	20,718,616	2,794,629	711,085	1,042,115	5,638,103	42,497,480
1983	12,288,029	20,959,497	2,575,558	675,977	1,058,369	4,984,283	42,541,713
1984	12,360,557	20,165,380	2,070,625	708,314	1,021,560	5,997,185	42,323,620
1985	13,068,675	19,881,569	1,649,052	788,462	1,083,564	5,111,816	41,583,137
1986	12,994,037	19,771,893	1,495,255	788,649	1,023,981	6,406,027	42,479,843
1987	13,249,714	19,105,403	1,135,994	790,008	1,026,134	7,370,420	42,677,672
1988	13,475,021	19,276,330	940,037	851,050	1,022,877	2,791,376	38,356,690
1989	13,205,427	18,446,597	724,232	864,032	942,005	2,738,675	36,920,967
1990	13,505,177	17,110,790	526,850	770,843	945,329	953,870	33,812,860
1991	13,955,528	17,992,353	605,677	680,739	988,606	703,802	34,926,704
1992	15,006,060	17,686,073	754,746	694,153	999,848	1,683,091	36,823,972
1993	15,390,663	17,792,582	909,743	655,315	952,944	1,671,539	37,372,785
1994	15,867,702	18,774,162	1,151,060	714,572	931,734	1,021,727	38,460,957
1995	16,255,259	17,938,665	1,107,786	640,719	953,896	872,974	37,769,299

### Medical Programs

VA Outlays in Constant 1995 Dollars (thousands)

Fiscal Year	Medical Care	Medical and Prosthetic Research	Administration and Other	Total
1971	\$7,200,463	\$237,590	\$75,959	\$7,514,012
1972	8,273,300	251,420	81,385	8,606,105
1973	8,737,864	269,144	85,962	9,092,970
1974	8,759,513	252,193	95,935	9,107,640
1975	9,484,319	271,360	103,856	9,859,535
1976	9,914,908	261,667	89,212	10,265,788
1977	11,072,267	273,478	99,173	11,444,918
1978	11,566,265	274,794	99,894	11,940,954
1979	11,352,860	263,608	97,343	11,713,810
1980	10,833,439	253,456	87,014	11,173,909
1981	10,693,499	238,718	85,584	11,017,801
1982	11,288,197	217,809	86,926	11,592,932
1983	11,955,293	246,580	86,155	12,288,029
1984	11,985,239	279,131	96,187	12,360,557
1985	12,656,935	318,547	93,193	13,068,675
1986	12,662,165	257,026	74,846	12,994,037
1987	12,917,773	275,608	56,333	13,249,714
1988	13,163,416	258,582	53,023	13,475,021
1989	12,922,708	227,297	55,422	13,205,427
1990	13,211,182	240,864	53,131	13,505,177
1991	13,663,099	238,775	53,654	13,955,528
1992	14,736,561	219,595	49,904	15,006,060
1993	15,066,637	259,301	64,725	15,390,663
1994	15,544,311	247,671	75,721	15,867,702
1995	15,933,320	251,101	70,838	16,255,259

## Disability Compensation

VA Outlays in Constant 1995 Dollars (thousands)

