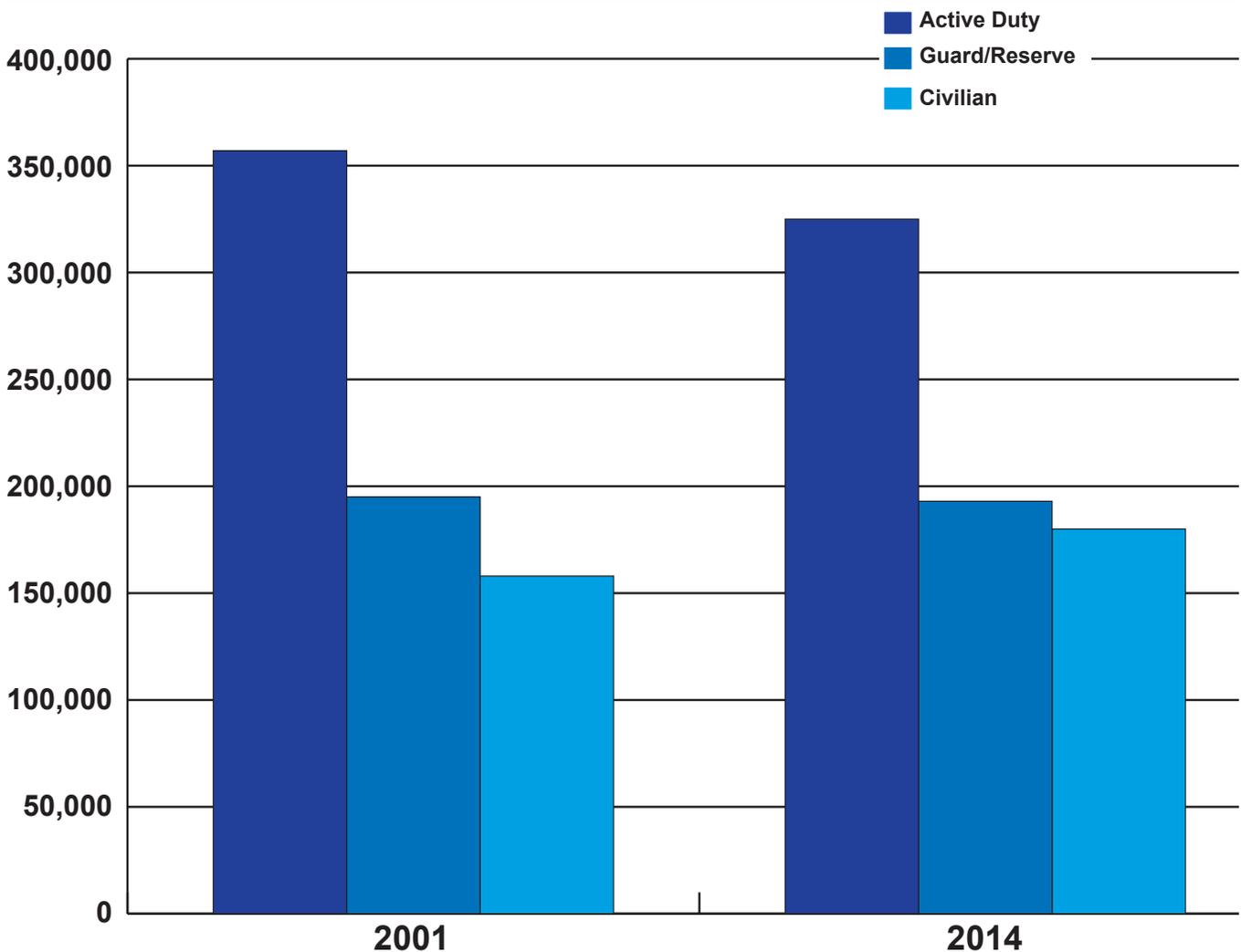


Too Many USAF Civilians?

The Pentagon's civilian workforce is too big and has remained untouched in the drawdown. So asserts Mackenzie Eaglen, a defense scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. In the case of USAF, 2001 and 2014 data show military manpower has shrunk while civilian manpower has grown. The 353,571-strong Active Duty force of 2001 has shed a net of 31,398 troops, or nine percent. The 183,355-strong Air National Guard and

Air Force Reserve have lost a net 7,555 positions, or four percent. Meanwhile, USAF's 155,420-strong civilian force of 2001 has added a net of 17,005 members, or 11 percent. (The ANG/AFRC figure is from organized units; the civilian figure is direct hire only.) Eaglen warns that rising civilian pay accounts for two-thirds of projected growth in all service operations and maintenance spending from 2013 to 2021.

Air Force End Strength



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