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EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF VETERANS: AUGUST 2005

In August 2005, the unemployment rate for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces was 3.9 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. There were 3.4 million Gulf War-era veterans (those who served anytime since August 1990) in the labor force. The jobless rate for these veterans was 5.2 percent. About 11 percent of all veterans had a service-connected disability.

This information on veterans was obtained from a special supplement to the August 2005 Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is the monthly sample survey that provides much of the basic data on employment and unemployment for the United States. The CPS is conducted for BLS by the U.S. Census Bureau. While data about veterans are collected monthly in the CPS, the supplement contains additional questions on special topics such as service-connected disability status and year of discharge. The veterans supplement was co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service. Such a supplement has been conducted biennially since 1985. For a detailed description of the survey, including definitions of terms used in this release, see the Technical Note.

Demographic Characteristics of Veterans

In August 2005, 23.4 million men and women in the civilian noninstitutional population had served in the U.S. Armed Forces at some time in the past. About 3.9 million served during the Gulf War era, which began in August 1990 and continues to the present day; more information about these veterans' demographic and labor force characteristics appears in a separate section below. Another 13.5 million, or nearly three-fifths of all veterans, served during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam era. (See table 1. See table 9 for a breakdown of veterans who served in multiple wartime periods.) Six million veterans served on active duty during other service periods, such as the periods between the Korean War and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era.

The veterans' population is significantly older than the nonveterans' population. In August 2005, 63 percent of veterans were at least 55 years old, compared with about 26 percent of nonveterans. Only about 1 percent of all veterans were age 18 to 24, compared with 14 percent of nonveterans. (See table 2.)

Whites made up a larger share of the veteran population, 87 percent, than of the nonveteran population, 81 percent. Blacks comprised 10 percent of all veterans and 12 percent of all nonveterans. One percent of veterans were Asian, while about 5 percent of nonveterans were Asian. About 4 percent of veterans were of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, while Hispanics comprised 14 percent of nonveterans. (Hispanics can be of any race.) Women made up 7 percent of all veterans, compared with 57 percent of nonveterans. (See table 1.)

Labor Force Characteristics of Veterans

Overall, 55.6 percent of male veterans age 18 and over were in the labor force in August 2005, compared with 81.1 percent of nonveterans of that age. This difference in participation rates reflects the older age profile of male veterans, who are much more likely than nonveterans to be 55 years or over. For men age 18 to 54, the labor force participation rates of both veterans and nonveterans were about 88 percent. Female veterans and nonveterans—whose age profiles were more alike than the men's—each had a participation rate around 60 percent. (See tables 1 and 2.)

The unemployment rate of male veterans (3.7 percent) was little different from the rate of nonveterans (4.4 percent) in August 2005. Among men 18 to 24 years old, however, veterans had a higher jobless rate than nonveterans (17.2 versus 10.4 percent). The unemployment rate of female veterans (5.9 percent) was about the same as that for nonveterans (5.0 percent).

The unemployment rate for black veterans was lower than that for black nonveterans—6.5 percent compared with 9.5 percent in August 2005. Similarly, Hispanic veterans had a lower unemployment rate (2.9 percent) than Hispanic nonveterans (5.4 percent). For whites and Asians, there was little difference in the unemployment rates between veterans and nonveterans.

The occupational distribution of employed male veterans was similar to that of their nonveteran counterparts. About 3 out of 10 male veterans and nonveterans were employed in management, professional, and related occupations, while about 2 out of 10 were employed in each of three categories: natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations; sales and office occupations; and production, transportation, and material moving occupations. Among women, about 4 out of 10 veterans as well as nonveterans worked in management and professional occupations, while about one-third were employed in sales and office occupations. (See table 3.)

Gulf War-Era Veterans

This release is the first that BLS has issued that separately identifies Gulf War-era veterans. In August 2005, there were 3.3 million male veterans and about 600,000 female veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Gulf War era (from August 1990 forward) and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Whites accounted for 79 percent of Gulf War-era veterans, blacks comprised 16 percent, and Asians were 1 percent. Seven percent were of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity. (See table 1.)

A large majority (87.0 percent) of Gulf War-era veterans were in the labor force in August 2005. Gulf War-era veterans were more likely to be in the labor force than were nonveterans in the same age groups. About 4 in 5 Gulf War-era veterans were employed. Among persons 18 to 24 years old, there was little difference in the proportions of Gulf War-era veterans and nonveterans who were employed. Among older age groups, higher shares of Gulf War-era veterans than nonveterans were employed.

The unemployment rate of Gulf War-era veterans was 5.2 percent. Young Gulf War-era veterans (18 to 24 years old) had a higher unemployment rate (18.7 percent) than young nonveterans (9.9 percent). Older Gulf War-era veterans (25 to 54 years old) had an unemployment rate very similar to their nonveteran peers—about 4 percent.

Of the 3.9 million Gulf War-era veterans in August 2005, 2.8 million had served between August 1990 and August 2001, referred to in this release as Gulf War era I. The other 1.1 million had served since September 2001, referred to as Gulf War era II. Veterans who served in both sub-eras are counted in the most recent one (Gulf War era II). (See table 8.)

Nearly 800,000 veterans reported being discharged from active duty between January 2002 and August 2005. (Not all veterans reported the year of their discharge.) Women accounted for 15 percent of these recently discharged veterans, blacks were 17 percent, and Hispanics were 11 percent. The labor force participation rate for recently discharged veterans was 86.0 percent, and their unemployment rate was 11.9 percent. (See table 6.)