Fiscal Year	World War I	World War II	Korean War	Vietnam War	All Others	Total
1971	\$590,992	\$6,236,291	\$1,297,631	\$1,337,158	\$808,010	\$10,270,082
1972	520,264	6,031,369	1,281,826	1,583,932	796,950	10,214,340
1973	482,267	6,199,522	1,333,830	1,837,463	832,536	10,685,619
1974	402,945	5,700,428	1,251,179	1,828,741	972,828	10,156,121
1975	377,493	5,931,836	1,313,705	2,095,999	1,037,717	10,756,749
1976	343,834	5,942,506	1,332,258	2,281,304	1,065,956	10,965,858
1977	312,669	6,258,366	1,425,491	2,630,972	1,197,087	11,824,585
1978	273,792	6,165,877	1,417,009	2,737,924	1,273,290	11,867,893
1979	229,954	5,942,068	1,387,442	2,772,439	1,327,114	11,659,018
1980	191,957	5,635,539	1,327,530	2,766,561	1,367,189	11,288,777
1981	169,308	5,688,116	1,348,834	2,930,950	1,496,529	11,633,738
1982	146,867	5,741,026	1,378,751	3,094,132	1,619,255	11,980,031
1983	126,109	5,755,130	1,397,767	3,244,483	1,728,178	12,251,667
1984	99,744	5,431,238	1,335,474	3,195,322	1,732,982	11,794,760
1985	81,245	5,279,011	1,314,832	3,246,306	1,791,990	11,713,385
1986	65,500	5,129,411	1,301,977	3,310,102	1,844,267	11,651,257
1987	50,917	4,845,347	1,261,781	3,318,637	1,824,816	11,301,498
1988	39,614	4,795,341	1,259,968	3,450,125	1,884,233	11,429,281
1989	29,348	4,420,049	1,211,285	3,429,653	1,893,060	10,983,394
1990	21,574	3,110,868	1,184,704	3,484,187	1,920,313	9,721,646
1991	15,750	4,017,682	1,153,978	3,583,454	1,984,603	10,755,468
1992	11,226	3,926,619	1,142,004	3,749,937	2,066,546	10,896,333
1993	8,604	3,911,018	1,158,603	3,777,473	2,258,052	11,113,750
1994	6,130	3,635,960	1,147,869	4,121,768	3,556,422	12,468,148
1995	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Disability Pensions

VA Outlays in Constant 1995 Dollars (thousands)

Fiscal Year	World War I	World War II	Korean War	Vietnam War	All Others	Total
1971	\$2,930,897	\$2,089,570	\$160,569	\$12,854	\$22,871	\$5,216,761
1972	2,722,885	2,425,960	195,214	20,078	19,539	5,383,676
1973	2,298,096	2,513,773	216,024	26,238	14,375	5,068,505
1974	1,852,699	2,448,144	220,754	30,010	9,722	4,561,329
1975	1,574,476	2,583,984	251,350	38,092	7,631	4,455,533
1976	1,297,959	2,652,288	280,074	44,605	5,506	4,280,432
1977	1,293,768	2,925,139	339,344	60,824	4,381	4,623,456
1978	1,163,170	2,907,867	360,241	69,538	3,394	4,504,210
1979	1,003,812	3,024,443	404,135	78,690	2,796	4,513,876
1980	801,395	2,795,273	426,269	94,482	1,596	4,119,015
1981	677,781	2,740,112	460,486	110,947	1,217	3,990,543
1982	580,349	2,673,131	493,938	130,158	865	3,878,441
1983	495,306	2,642,789	525,942	149,187	664	3,813,888
1984	411,361	2,538,939	542,944	161,421	552	3,655,216
1985	347,347	2,437,508	548,823	167,294	513	3,501,485
1986	295,593	2,392,239	569,076	179,223	452	3,436,584
1987	242,936	2,264,468	577,330	188,559	474	3,273,767
1988	201,721	2,255,027	611,234	210,633	704	3,279,319
1989	158,208	2,098,407	614,133	221,194	615	3,092,556
1990	124,107	2,110,211	630,935	243,629	864	3,109,746
1991	91,330	1,969,462	644,612	270,569	1,215	2,977,189
1992	65,156	1,621,310	658,080	292,436	768	2,637,751
1993	37,535	1,552,286	588,152	324,312	36,374	2,538,660
1994	24,261	1,318,966	584,008	383,359	41,527	2,352,121
1995	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Disabled Veterans

