

VETS FACT SHEET

21.2 Million Men & Women are Veterans

- This equals 9.2% of the total US Population aged 18 & over¹
- 3.6 Million Veterans are Gulf War Era 2/ Post 9/11 (18% women)²
 - Nearly half between ages of 25-34
- 3.4 Million Veterans are Gulf War Era 1 (15% women)³
 - 97% aged 35 and over
- 8.9 Million Veterans are WWII, Korea, or Vietnam Era (4% women)⁴
 - 69% aged at 55 and over

Disabled Veterans

- 20% of all veterans (4,300,000) have a service connected disability⁵
- 29% of disabled veterans rated at 10-30% disabled⁶
 - 53.6% of these are in the labor force
- 34% of disabled veterans rated at 40-50% disabled⁷
- 37% of disabled veterans rated at 60-100% disabled⁸
 - 30.7% of these are in the labor force
- 33.33% of Post 9/11 vets (1,200,000) have a service connected disability⁹
- 25% of Gulf War Era 1 vets (853,000) have a service connected disability¹⁰
- 11% of WWII, Korea, & Vietnam vets (1,700,000) have SC disability¹¹
- As of 1/7/17, there are 391,026 pending claims submitted to VA¹²
- As of 1/7/17 there are 99,401 claims backlogged at the VA¹³

¹ U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment Situation of Veterans -- 2016*, Economic News Release USDL-16-0611, 22 March 2016, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/vet.htm> (accessed 13 January, 2017).

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² Veterans Benefit Administration, "Detailed Claims Data," *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*, 7 January 2017, http://benefits.va.gov/REPORTS/detailed_claims_data.asp (accessed January 13, 2017).

¹³ *Ibid.*

- Disabled vets are unemployed at 5.4% (not statistically different from rate for all vets)¹⁴
- 1 in 3 disabled employed vets work in public sector (vs 1 in 5 for all vets)¹⁵

Veteran Employment Rates

- 495,000 veterans are unemployed¹⁶
- 4.1% of all veterans are unemployed¹⁷
- Male vets unemployed at 4.5%¹⁸
- Female vets unemployed at 5.4%¹⁹
 - Both rates are down from previous years
- Unemployment by state ranges from 1.9% (IA) to 7.7% (DC)²⁰
- Post 9/11 male vets unemployed 5.7% (higher than civilian rate of 5.3%)²¹
 - Those aged 25-34 are unemployed at 6.8%
 - This is down from 7.5% the prior year; however,
 - Still higher than civilian male unemployment for same ages (5.4%)
- Post 9/11 female vets unemployed at 6.4% (higher than civilian rate 5.0%)²²
 - Female vets & civilians in most age groups same % unemployment
- Male Gulf War Era 1 vets unemployed at 3.5%²³
 - Lower than post 9/11 rate of 5.7%
- Female Gulf War Era 1 vets unemployed at 5.5%²⁴
 - Lower than post 9/11 rate of 6.4%

¹⁴ Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment Situation of Veterans – 2015*, Economic News Release USDL-16-0611, U.S. Department of Labor, 22 March 2016, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/vet.htm> (accessed 13 January 2017).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

¹⁷ United States Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, *Veteran Unemployment Update -2016*, U.S. Department of Labor, 6 January 2017, <https://www.dol.gov/vets/newsletter/> (accessed on 12 January 2017).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁹ *Ibid.*

²⁰ *Ibid.*

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² *Ibid.*

²³ *Ibid.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*

Homeless Veterans

- Single night estimate:²⁵
 - On a single night in January 2016 HUD counted 39,471 homeless veterans
 - 9% of all homeless adults (428,944) that night were veterans
 - 34% of homeless vets were unsheltered (compared to 32% of the whole homeless population)
 - 97% (38,340) of homeless vets were homeless alone
 - 3% (1,131) experienced homelessness as part of family with children
 - 8% of homeless veterans are female
 - Throughout the year in 2015 132,847 experienced sheltered homelessness at some point.
- Since 2015:²⁶
 - Veteran homelessness dropped by 17% between 2015 & 2016
 - Number of unsheltered homeless veterans dropped 19%
 - Number of sheltered homeless veterans dropped 16%
- Where vets were before they were homeless:²⁷
 - 48.1% veterans who used a shelter program were already homeless
 - 30.3% came from a housed situation
 - 21.6% came from institutional or other settings
- In 2015:²⁸
 - HUD estimated that over the course of the year 131,697 veterans were homeless, either on the street, or in shelters and transitional facilities
 - This was down 17%, or 8,254 from 2015

²⁵ Meghan Henry, Lily Rosenthal, Azim Shivji and Rian Watt. "The 2016 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 1," *Department of Housing & Urban Development*, November 2016, <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>, (13 January 2017), 50.

²⁶ *Ibid.*

²⁷ Dr. Claudia D. Solari, Sean Morris, Azim Shivji and Tany de Souza, *et al.*, "The 2015 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 2," *Department of Housing & Urban Development*, November 2015, <https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2015-AHAR-Part-2.pdf> (17 January 2017), 5-14.

²⁸ *Id.*, 5-6: 5-7.

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