Disabled Veterans

In August 2005, about 2.5 million veterans, or 11 percent of the total, reported having a service-connected disability. (Some veterans did not report whether they had a service-connected disability.) Veterans with a service-connected disability are assigned a disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ratings range from 0 to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percentage points, depending on the severity of the condition. Nearly half of disabled veterans reported a disability rating of less than 30 percent, while 22 percent had a rating of 60 percent or higher. (See table 4.)

The incidence of service-connected disabilities was slightly higher for those who served during the Gulf War era than for those who served during earlier designated wartime periods. However, veterans of the earlier wartime periods were more likely than Gulf War-era veterans to have a 60 percent or higher disability rating. Among Gulf War-era veterans, 17 percent reported a disability rating of 60 percent or more, compared with 25 percent of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam-era veterans.

Of Gulf War-era veterans with a disability, 82.9 percent were in the labor force, compared with 89.0 percent of nondisabled veterans from this period. The unemployment rate of disabled veterans from the Gulf War era was 5.4 percent, essentially the same as the rate for nondisabled veterans (5.2 percent).

Of the nearly 800,000 veterans discharged between January 2002 and August 2005, about 1 in 5, or 167,000, reported a service-connected disability. Of these, 58 percent had a disability rating of 30 percent or higher, compared with 44 percent of veterans discharged between 1991 and 2001. (See table 7.)

About one-third of the disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era were in the labor force in August 2005. This relatively low rate of labor force participation reflects the age of this group (88 percent of these veterans were 55 years or older) as well as the effects of their disabilities. Among veterans of these periods who did not have a service-connected disability, 44.4 percent were in the labor force. The unemployment rate of disabled veterans of these earlier wartime periods was 3.2 percent; for nondisabled veterans, it was 3.9 percent. (See table 4.)

Disabled veterans who were on active duty during other service periods (times between the designated wartime eras) had a 55.4 percent labor force participation rate, compared with 64.4 percent for nondisabled veterans from these periods. The unemployment rate of disabled veterans from other service periods was 4.4 percent, compared with 3.6 percent for the nondisabled.

About one-third of disabled veterans were employed in federal, state, and local governments, compared with 17 percent of nondisabled veterans and 14 percent of nonveterans. About 18 percent of employed disabled veterans worked for the federal government. This compared with 6 percent of nondisabled veterans and 2 percent of nonveterans. (See table 5.)

Technical Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from a supplement to the August 2005 Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of about 60,000 households which provides the national data on total employment and unemployment. The CPS is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The supplement was co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and by the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service. Questions were asked of persons 18 years of age and older regarding their prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces and whether they had a service-connected disability.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone number: 1-800-877-8339.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates will differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data. Standard practice in the CPS is for one member of the household to answer questions for all the household members. In the case of the supplementary questions about veterans, however, several attempts were made to collect the information directly from the veterans. This was done because some of the information would be best provided by the veterans themselves.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The definitions underlying the data in this release are as follows:

Veterans are men and women who previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Members of the

Reserves and National Guard are counted as veterans if they had ever been called to active duty.

Nonveterans are men and women who never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

World War II, Korean War, Vietnam-era, and Gulf War-era veterans are men and women who served in the Armed Forces during these periods, regardless of where they served. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one.

Veterans of other service periods are men and women who served in the Armed Forces at any time other than World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, and the Gulf War era. Although U.S. Armed Forces were engaged in several armed conflicts during other service periods, these conflicts were more limited in scope and included a smaller proportion of the Armed Forces than the selected wartime periods. Veterans who served during one of the selected wartime periods and during another period are classified according to the wartime period.

Veteran status is provided from responses to the question, "Did you ever serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?"

Period of service is provided from answers to the question asked of veterans, "When did you serve?" The following service periods are identified:

- Gulf War era — August 1990 - present
- Vietnam era — February 1961 - May 1975
- Korean War — June 1950 - January 1955
- World War II — September 1940 - July 1947
- Other service periods — All other periods

The *Gulf War era* has been divided into two sub-eras: Gulf War era I, which includes all those who served between August 1990 and August 2001; and Gulf War era II, which includes all those who served from September 2001 to the present. Veterans who served in both sub-eras are classified in the more recent one (era II).

Vietnam-era veterans are those who served anywhere between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, plus those who were in Southeast Asia between February 28, 1961, and August 4, 1964.

Presence of service-connected disability is provided by answers to the question, "Has the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or the Department of Defense determined that you have a service-connected disability; that is, a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by military service?"

Service-connected disability rating is based on answers to the question, "What is your current service-connected disability rating?" Answers can range from 0 to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percentage points. Ratings are determined from a rating schedule published in the Code of Federal

Regulations, Title 38, "Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief," Part 4—"Schedule for Rating Disabilities." The rating schedule is "primarily a guide in the evaluation of disability resulting from all types of diseases and injuries encountered as a result of or incident to military service. The percentage ratings represent as far as can practicably be determined the average impairment in earning capacity resulting from such

diseases and injuries and their residual conditions in civil occupations." Part 4 contains a listing of hundreds of possible disorders and assigns ratings of 0 through 100 percent in steps of 10 percent for each, with instructions for rating multiple disorders.

Year of discharge is determined by answers to the question, "In what year were you last separated from active duty in the Armed Forces?"