### Those Receiving Compensation for Service-Related Disabilities

Fiscal Year	World War I	World War II	Korean War	Vietnam War	All Others	Total
1971	78,261	1,395,911	239,606	244,567	187,740	2,146,085
1972	71,151	1,372,083	240,325	308,812	189,838	2,182,209
1973	65,163	1,351,425	240,756	354,062	191,635	2,203,041
1974	59,148	1,329,774	240,406	388,851	192,577	2,210,756
1975	54,679	1,308,914	240,038	422,536	194,002	2,220,169
1976	49,934	1,288,457	239,780	458,111	195,931	2,232,213
1977	43,131	1,261,159	239,204	496,815	207,006	2,247,315
1978	38,166	1,240,788	238,464	519,142	222,230	2,258,790
1979	34,217	1,217,522	237,102	537,208	240,194	2,266,243
1980	29,720	1,193,196	235,654	553,326	261,693	2,273,589
1981	25,417	1,167,481	233,820	568,234	284,118	2,279,070
1982	21,556	1,140,144	231,475	579,451	302,008	2,274,634
1983	18,078	1,110,971	228,651	587,032	318,603	2,263,335
1984	15,078	1,080,364	225,542	594,938	334,860	2,250,782
1985	12,293	1,048,976	222,630	603,889	352,489	2,240,277
1986	9,870	1,015,380	220,155	612,937	366,947	2,225,289
1987	7,894	981,534	217,743	623,430	381,702	2,212,303
1988	6,106	946,767	214,981	633,068	397,935	2,198,857
1989	4,631	911,791	211,804	642,642	420,681	2,191,549
1990	3,444	876,359	208,517	651,756	444,186	2,184,262
1991	2,620	841,143	205,384	661,884	468,091	2,179,122
1992	1,928	805,212	201,961	671,480	500,355	2,180,936
1993	1,372	768,618	198,492	682,352	546,801	2,197,635
1994	927	730,724	194,577	693,811	597,869	2,217,908
1995	602	691,942	190,531	704,785	647,815	2,235,675

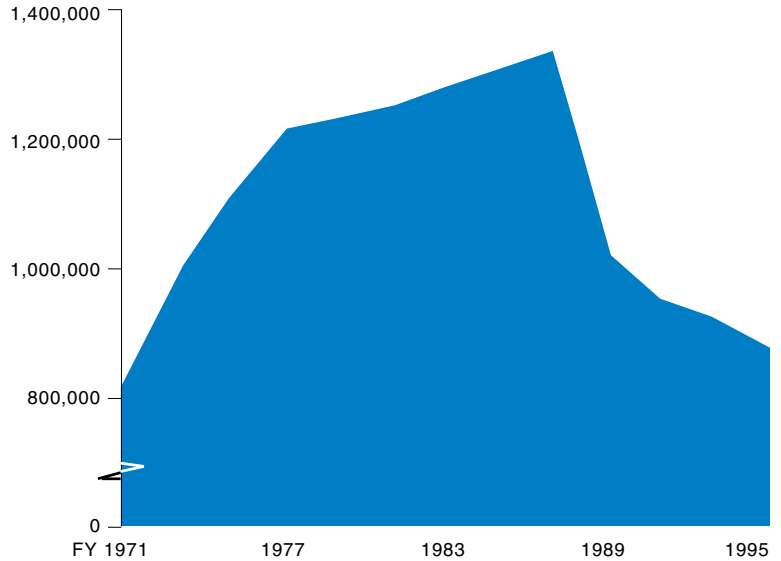
## Educational Assistance Veterans Enrolled in Federal Programs

Fiscal Year	Post-Korean War Veterans Education Program	Post-Vietnam War Veterans Education Program	Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty Only	Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve Only	Total
1971	1,584,866	0	0	0	1,584,866
1972	1,864,158	0	0	0	1,864,158
1973	2,125,595	0	0	0	2,125,595
1974	2,358,603	0	0	0	2,358,603
1975	2,691,566	0	0	0	2,691,566
1976	2,821,514	0	0	0	2,821,514
1977	1,937,874	0	0	0	1,937,874
1978	1,521,840	37	0	0	1,521,877
1979	1,278,538	456	0	0	1,278,994
1980	1,106,889	1,947	0	0	1,108,836
1981	948,526	8,324	0	0	956,850
1982	777,686	11,156	0	0	788,842
1983	644,390	29,508	0	0	673,898
1984	528,468	38,310	0	0	566,778
1985	402,281	48,110	0	0	450,391
1986	307,637	63,221	0	31,678	402,536
1987	238,798	76,726	130	52,459	368,113
1988	202,769	87,486	5,599	72,846	368,700
1989	163,912	83,787	23,830	90,584	362,113
1990	86,225	70,870	101,781	102,233	361,109
1991	0	56,186	143,431	102,323	301,940
1992	0	44,901	194,948	114,269	354,118
1993	0	35,118	246,057	110,457	391,632
1994	0	25,529	284,108	103,061	412,698
1995	0	18,347	291,958	94,900	405,205

