

A Snapshot of Our Nation's Veterans

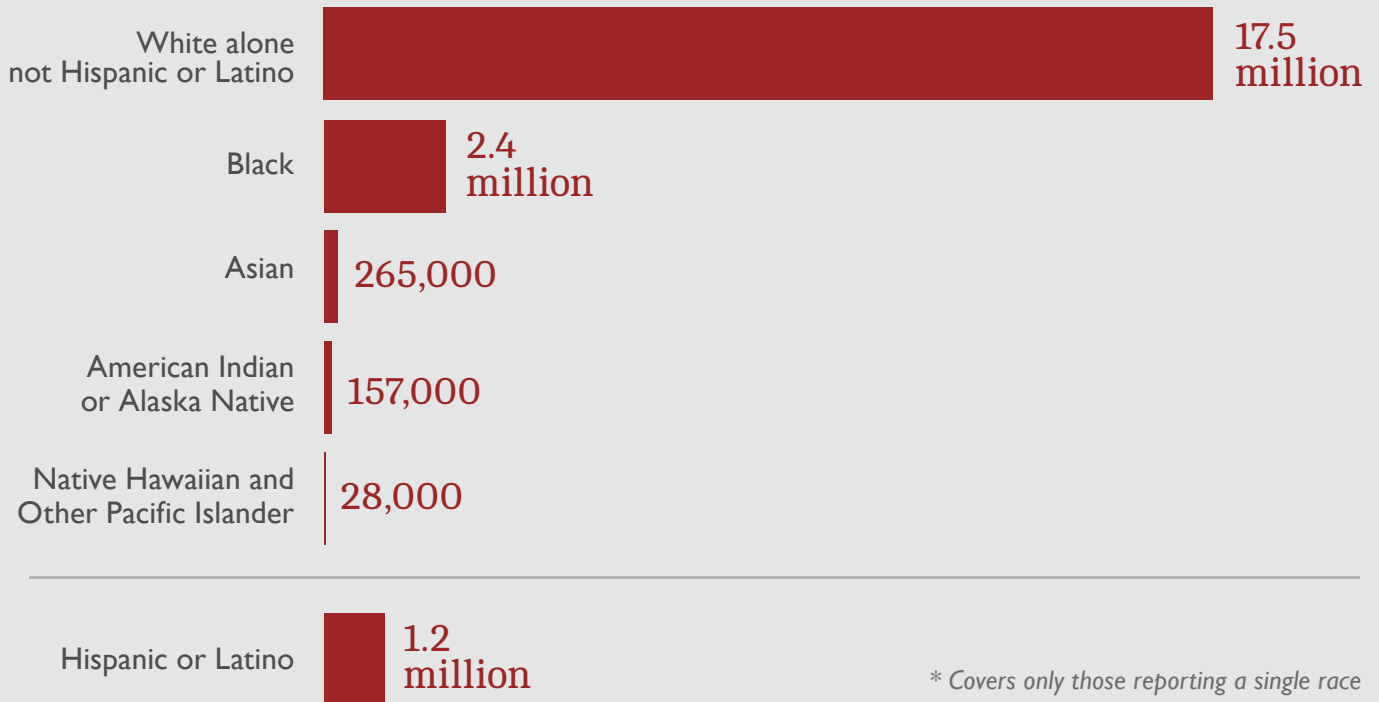
Federal, state and community leaders; private businesses; non-profits; and community organizations use information about the military veteran population from the American Community Survey and Economic Census to determine the programs, services and infrastructure that serve the needs of our veterans. What follows is the most recent snapshot of veterans statistics.

Who Are U.S. Veterans?