Table 1. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Veteran status, period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
TOTAL								
Total, 18 years and over	217,826	147,348	67.6	140,520	64.5	6,828	4.6	70,478
Veterans	23,402	13,105	56.0	12,594	53.8	511	3.9	10,297
Gulf War era	3,861	3,358	87.0	3,184	82.5	173	5.2	503
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	13,527	5,849	43.2	5,647	41.8	201	3.4	7,678
Other service periods	6,015	3,899	64.8	3,762	62.5	137	3.5	2,116
Nonveterans	194,424	134,243	69.0	127,926	65.8	6,317	4.7	60,181
Men								
Total, 18 years and over	104,903	79,550	75.8	76,138	72.6	3,411	4.3	25,353
Veterans	21,756	12,088	55.6	11,637	53.5	451	3.7	9,668
Gulf War era	3,253	2,935	90.2	2,791	85.8	144	4.9	318
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	13,067	5,679	43.5	5,491	42.0	189	3.3	7,387
Other service periods	5,436	3,473	63.9	3,355	61.7	118	3.4	1,963
Nonveterans	83,147	67,462	81.1	64,502	77.6	2,960	4.4	15,685
Women								
Total, 18 years and over	112,923	67,798	60.0	64,381	57.0	3,417	5.0	45,125
Veterans	1,646	1,017	61.8	957	58.2	60	5.9	629
Gulf War era	608	422	69.5	393	64.7	29	6.9	185
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	460	169	36.8	157	34.1	13	7.4	291
Other service periods	578	426	73.6	407	70.4	18	4.3	153
Nonveterans	111,277	66,781	60.0	63,424	57.0	3,357	5.0	44,496
White								
Total, 18 years and over	178,031	120,504	67.7	115,712	65.0	4,792	4.0	57,527
Veterans	20,390	11,129	54.6	10,738	52.7	391	3.5	9,261
Gulf War era	3,047	2,680	88.0	2,551	83.7	129	4.8	367
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	12,288	5,278	43.0	5,109	41.6	169	3.2	7,010
Other service periods	5,054	3,171	62.7	3,078	60.9	93	2.9	1,883
Nonveterans	157,641	109,375	69.4	104,974	66.6	4,401	4.0	48,267
Black or African American								
Total, 18 years and over	25,312	16,993	67.1	15,427	60.9	1,567	9.2	8,318
Veterans	2,255	1,509	66.9	1,411	62.6	98	6.5	746
Gulf War era	614	506	82.4	466	75.9	40	7.9	108
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	891	424	47.5	402	45.1	22	5.1	468
Other service periods	750	580	77.2	544	72.4	36	6.2	171
Nonveterans	23,056	15,484	67.2	14,016	60.8	1,469	9.5	7,572
Asian								
Total, 18 years and over	9,536	6,440	67.5	6,214	65.2	226	3.5	3,096
Veterans	221	116	52.5	112	50.9	3	2.9	105
Gulf War era	51	38	(¹)	35	(¹)	2	(¹)	13
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	122	40	32.6	39	31.9	1	(¹)	82
Other service periods	48	38	(¹)	38	(¹)	-	-	10
Nonveterans	9,315	6,324	67.9	6,101	65.5	223	3.5	2,992
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity								
Total, 18 years and over	27,751	19,520	70.3	18,478	66.6	1,042	5.3	8,231
Veterans	1,017	632	62.2	614	60.4	18	2.9	385
Gulf War era	284	241	85.0	240	84.7	1	.3	43
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	438	209	47.8	196	44.8	13	6.2	229
Other service periods	296	182	61.5	178	60.1	4	2.4	114
Nonveterans	26,734	18,888	70.6	17,864	66.8	1,024	5.4	7,846

¹ Ratios are not shown where the denominator is less than 75,000. Small estimated levels are based on a small number of survey responses and, thus, are subject to relatively large standard errors.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, the Gulf War era, and all other service periods. Nonveterans are men and women who never served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Other service periods include the periods between World War II and the Korean War, between

the Korean War and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all race groups. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 2. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and age, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Veteran status, period of service, and age	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
TOTAL								
VETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	23,402	13,105	56.0	12,594	53.8	511	3.9	10,297
18 to 24 years	316	245	77.5	199	63.0	46	18.7	71
25 to 34 years	1,557	1,397	89.7	1,345	86.3	53	3.8	160
35 to 44 years	2,931	2,650	90.4	2,554	87.2	96	3.6	280
45 to 54 years	3,865	3,335	86.3	3,214	83.2	120	3.6	531
55 to 64 years	5,771	3,935	68.2	3,796	65.8	140	3.6	1,835
65 years and over	8,962	1,542	17.2	1,486	16.6	56	3.7	7,420
Gulf War era								
Total, 18 years and over	3,861	3,358	87.0	3,184	82.5	173	5.2	503
18 to 24 years	316	245	77.5	199	63.0	46	18.7	71
25 to 34 years	1,496	1,336	89.3	1,284	85.8	52	3.9	160
35 to 44 years	1,259	1,137	90.3	1,081	85.9	56	4.9	122
45 to 54 years	601	527	87.6	510	84.8	17	3.3	74
55 to 64 years	151	107	71.1	105	69.8	2	1.9	44
65 years and over	37	5	(¹)	5	(¹)	-	-	32
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era ²								
Total, 45 years and over	13,527	5,849	43.2	5,647	41.8	201	3.4	7,678
45 to 54 years	1,676	1,402	83.7	1,364	81.4	38	2.7	274
55 to 64 years	4,872	3,416	70.1	3,289	67.5	127	3.7	1,456
65 years and over	6,979	1,031	14.8	994	14.2	36	3.5	5,948
Other service periods								
Total, 25 years and over	6,015	3,899	64.8	3,762	62.5	137	3.5	2,116
25 to 34 years	61	61	(¹)	60	(¹)	-	(¹)	-
35 to 44 years	1,672	1,514	90.5	1,473	88.1	40	2.7	158
45 to 54 years	1,588	1,406	88.5	1,340	84.4	66	4.7	182
55 to 64 years	748	412	55.1	401	53.7	11	2.6	336
65 years and over	1,946	506	26.0	487	25.0	20	3.9	1,439
NONVETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	194,424	134,243	69.0	127,926	65.8	6,317	4.7	60,181
18 to 24 years	27,796	19,966	71.8	17,992	64.7	1,974	9.9	7,830
25 to 34 years	37,537	30,894	82.3	29,348	78.2	1,546	5.0	6,643
35 to 44 years	40,058	33,283	83.1	32,064	80.0	1,219	3.7	6,775
45 to 54 years	38,323	31,254	81.6	30,280	79.0	973	3.1	7,069
55 to 64 years	24,522	15,131	61.7	14,649	59.7	482	3.2	9,391
65 years and over	26,188	3,715	14.2	3,593	13.7	122	3.3	22,473

