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## **EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF VETERANS — 2017**

The unemployment rate for veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time since September 2001—a group referred to as Gulf War-era II veterans—edged down to 4.5 percent in 2017, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The jobless rate for all veterans declined from 4.3 percent to 3.7 percent in 2017. About 41 percent of Gulf War-era II veterans had a service-connected disability in August 2017, compared with 24 percent of all veterans.

This information was obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 households that provides data on employment and unemployment in the United States. Data about veterans are collected monthly in the CPS; these monthly data are the source of the 2017 annual averages presented in this news release. In August 2017, a supplement to the CPS collected additional information about veterans on topics such as service-connected disability and veterans' current or past Reserve or National Guard membership. Information from the supplement is also presented in this release. 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. For more information, see the Technical Note, which provides definitions of terms used in this release.

### **Highlights from the 2017 data:**

- The unemployment rate for male veterans (3.6 percent) declined over the year, and the rate for female veterans (4.1 percent) changed little in 2017. The unemployment rate for male veterans was not statistically different from the rate for female veterans. (See table A.)
- Among the 370,000 unemployed veterans in 2017, 59 percent were age 25 to 54, 37 percent were age 55 and over, and 4 percent were age 18 to 24. (See table 2A.)
- Veterans with a service-connected disability had an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent in August 2017, little different from veterans with no disability (4.5 percent). (See table 7.)
- About 1 in 3 employed veterans with a service-connected disability worked in the public sector in August 2017, compared with about 1 in 5 veterans with no disability. (See table 8.)
- In 2017, the unemployment rate of veterans varied across the country, ranging from 1.7 percent in Maine and Vermont to 7.3 percent in Rhode Island. (See table 6A.)

## **The Veteran Population**

In 2017, 20.4 million men and women were veterans, accounting for about 8 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population age 18 and over. About 10 percent of all veterans were women. In the survey, veterans are defined as men and women who have previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and who were civilians at the time these data were collected. Veterans are more likely to be men than were nonveterans, and they also tend to be older. In part, this reflects the characteristics of veterans who served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era, all of whom are now over 60 years old. Veterans who served during these wartime periods accounted for 39 percent (8.1 million) of the total veteran population in 2017. Thirty-six percent of veterans (7.4 million) served during Gulf War era I (August 1990 to August 2001) or Gulf War era II (September 2001 forward). About a quarter (4.9 million) served outside the designated wartime periods. (See tables 1 and 2A.)

### **Gulf War-era II Veterans**

In 2017, there were 4.1 million veterans who had served during Gulf War era II (September 2001 forward). Seventeen percent of these veterans were women, compared with about 4 percent of veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era. Seventy percent of all Gulf War-era II veterans were between the ages of 25 and 44. (See tables 1 and 2A.)

Among Gulf War-era II veterans, the unemployment rate for men was not statistically different from the rate for women in 2017. The unemployment rate for men edged down to 4.3 percent in 2017. The rate for women, at 5.5 percent, was essentially unchanged from the prior year. (See table A.)

In 2017, the unemployment rate for male Gulf War-era II veterans, at 4.3 percent, was the same as the rate for male nonveterans. Among men age 25 to 34, Gulf War-era II veterans had a higher unemployment rate (6.0 percent) than did nonveterans (4.5 percent). Among men age 45 to 54, however, Gulf War-era II veterans had a lower unemployment rate (1.5 percent) than did nonveterans (3.1 percent). (See table 2B.)

Among women, the unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans (5.5 percent) was higher than the rate for nonveterans (4.1 percent) in 2017. By age, unemployment rates for female veterans and nonveterans were similar, with one exception: 25- to 34-year-old female veterans had a rate of 8.0 percent, higher than the rate of 4.5 percent for their nonveteran counterparts. (See table 2C.)

Employed Gulf War-era II veterans were about twice as likely to work in the public sector in 2017 as employed nonveterans—27 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Among the employed, 15 percent of Gulf War-era II veterans worked for the federal government, compared with 2 percent of nonveterans. (See table 5.)

In August 2017, 47 percent of Gulf War-era II veterans reported serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, or both locations. These veterans had an unemployment rate of 4.4 percent, little different from Gulf War-era II veterans who served elsewhere (4.5 percent). (See table 10.)

### **Gulf War-era I Veterans**

Of the 3.3 million veterans who served during Gulf War era I (August 1990 to August 2001), the proportion who were women (15 percent in 2017) was similar to that of Gulf War-era II veterans (17

percent). Nearly all (99 percent) Gulf War-era I veterans were age 35 and over in 2017, compared with 54 percent of Gulf War-era II veterans. (See tables 1 and 2A.)