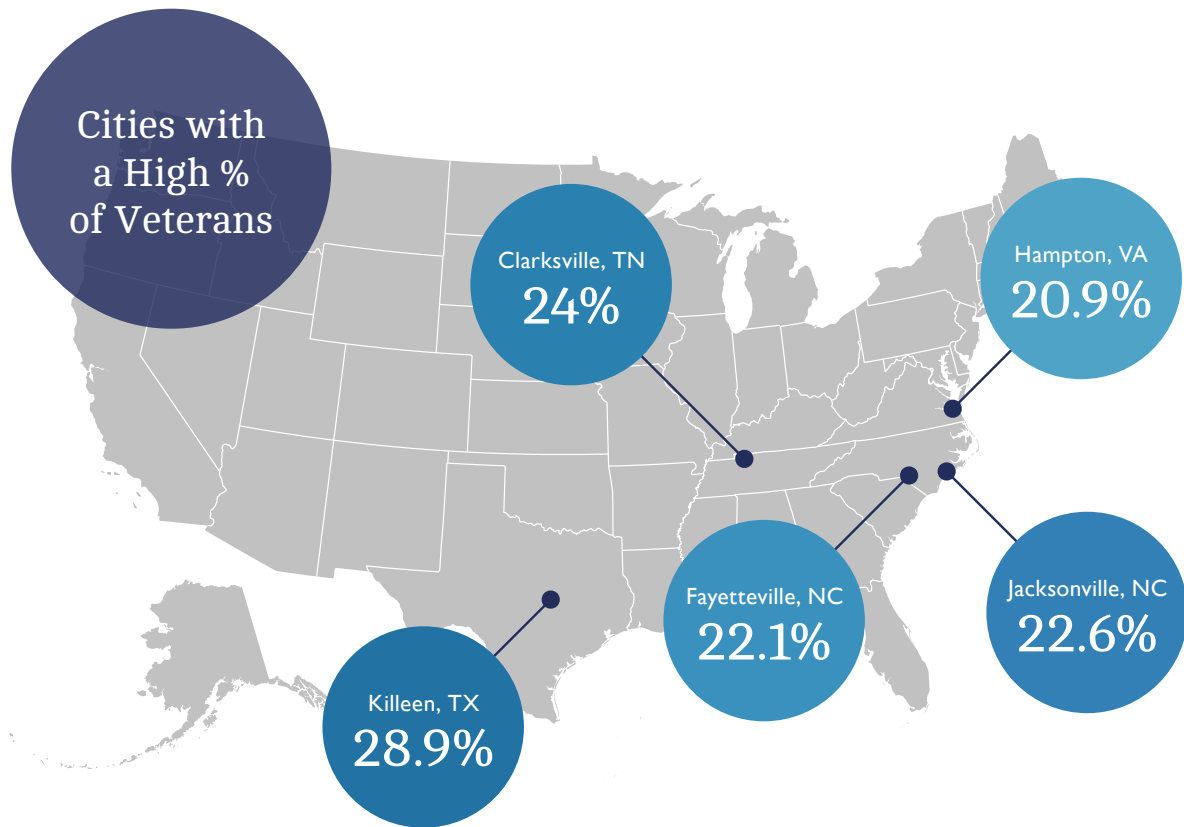
There are 21.8 million veterans in the United States.



Breakdown by Race and Ethnicity*



Where Do They Live?

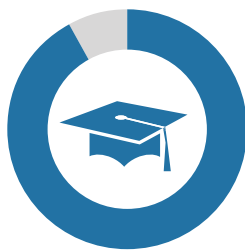


States with More Than 1 Million Veterans



What Are Their Education Levels?

A veteran is more likely than the average American to have earned a high school diploma, but less likely to have completed a college degree.