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and age, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Veteran status, period of service, and age	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
MEN								
VETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	21,756	12,088	55.6	11,637	53.5	451	3.7	9,668
18 to 24 years	248	200	80.5	165	66.7	34	17.2	48
25 to 34 years	1,293	1,220	94.4	1,180	91.3	40	3.3	73
35 to 44 years	2,495	2,288	91.7	2,198	88.1	90	3.9	207
45 to 54 years	3,432	2,988	87.1	2,893	84.3	96	3.2	443
55 to 64 years	5,629	3,866	68.7	3,731	66.3	136	3.5	1,763
65 years and over	8,659	1,525	17.6	1,470	17.0	55	3.6	7,135
Gulf War era								
Total, 18 years and over	3,253	2,935	90.2	2,791	85.8	144	4.9	318
18 to 24 years	248	200	80.5	165	66.7	34	17.2	48
25 to 34 years	1,244	1,172	94.2	1,132	90.9	40	3.4	73
35 to 44 years	1,071	986	92.1	933	87.1	54	5.4	84
45 to 54 years	513	467	90.9	453	88.3	14	3.0	47
55 to 64 years	145	105	72.8	103	71.4	2	1.9	39
65 years and over	32	5	(¹)	5	(¹)	—	—	27
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era ²								
Total, 45 years and over	13,067	5,679	43.5	5,491	42.0	189	3.3	7,387
45 to 54 years	1,561	1,299	83.3	1,269	81.3	31	2.3	261
55 to 64 years	4,775	3,361	70.4	3,238	67.8	123	3.7	1,413
65 years and over	6,731	1,019	15.1	984	14.6	35	3.5	5,713
Other service periods								
Total, 25 years and over	5,436	3,473	63.9	3,355	61.7	118	3.4	1,963
25 to 34 years	49	49	(¹)	49	(¹)	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	1,424	1,302	91.4	1,265	88.8	36	2.8	123
45 to 54 years	1,358	1,222	90.0	1,171	86.2	52	4.2	135
55 to 64 years	709	400	56.3	389	54.8	11	2.7	310
65 years and over	1,896	501	26.4	481	25.4	20	4.0	1,395
NONVETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	83,147	67,462	81.1	64,502	77.6	2,960	4.4	15,685
18 to 24 years	13,840	10,488	75.8	9,395	67.9	1,093	10.4	3,352
25 to 34 years	18,172	16,778	92.3	16,086	88.5	693	4.1	1,393
35 to 44 years	18,678	17,208	92.1	16,659	89.2	548	3.2	1,470
45 to 54 years	17,208	15,245	88.6	14,807	86.0	438	2.9	1,963
55 to 64 years	8,937	6,274	70.2	6,109	68.4	165	2.6	2,664
65 years and over	6,313	1,469	23.3	1,446	22.9	23	1.6	4,844

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and age, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Veteran status, period of service, and age	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
WOMEN								
VETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	1,646	1,017	61.8	957	58.2	60	5.9	629
18 to 24 years	68	46	(¹)	34	(¹)	12	(¹)	23
25 to 34 years	264	177	66.9	164	62.3	12	6.9	87
35 to 44 years	436	362	83.1	356	81.7	6	1.7	73
45 to 54 years	434	346	79.8	322	74.2	25	7.1	87
55 to 64 years	142	69	48.7	65	45.8	4	(¹)	73
65 years and over	302	17	5.8	16	5.4	1	(¹)	285
Gulf War era								
Total, 18 years and over	608	422	69.5	393	64.7	29	6.9	185
18 to 24 years	68	46	(¹)	34	(¹)	12	(¹)	23
25 to 34 years	252	165	65.3	153	60.6	12	7.2	87
35 to 44 years	188	150	79.8	148	78.7	2	1.5	38
45 to 54 years	88	60	68.4	57	64.4	4	(¹)	28
55 to 64 years	6	2	(¹)	2	(¹)	—	—	4
65 years and over	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era ²								
Total, 45 years and over	460	169	36.8	157	34.1	13	7.4	291
45 to 54 years	115	102	89.1	95	82.9	7	6.9	13
55 to 64 years	97	55	56.3	51	52.0	4	(¹)	43
65 years and over	247	12	4.8	11	4.3	1	(¹)	235
Other service periods								
Total, 25 years and over	578	426	73.6	407	70.4	18	4.3	153
25 to 34 years	12	12	(¹)	12	(¹)	—	(¹)	—
35 to 44 years	248	212	85.7	208	84.0	4	1.9	36
45 to 54 years	231	184	79.6	170	73.5	14	7.6	47
55 to 64 years	38	12	(¹)	12	(¹)	—	—	26
65 years and over	50	6	(¹)	6	(¹)	—	—	44
NONVETERANS								
Total, 18 years and over	111,277	66,781	60.0	63,424	57.0	3,357	5.0	44,496
18 to 24 years	13,956	9,478	67.9	8,597	61.6	881	9.3	4,478
25 to 34 years	19,366	14,116	72.9	13,262	68.5	854	6.0	5,250
35 to 44 years	21,380	16,075	75.2	15,404	72.1	670	4.2	5,305
45 to 54 years	21,115	16,009	75.8	15,474	73.3	535	3.3	5,106
55 to 64 years	15,585	8,857	56.8	8,540	54.8	317	3.6	6,728
65 years and over	19,875	2,246	11.3	2,147	10.8	99	4.4	17,629

¹ Ratios are not shown where the denominator is less than 75,000. Small estimated levels are based on a small number of survey responses and, thus, are subject to relatively large standard errors.