## Patients

### Veterans Treated in VA Hospitals and Other Medical Facilities

Fiscal Year	VA Hospitals	Other Care	Total Veteran Patients
1971	818,579	93,763	912,342
1972	846,298	97,891	944,189
1973	985,351	96,614	1,081,965
1974	1,043,293	97,457	1,140,750
1975	1,113,873	106,234	1,220,107
1976	1,178,894	108,231	1,287,125
1977	1,209,763	113,010	1,322,773
1978	1,228,755	113,409	1,342,164
1979	1,230,252	111,909	1,342,161
1980	1,247,516	111,753	1,359,269
1981	1,248,502	111,754	1,360,256
1982	1,242,544	115,003	1,357,547
1983	1,280,468	120,550	1,401,018
1984	1,290,029	121,805	1,411,834
1985	1,305,702	129,753	1,435,455
1986	1,327,728	133,795	1,461,523
1987	1,332,056	133,647	1,465,703
1988	1,086,456	137,919	1,224,375
1989	1,027,581	125,062	1,152,643
1990	993,058	120,068	1,113,126
1991	951,112	120,833	1,071,945
1992	935,092	118,146	1,053,238
1993	920,311	132,927	1,053,238
1994	906,925	125,025	1,031,950
1995	878,506	121,722	1,000,228



*In Fiscal Years 1973–87, the VA counted “one-day” dialysis patients as “inpatients.” Beginning with Fiscal 1988, the VA has categorized them as “outpatients.” This change in accounting has caused the steep decline in total patients since the end of Fiscal 1987.*

## Veterans of Principal US Wars

War	Number Served	Percent of Total
Revolutionary War (1775–83)	250,000	0.6
War of 1812 (1812–15)	286,730	0.7
Mexican War (1846–48)	78,718	0.2
Civil War (1861–66)	3,713,363	9.5
Spanish-American War (1898)	306,760	0.8
World War I (1917–18)	4,743,826	12.1
World War II (1941–45)	14,903,213	38.0
Korean War (1950–53)	5,764,143	14.7
Vietnam War (1964–73)	8,744,000	22.3
Persian Gulf War (1991)	467,539	1.2
<b>Total (1775–1991)</b>	<b>39,258,292</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*During 216 years, nearly forty million Americans have worn the nation’s uniform during war. Most served during four wars of the twentieth century—the two World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam. These four conflicts produced eighty-seven percent of all wartime veterans.*

## Casualties

### Wartime Dead and Wounded, 1775–1991

War	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal	Known Casualties
Revolutionary War (1775–83)	4,435	unknown	6,188	10,623
War of 1812 (1812–15)	2,260	unknown	4,505	6,765
Mexican War (1846–48)	1,733	11,550	4,152	17,435
Civil War (1861–66)	214,938	283,394	281,881	780,213
Spanish-American War (1898)	385	2,061	1,662	4,108
World War I (1917–18)	53,513	63,195	204,002	320,710
World War II (1941–45)	292,131	115,185	670,846	1,078,162
Korean War (1950–53)	33,651	unknown	103,284	136,935
Vietnam War (1964–73)	47,369	10,799	153,303	211,471
Persian Gulf War (1991)	148	145	467	760
<b>Total Known Casualties (1775–1991)...</b>	<b>650,563</b>	<b>486,329</b>	<b>1,430,290</b>	<b>2,567,182</b>

*More than a million US servicemen and -women did not survive to become “veterans.” US government records show that at least 1,136,892 Americans died in wartime. Another 1,430,290 suffered “wounds not mortal.” A significant number of the dead and wounded fell during the Civil War.*