92% of veterans 25 and older have at least a **high school diploma**

compared with 86% of the total population



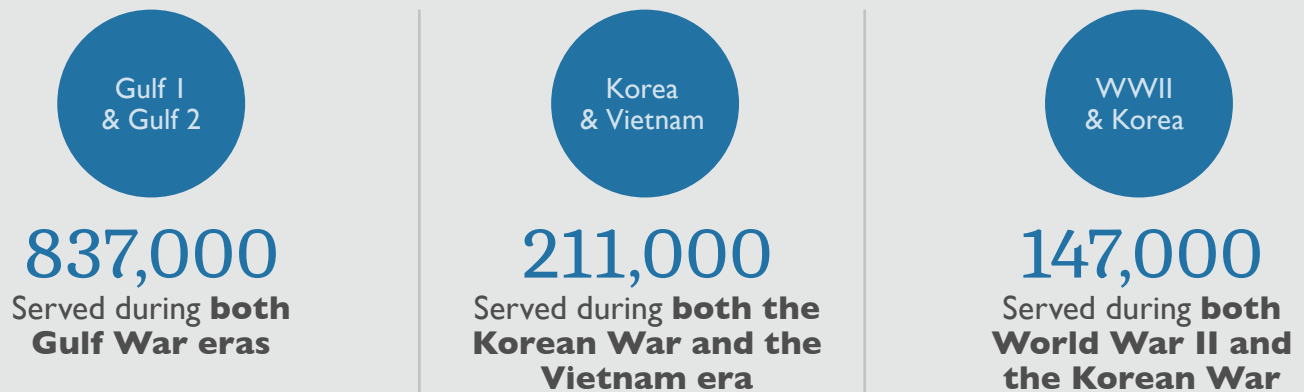
26% of veterans 25 and older have at least a **bachelor's degree**

compared with 28% of the total population

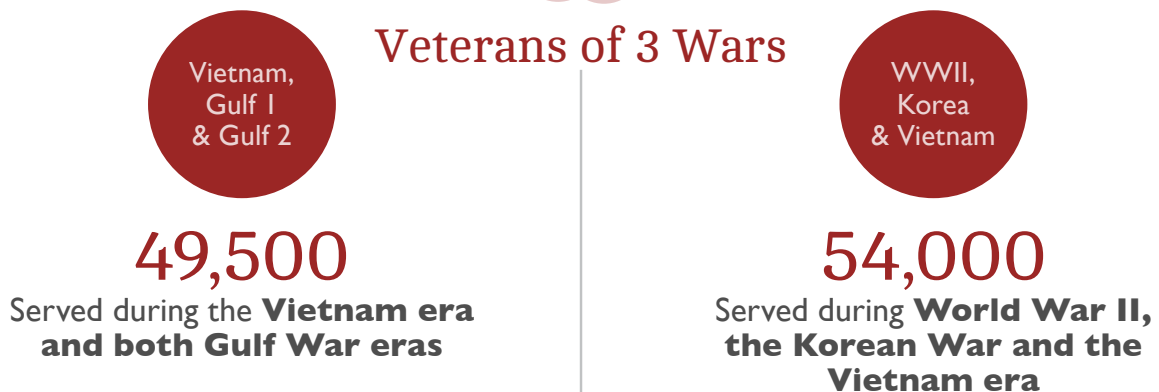
When Did They Serve?

Of the 21.8 million veterans in the United States, more than 1.3 million served during multiple wars.