² Because of the aging of the population, there are no longer any veterans of these eras under 45 years of age.

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War era, and all other service periods. Nonveterans are men and women who never served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Other service periods include the periods between World War II and the Korean War, between the Korean War and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 3. Employed persons 18 years and over by occupation, veteran status, period of service, and sex, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Percent distribution)

Occupation	Veterans				Nonveterans
	Total	Gulf War era	WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	Other service periods	
TOTAL					
Total, 18 years and over (thousands)	12,594	3,184	5,647	3,762	127,926
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations	34.3	31.4	36.5	33.6	34.9
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	17.7	13.7	20.0	17.5	14.4
Professional and related occupations	16.6	17.7	16.4	16.0	20.5
Service occupations	12.2	15.2	10.9	11.5	16.6
Sales and office occupations	19.2	19.3	19.9	18.1	25.7
Sales and related occupations	10.6	9.1	12.7	8.9	11.3
Office and administrative support occupations	8.6	10.2	7.2	9.3	14.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	17.1	17.2	15.6	19.1	10.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations5	.6	.6	.2	.8
Construction and extraction occupations	8.7	8.4	8.0	10.2	6.5
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	7.9	8.2	7.1	8.8	3.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	17.2	16.9	17.1	17.6	12.1
Production occupations	7.4	7.6	7.0	8.0	6.4
Transportation and material moving occupations	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.6	5.7
Men					
Total, 18 years and over (thousands)	11,637	2,791	5,491	3,355	64,502
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations	33.8	30.2	36.4	32.6	31.9
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	17.8	13.2	20.3	17.7	15.3
Professional and related occupations	16.0	17.0	16.2	14.9	16.6
Service occupations	12.0	15.3	10.9	11.0	13.1
Sales and office occupations	18.1	17.0	19.4	17.1	16.9
Sales and related occupations	10.8	9.0	12.8	9.0	10.5
Office and administrative support occupations	7.3	8.0	6.6	8.0	6.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	18.0	18.9	15.9	20.7	20.2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations5	.7	.6	.2	1.2
Construction and extraction occupations	9.2	9.0	8.1	11.2	12.5
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	8.3	9.2	7.2	9.3	6.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	18.0	18.6	17.4	18.7	18.0
Production occupations	7.7	8.2	7.0	8.3	8.4
Transportation and material moving occupations	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3	9.6
Women					
Total, 18 years and over (thousands)	957	393	157	407	63,424
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations	40.2	40.3	36.7	41.5	37.9
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	15.9	17.2	12.1	16.1	13.4
Professional and related occupations	24.3	23.1	24.6	25.4	24.5
Service occupations	14.9	14.6	12.4	16.2	20.2
Sales and office occupations	32.6	35.5	39.5	27.0	34.6
Sales and related occupations	8.7	9.7	9.2	7.6	12.0
Office and administrative support occupations	23.8	25.9	30.3	19.4	22.6
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	5.4	4.8	4.9	6.3	1.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	—	—	—	—	.4
Construction and extraction occupations	2.6	3.6	2.3	1.8	.4
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	2.8	1.1	—	4.4	.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	6.9	4.7	6.6	9.0	6.1
Production occupations	4.5	3.0	6.3	5.2	4.3
Transportation and material moving occupations	2.4	1.7	.2	3.8	1.8

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Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Occupations reflect the 2002 Census occupational classification system derived from the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification system. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 4. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by period of service, presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, and sex, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Period of service, presence of disability, reported disability rating, and sex	Civilian noninsti- tutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
TOTAL								
VETERANS								
With service-connected disability	2,531	1,244	49.1	1,188	46.9	55	4.4	1,288
Less than 30 percent disability rating	1,189	686	57.7	655	55.1	31	4.5	503
30 to 50 percent disability rating	557	281	50.5	269	48.3	12	4.4	276
60 percent or higher disability rating	561	173	30.9	172	30.6	1	.9	388
Disability rating not reported	225	103	45.9	92	41.1	11	10.4	122
Without service-connected disability	17,450	9,785	56.1	9,384	53.8	401	4.1	7,665
Presence of disability not reported	3,421	2,076	60.7	2,021	59.1	55	2.6	1,345
Gulf War era								
With service-connected disability	642	532	82.9	503	78.4	29	5.4	110
Less than 30 percent disability rating	318	281	88.5	271	85.3	10	3.6	37
30 to 50 percent disability rating	163	131	80.5	123	75.7	8	6.0	32
60 percent or higher disability rating	112	83	73.5	81	72.1	1	1.8	30
Disability rating not reported	49	38	(¹)	28	(¹)	9	(¹)	12
Without service-connected disability	2,496	2,222	89.0	2,106	84.4	116	5.2	274
Presence of disability not reported	722	603	83.5	575	79.6	28	4.7	119
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era								
With service-connected disability	1,405	443	31.5	429	30.5	14	3.2	962
Less than 30 percent disability rating	617	253	41.0	241	39.1	11	4.5	364
30 to 50 percent disability rating	290	84	29.0	83	28.5	2	2.0	206
60 percent or higher disability rating	357	58	16.2	58	16.2	—	—	299
Disability rating not reported	140	48	34.1	47	33.2	1	(¹)	92
Without service-connected disability	10,317	4,577	44.4	4,399	42.6	178	3.9	5,740
Presence of disability not reported	1,805	829	45.9	820	45.4	9	1.0	976
Other service periods								
With service-connected disability	485	268	55.4	256	52.9	12	4.4	216
Less than 30 percent disability rating	254	152	59.9	143	56.3	9	6.0	102
30 to 50 percent disability rating	103	66	63.6	63	60.8	3	(¹)	38
60 percent or higher disability rating	92	33	35.8	33	35.8	—	—	59
Disability rating not reported	35	18	(¹)	18	(¹)	—	—	18
Without service-connected disability	4,637	2,986	64.4	2,879	62.1	107	3.6	1,650
Presence of disability not reported	893	644	72.1	626	70.1	18	2.8	249