## Where Veterans Live

Location	Number	Percent of State Population
Alabama	427,048	10.6
Alaska	64,923	11.8
Arizona	458,571	12.5
Arkansas	258,171	11.0
California	2,817,645	9.5
Colorado	385,445	11.7
Connecticut	339,079	10.3
Delaware	78,481	11.8
D. C.	50,219	8.3
Florida	1,709,066	13.2
Georgia	684,556	10.6
Hawaii	115,671	10.4
Idaho	112,151	11.1
Illinois	1,073,575	9.4
Indiana	592,672	10.7
Iowa	291,116	10.5
Kansas	262,790	10.6
Kentucky	367,205	10.0
Louisiana	378,146	9.0
Maine	153,462	12.5
Maryland	530,302	11.1
Massachusetts	593,992	9.9
Michigan	949,061	10.2
Minnesota	461,909	10.6
Mississippi	233,372	9.1
Missouri	585,862	11.4
Montana	95,401	11.9
Nebraska	167,564	10.6
Nevada	186,067	15.5
New Hampshire	135,340	12.2
New Jersey	740,665	9.6
New Mexico	171,925	11.3
New York	1,537,767	8.5
North Carolina	710,682	10.7
North Dakota	59,168	9.3
Ohio	1,188,166	11.0
Oklahoma	349,700	11.1
Oregon	370,803	13.0
Pennsylvania	1,363,207	11.5
Rhode Island	109,137	10.9
South Carolina	379,708	10.9
South Dakota	74,034	10.6
Tennessee	516,131	10.6
Texas	1,646,764	9.7
Utah	138,287	8.0
Vermont	62,257	11.1
Virginia	704,655	11.4
Washington	630,569	13.0
West Virginia	199,351	11.1
Wisconsin	507,386	10.4
Wyoming	47,935	10.6
<b>Total US</b>	<b>26,067,159</b>	<b>10.5</b>
US Possessions/ Foreign	130,841	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,198,000</b>	

## Male and Female Veterans

*The number of female veterans has grown steadily over the past twenty-five years, surpassing the one million mark in 1976. Still, the female proportion of the veteran population increased by only about one percentage point during this period, rising from 3.5 percent in 1971 to 4.6 percent in 1995.*

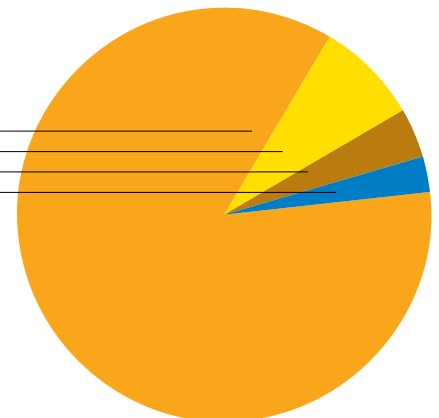
Fiscal Year	Male	Female
1971	26,558,800	964,200
1972	26,988,000	968,000
1973	27,154,000	971,000
1974	27,240,900	977,100
1975	27,295,100	985,900
1976	27,403,300	1,001,700
1977	27,495,600	1,030,400
1978	27,489,000	1,057,000
1979	27,517,000	1,088,000
1980	27,528,700	1,111,300
1981	27,515,800	1,003,200
1982	27,416,400	1,015,600
1983	27,290,500	1,025,500
1984	27,170,400	1,036,600
1985	27,027,600	1,047,400
1986	26,886,900	1,059,100
1987	26,733,600	1,069,400
1988	26,568,600	1,081,400
1989	26,402,600	1,094,400
1990	26,221,600	1,098,400
1991	26,011,700	1,140,300
1992	25,820,300	1,159,700
1993	25,608,900	1,180,100
1994	25,311,486	1,191,514
1995	24,993,691	1,204,309

## Race and Ethnicity (percent)

Race and Ethnic Group	1979 Veteran	1986 Veteran	1992 Veteran	1992 US Adult
White	91.3	86.4	85.3	77.2
Black	7.5	8.0	8.2	10.9
Hispanic	—	4.1	3.9	8.3
Other	1.2	1.5	2.6	3.6