Veterans of 2 Wars

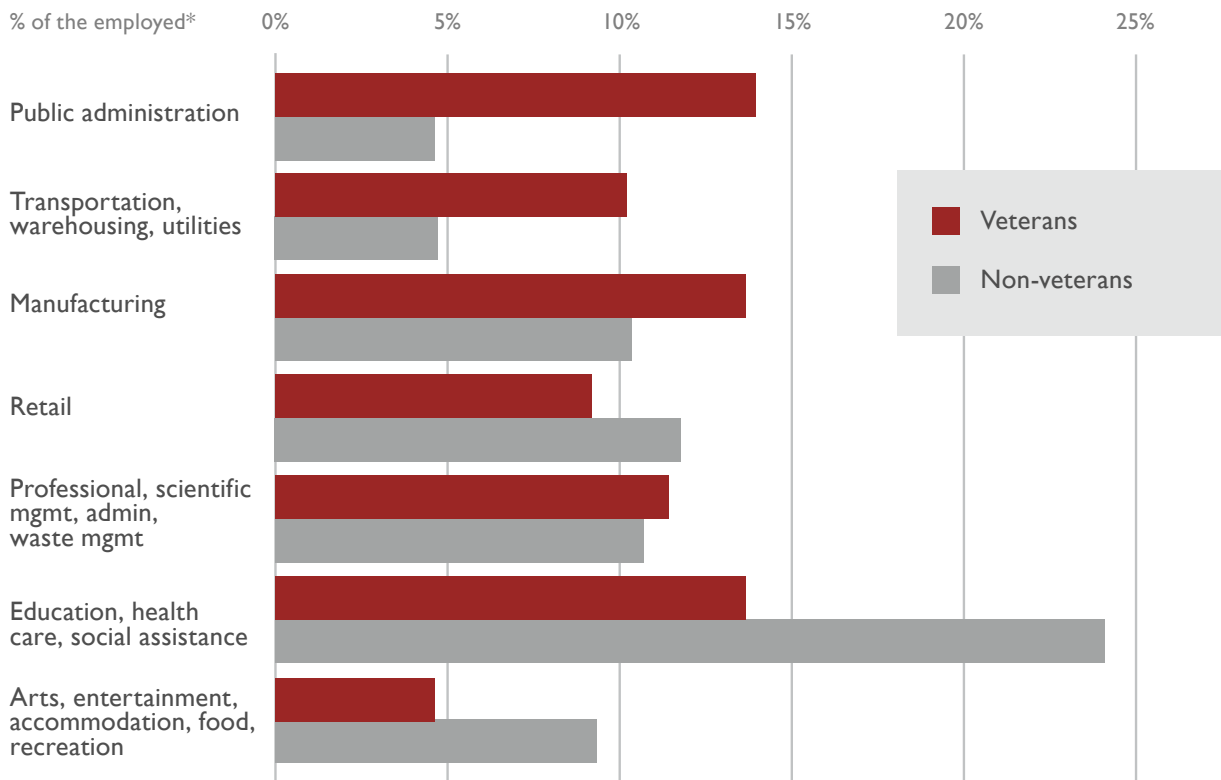


Veterans of 3 Wars



Where Do They Work?

A veteran is more than twice as likely as a non-veteran to hold a job in a public administration industry.



Veterans own 9% of all U.S. businesses.[†]



\$1.2 trillion

The amount of money in receipts generated by these businesses

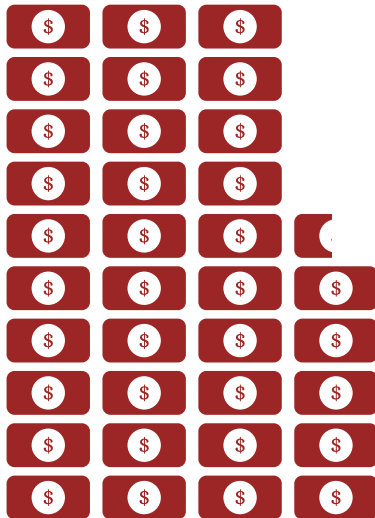


5.8 million

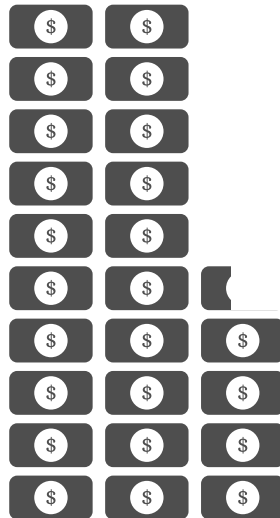
People employed by veteran-owned businesses

What Are Their Incomes?

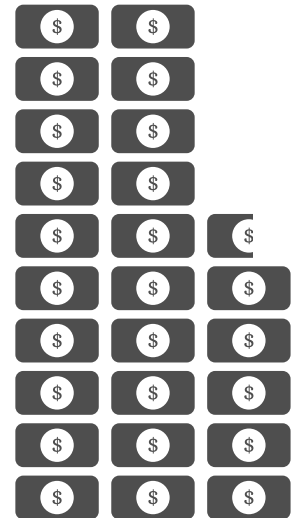
Veterans' annual income is about \$10,000 higher than that of the average American.*



\$35,367
 Median income of
veterans



\$24,521
 Median income of
non-veterans



\$25,605
 Median income of
total U.S. population

* Median income refers to those who are 18 years and over with income in the past 12 months. Income includes not only wages and self-employment, but also Social Security, retirement pensions, VA payments, and other forms of income.