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by period of service, presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, and sex, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Period of service, presence of disability, reported disability rating, and sex	Civilian noninsti- tutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
Men								
VETERANS								
With service-connected disability	2,330	1,127	48.4	1,080	46.3	47	4.2	1,203
Less than 30 percent disability rating	1,096	625	57.0	599	54.7	25	4.1	471
30 to 50 percent disability rating	494	248	50.2	235	47.7	12	5.0	246
60 percent or higher disability rating	521	157	30.0	157	30.0	—	—	365
Disability rating not reported	219	98	44.8	89	40.5	9	9.6	121
Without service-connected disability	16,328	9,091	55.7	8,736	53.5	356	3.9	7,236
Presence of disability not reported	3,098	1,869	60.3	1,821	58.8	48	2.6	1,229
Gulf War era								
With service-connected disability	541	471	87.1	448	82.7	24	5.0	70
Less than 30 percent disability rating	269	249	92.5	242	90.2	6	2.5	20
30 to 50 percent disability rating	134	115	85.5	107	79.7	8	6.8	19
60 percent or higher disability rating	93	74	78.9	74	78.9	—	—	20
Disability rating not reported	45	34	(¹)	25	(¹)	9	(¹)	11
Without service-connected disability	2,112	1,948	92.2	1,853	87.7	95	4.9	164
Presence of disability not reported	600	516	85.9	490	81.7	25	4.9	85
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era								
With service-connected disability	1,361	425	31.2	413	30.3	12	2.8	936
Less than 30 percent disability rating	594	239	40.3	229	38.6	10	4.2	355
30 to 50 percent disability rating	277	81	29.3	80	28.7	2	2.0	196
60 percent or higher disability rating	351	58	16.5	58	16.5	—	—	293
Disability rating not reported	139	47	33.5	47	33.5	—	—	92
Without service-connected disability	9,985	4,463	44.7	4,291	43.0	171	3.8	5,522
Presence of disability not reported	1,721	792	46.0	787	45.7	5	.7	929
Other service periods								
With service-connected disability	428	231	54.0	219	51.2	12	5.2	197
Less than 30 percent disability rating	234	137	58.6	128	54.7	9	6.6	97
30 to 50 percent disability rating	82	52	62.8	49	59.3	3	(¹)	31
60 percent or higher disability rating	77	25	32.5	25	32.5	—	—	52
Disability rating not reported	35	17	(¹)	17	(¹)	—	—	18
Without service-connected disability	4,232	2,681	63.4	2,592	61.2	89	3.3	1,551
Presence of disability not reported	777	561	72.3	544	70.1	17	3.1	215

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by period of service, presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, and sex, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Period of service, presence of disability, reported disability rating, and sex	Civilian noninsti- tutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
Women								
VETERANS								
With service-connected disability	201	116	57.9	109	54.0	8	6.8	85
Less than 30 percent disability rating	92	61	66.2	56	60.6	5	(¹)	31
30 to 50 percent disability rating	63	34	(¹)	34	(¹)	—	—	29
60 percent or higher disability rating	40	17	(¹)	15	(¹)	1	(¹)	23
Disability rating not reported	6	5	(¹)	4	(¹)	1	(¹)	1
Without service-connected disability	1,122	694	61.8	648	57.8	46	6.6	428
Presence of disability not reported	323	207	64.1	200	62.1	7	3.2	116
Gulf War era								
With service-connected disability	101	61	60.3	56	55.1	5	(¹)	40
Without service-connected disability	385	274	71.2	253	65.8	21	7.6	111
Presence of disability not reported	122	87	71.7	84	69.2	3	3.4	35
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era								
With service-connected disability	44	18	(¹)	15	(¹)	3	(¹)	25
Without service-connected disability	332	114	34.4	107	32.3	7	6.0	218
Presence of disability not reported	84	37	43.8	34	40.1	3	(¹)	47
Other service periods								
With service-connected disability	57	37	(¹)	37	(¹)	—	—	19
Without service-connected disability	405	305	75.4	288	71.0	18	5.9	100
Presence of disability not reported	117	83	70.9	82	70.4	1	.6	34

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World War II and the Korean War, between the Korean War and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. A service-connected disability is a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by military service. The associated disability rating, which can range from 0 to 100 percent, is determined from a rating schedule published in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, "Title 38." More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 5. Employed persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, presence of service-connected disability, and class of worker, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