## 1992 Veterans

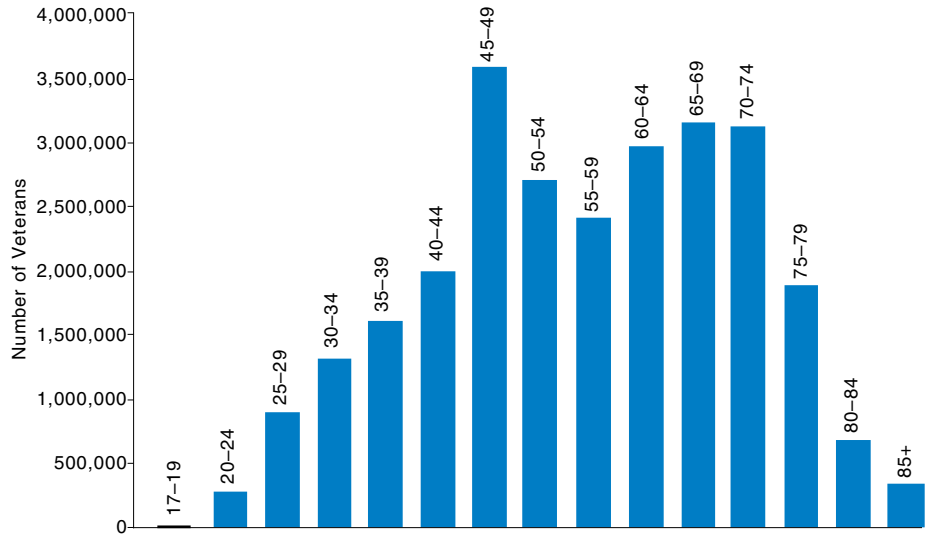
White	85.3%
Black	8.2%
Hispanic	3.9%
Other	2.6%



*The year 1992 is the most recent for which federal data are available. Estimates are based on the 1990 US census. Projections show the white veteran population has declined in relative terms, while the minority veteran population has increased. However, the proportion of whites in the total veteran population still exceeds that found in the total US population.*

## Age of Veterans

Age Range	Number	Percent of Total
17-19	605	0.002
20-24	250,390	0.96
25-29	878,202	3.35
30-34	1,270,612	4.85
35-39	1,578,151	6.02
40-44	1,958,854	7.48
45-49	3,519,554	13.43
50-54	2,632,516	10.05
55-59	2,347,665	8.96
60-64	2,880,107	10.99
65-69	3,089,232	11.79
70-74	3,054,338	11.66
75-79	1,770,507	6.76
80-84	606,918	2.32
85+	229,509	0.88
Not in US	130,841	—



*Fewer than four out of every ten national lawmakers have served in the armed forces. Overall, the 104th Congress, elected in 1994, has less military or combat experience than its predecessor, though members of the freshman class have more experience than their counterparts in the previous Congress.*

Source: AFA's National Defense Issues Department

## Veterans in Congress (percent)

Member Category	103d Congress	104th Congress
All members with combat experience	10.3	9.2
All members with military experience	44.3	39.3
Freshmen members with military experience	18.5	21.7

## Educational Attainment of Veterans

Level	Percent of US Veterans	Percent of US Adults
Did not acquire a high school general education diploma	17.1	24.8
High school diploma, but no further formal education	29.6	30.0
High school diploma, some college training, no degree	32.2	24.9
College undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or higher	20.8	20.3

## Employment for Veterans

Employment status	Percent of US Veterans	Percent of US Adults
Working—full-time employment	49.9	50.6
Working—part-time employment	4.9	10.7
Working—other type of employment	3.1	N/A
Not working—looking for employment	4.7	4.9
Not working—retired, disabled, other	37.4	33.7

## Income Level of Veterans

Income level	Percent of US Veterans	Percent of US Adults
\$10,000 or less	11.2	14.6
\$10,001 to \$20,000	20.9	18.3
\$20,001 to \$30,000	19.8	15.9
\$30,001 to \$40,000	15.9	13.5
\$40,001 to \$50,000	10.9	10.6
More than \$50,000	21.3	27.1

*Figures on these three charts are for 1992 and are drawn from the VA's most recent "National Survey of Veterans."*