Veteran status, period of service, and presence of disability	Total employed (thousands)	Percent distribution by class of worker								
		Total	Agriculture and related industries	Nonagricultural industries						Self-employed and unpaid family workers
				Total	Wage and salary workers					
					Private sector	Government				
Total	Federal	State and local								
Veterans ¹	12,594	100.0	2.5	97.5	70.8	18.5	7.2	11.3	8.3	
With service-connected disability	1,188	100.0	1.6	98.4	62.0	31.1	17.6	13.5	5.2	
Without service-connected disability	9,384	100.0	2.6	97.4	71.7	16.8	5.8	11.0	8.9	
Gulf War era ¹	3,184	100.0	.8	99.2	74.1	21.9	9.8	12.1	3.2	
With service-connected disability	503	100.0	.7	99.3	62.0	35.4	23.2	12.3	1.8	
Without service-connected disability	2,106	100.0	.6	99.4	76.8	19.2	7.6	11.6	3.4	
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era ¹	5,647	100.0	3.6	96.4	68.0	17.5	6.4	11.0	11.0	
With service-connected disability	429	100.0	3.2	96.8	59.7	27.7	12.3	15.4	9.4	
Without service-connected disability	4,399	100.0	3.6	96.4	68.4	16.6	5.4	11.2	11.4	
Other service periods ¹	3,762	100.0	2.2	97.8	72.2	17.1	6.0	11.1	8.6	
With service-connected disability	256	100.0	.8	99.2	66.0	28.4	15.6	12.8	4.8	
Without service-connected disability	2,879	100.0	2.5	97.5	73.2	15.2	5.0	10.2	9.1	
Nonveterans	127,926	100.0	1.6	98.4	78.1	13.7	2.1	11.6	6.6	

¹ Includes veterans who did not report presence of disability.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, the Gulf War era, and all other service periods. Nonveterans are men and women who never served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Other service periods include the periods between World War II and the Korean War, between the Korean War

and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. A service-connected disability is a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by military service. The associated disability rating, which can range from 0 to 100 percent, is determined from a rating schedule published in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, "Title 38." More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release.

Table 6. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by year of discharge from the Armed Forces, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Year of discharge, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
TOTAL								
Prior to 1971	9,917	3,042	30.7	2,902	29.3	140	4.6	6,875
1971 to 1980	3,497	2,664	76.2	2,573	73.6	91	3.4	834
1981 to 1990	2,192	1,894	86.4	1,834	83.7	60	3.2	298
1991 to 2001	2,488	2,200	88.4	2,126	85.4	75	3.4	288
2002 to 2005	792	681	86.0	600	75.8	81	11.9	110
Year not available	4,516	2,624	58.1	2,560	56.7	64	2.5	1,892
Men								
Prior to 1971	9,638	3,007	31.2	2,869	29.8	137	4.6	6,632
1971 to 1980	3,299	2,511	76.1	2,427	73.6	84	3.4	788
1981 to 1990	1,938	1,673	86.4	1,626	83.9	47	2.8	264
1991 to 2001	2,100	1,916	91.2	1,849	88.1	67	3.5	184
2002 to 2005	674	606	89.9	546	81.0	60	9.9	68
Year not available	4,108	2,375	57.8	2,320	56.5	55	2.3	1,732
Women								
Prior to 1971	279	36	12.8	33	11.8	3	(¹)	243
1971 to 1980	198	153	77.0	146	73.5	7	4.5	46
1981 to 1990	254	220	86.7	208	81.7	13	5.7	34
1991 to 2001	388	284	73.2	277	71.2	8	2.7	104
2002 to 2005	118	76	64.1	54	45.9	22	28.5	42
Year not available	408	249	60.9	240	58.8	9	3.6	160
White								
Prior to 1971	9,252	2,829	30.6	2,705	29.2	123	4.4	6,423
1971 to 1980	3,047	2,320	76.1	2,255	74.0	64	2.8	728
1981 to 1990	1,792	1,538	85.8	1,502	83.8	37	2.4	254
1991 to 2001	2,005	1,783	88.9	1,716	85.6	68	3.8	222
2002 to 2005	631	552	87.5	501	79.4	51	9.3	79
Year not available	3,662	2,107	57.5	2,060	56.2	47	2.2	1,555
Black or African American								
Prior to 1971	448	143	32.0	131	29.3	12	8.5	305
1971 to 1980	343	272	79.3	253	73.8	19	7.0	71
1981 to 1990	334	298	89.1	276	82.6	22	7.3	37
1991 to 2001	343	295	85.8	289	84.2	5	1.8	49
2002 to 2005	132	105	80.0	76	57.6	30	28.0	26
Year not available	655	396	60.5	386	58.9	10	2.6	259
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity								
Prior to 1971	285	63	22.2	54	18.7	10	(¹)	222
1971 to 1980	150	118	78.6	114	76.4	3	2.8	32
1981 to 1990	107	85	79.4	83	77.4	2	2.6	22
1991 to 2001	129	109	84.5	108	83.8	1	.8	20
2002 to 2005	85	63	74.3	63	74.3	-	-	22
Year not available	261	194	74.4	192	73.6	2	1.1	67

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and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Estimates for the above race groups (white and black or African American) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all race groups. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Asians are not shown separately, as most estimates are too small to meet publication standards. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 7. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by year of discharge from the Armed Forces, presence of service-connected disability, and reported disability rating, August 2005, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Year of discharge, presence of disability, and reported disability rating	Civilian noninsti- tutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
Prior to 1976								
With service-connected disability	1,235	317	25.6	304	24.6	13	4.0	918
Less than 30 percent disability rating	587	183	31.2	175	29.8	8	4.4	404
30 to 50 percent disability rating	231	51	22.3	48	20.9	3	(¹)	179
60 percent or higher disability rating	297	46	15.4	46	15.4	–	(¹)	251
Disability rating not reported	120	36	30.1	35	29.0	1	(¹)	84
Without service-connected disability	10,859	4,335	39.9	4,154	38.3	181	4.2	6,523
1976 to 1990								
With service-connected disability	471	275	58.4	261	55.5	14	5.0	196
Less than 30 percent disability rating	231	174	75.4	162	70.0	12	7.1	57
30 to 50 percent disability rating	125	71	56.8	70	55.9	1	(¹)	54
60 percent or higher disability rating	96	18	18.5	18	18.5	–	–	78
Disability rating not reported	18	12	(¹)	12	(¹)	–	–	7
Without service-connected disability	3,002	2,654	88.4	2,571	85.6	83	3.1	348
1991 to 2001								
With service-connected disability	579	475	82.0	467	80.7	8	1.6	104
Less than 30 percent disability rating	289	266	92.2	263	91.0	3	1.3	23
30 to 50 percent disability rating	135	103	76.5	99	73.3	4	4.2	32
60 percent or higher disability rating	119	80	67.5	80	67.5	–	–	39
Disability rating not reported	36	25	(¹)	25	(¹)	–	–	11
Without service-connected disability	1,905	1,724	90.5	1,658	87.0	67	3.9	181
2002 to 2005								
With service-connected disability	167	143	85.7	122	73.0	21	14.8	24
Less than 30 percent disability rating	58	50	(¹)	43	(¹)	7	(¹)	8
30 to 50 percent disability rating	58	52	(¹)	48	(¹)	3	(¹)	6
60 percent or higher disability rating	39	29	(¹)	28	(¹)	1	(¹)	10
Disability rating not reported	12	12	(¹)	2	(¹)	9	(¹)	1
Without service-connected disability	612	525	85.8	474	77.4	51	9.8	87

¹ Ratios are not shown where the denominator is less than 75,000. Small estimated levels are based on a small number of survey responses and, thus, are subject to relatively large standard errors.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, the Gulf War era, and all other service periods. Nonveterans are men and women who never served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Other service periods include the periods between World War II and the Korean War, between the Korean War and the Vietnam era, and between the Vietnam era and the Gulf War era. Categories do not

add to totals shown on other tables because data are not shown for veterans whose presence of disability was not reported, and because information on the year of discharge was not available for approximately 4.5 million veterans. A service-connected disability is a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by military service. The associated disability rating, which can range from 0 to 100 percent, is determined from a rating schedule published in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, "Title 38." More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Table 8. Employment status of Gulf War era veterans by detailed period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, August 2005

Period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
TOTAL								
Gulf War era, total	3,861	3,358	87.0	3,184	82.5	173	5.2	503
Gulf War era I	2,770	2,447	88.4	2,360	85.2	87	3.6	322
Gulf War era II	1,091	910	83.4	824	75.5	86	9.5	181
Men								
Gulf War era, total	3,253	2,935	90.2	2,791	85.8	144	4.9	318
Gulf War era I	2,324	2,110	90.8	2,035	87.6	75	3.6	214
Gulf War era II	930	825	88.8	756	81.4	69	8.3	104
Women								
Gulf War era, total	608	422	69.5	393	64.7	29	6.9	185
Gulf War era I	446	337	75.6	326	73.0	12	3.4	109
Gulf War era II	162	85	52.6	68	41.7	18	20.6	77
White								
Gulf War era, total	3,047	2,680	88.0	2,551	83.7	129	4.8	367
Gulf War era I	2,180	1,951	89.5	1,877	86.1	74	3.8	229
Gulf War era II	868	730	84.1	674	77.7	55	7.6	138
Black or African American								
Gulf War era, total	614	506	82.4	466	75.9	40	7.9	108
Gulf War era I	443	370	83.5	358	80.8	12	3.2	73
Gulf War era II	170	136	79.6	108	63.1	28	20.7	35
Asian								
Gulf War era, total	51	38	(¹)	35	(¹)	2	(¹)	13
Gulf War era I	33	26	(¹)	26	(¹)	-	(¹)	7
Gulf War era II	18	12	(¹)	9	(¹)	2	(¹)	6
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity								
Gulf War era, total	284	241	85.0	240	84.7	1	.3	43
Gulf War era I	203	184	90.8	184	90.3	1	.5	19
Gulf War era II	80	57	70.5	57	70.5	-	-	24

¹ Ratios are not shown where the denominator is less than 75,000. Small estimated levels are based on a small number of survey responses and, thus, are subject to relatively large standard errors.

NOTE: Veterans of the Gulf War era are those who served from August 1990 to the present. The era has been divided into two sub-eras: Gulf War era I from August 1990 to August 2001 and Gulf War era II from September 2001 to the present. Veterans who served in

both sub-eras are classified in the more recent one (sub-era II). More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all race groups. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.

Table 9. Employment status of veterans with multiple wartime periods of service by selected combinations of periods, August 2005

Periods of service	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
Total with multiple wartime periods of service	812	264	32.6	258	31.8	6	2.3	547
Gulf War era and Vietnam era	259	200	77.2	194	75.1	5	2.8	59
Vietnam era and Korean war	206	46	22.1	46	22.1	-	-	161
Korean war and World War II	286	17	5.9	16	5.7	-	-	269

NOTE: Wartime veterans are men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, or the Gulf War era. Categories do not add to totals because not all

combinations are shown. More detailed information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Dash represents or rounds to zero.