In 2017, the unemployment rates for male and female Gulf War-era I veterans were 3.0 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, lower than the rates for their Gulf War-era II veteran counterparts (4.3 percent and 5.5 percent). The difference in unemployment rates reflects, at least in part, the older age profile of veterans who served during Gulf War era I. Younger people—whether veterans or nonveterans—tend to have higher unemployment rates than older people. (See tables 2B and 2C.)

### **Veterans of Other Service Periods**

In 2017, 4.9 million veterans had served on active duty during "other service periods," mainly between the Korean War and the Vietnam era and between the Vietnam era and Gulf War era I. All veterans from this period of service were 45 years or older at the time of the survey. Twenty-two percent of these veterans were age 45 to 54 in 2017, another 39 percent were age 55 to 64, and another 39 percent were age 65 and over. (See table 2A.)

In 2017, 1 in 10 veterans of other service periods were women. Among veterans of other service periods, the unemployment rate for men (3.2 percent) was little different than the rate for women (2.7 percent). (See table 1.)

### **Veterans with a Service-connected Disability**

In August 2017, about 4.9 million veterans, or 24 percent of the total, had a service-connected disability. Veterans with a service-connected disability are assigned a disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the U.S. Department of Defense. Ratings range from 0 to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percentage points, depending on the severity of the condition. (See table 7.)

The unemployment rate for veterans with a service-connected disability was 4.3 percent in August 2017, little different than the rate for veterans with no disability (4.5 percent). The labor force participation rate for veterans with a service-connected disability (48.4 percent) was not statistically different than the rate for veterans with no disability (49.2 percent).

Among veterans with a service-connected disability, 28 percent reported a disability rating of less than 30 percent, while another 41 percent had a rating of 60 percent or higher. In August 2017, veterans with a service-connected disability rating of less than 30 percent were much more likely to be in the labor force than those with a rating of 60 percent or higher (53.5 percent and 37.7 percent, respectively). The unemployment rate for veterans with a disability rating of less than 30 percent was 3.3 percent, not statistically different than for those with a disability rating of 60 percent or higher (4.8 percent).

Among veterans who served during Gulf War era II, 41 percent (1.7 million) reported a service-connected disability and nearly half of these veterans had a service-connected disability rating of 60 percent or higher. In August 2017, 75.8 percent of all Gulf War era II veterans with a service-connected disability were in the labor force, lower than the 85.5 percent for veterans from this period with no service-connected disability. Among Gulf War-era II veterans, the unemployment rate for those with a service-connected disability was 3.9 percent, not statistically different from those with no disability (4.8 percent).

In August 2017, 28 percent (946,000) of veterans who served during Gulf War era I reported a service-connected disability. Their labor force participation rate was lower (65.6 percent) than the rate for veterans from the era who did not have a disability (85.9 percent). The unemployment rate for Gulf War-era I veterans with a service-connected disability (4.3 percent) was not statistically different than that for Gulf War-era I veterans without a service-connected disability (2.8 percent).

Among the 1.7 million veterans with a service-connected disability from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era, 15.4 percent were in the labor force in August 2017, lower than the 23.1 percent of veterans from these periods who did not have a service-connected disability. The unemployment rate of veterans from these wartime periods with a service-connected disability was 3.9 percent, lower than their counterparts with no disability (7.9 percent).

Thirteen percent (633,000) of veterans who served during other service periods reported a service-connected disability in August 2017. The labor force participation rate of these veterans (38.6 percent) was lower than their counterparts without a service-connected disability (48.3 percent), while the unemployment rate was not statistically different for veterans with a service-connected disability (6.7 percent) and those with no disability (3.6 percent).

Regardless of period of service, many veterans with a service-connected disability worked in the public sector. In August 2017, 33 percent of employed veterans with a disability worked in federal, state, or local government, compared with 19 percent of veterans with no disability and 13 percent of nonveterans. Nineteen percent of employed veterans with a disability worked for the federal government, compared with 7 percent of veterans with no disability and 2 percent of nonveterans. (See table 8.)

### **Reserve and National Guard Membership**

In August 2017, about one-third of Gulf War-era veterans (August 1990 to present) were current or past members of the Reserve or National Guard. Labor force participation rates were higher for veterans who were current or past members of the Reserve or National Guard (82.4 percent), compared with veterans who were never members (79.4 percent). Among Gulf War-era veterans, those who were current or past members of the Reserve or National Guard had a lower unemployment rate than those who had never been members (2.5 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively). (See table 9.)

#### **Adjustments to Veteran Population Estimates**

Effective with data for November 2017, estimates for veterans incorporate population controls derived from an updated Department of Veterans Affairs population model. In accordance with usual practice, BLS did not revise estimates for previous years. Information about the updated veteran population model is available from the Department of Veterans Affairs at [www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/Demographics/New\\_Vetpop\\_Model/Vetpop16\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/Demographics/New_Vetpop_Model/Vetpop16_Overview.pdf).

**Table A. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and sex, 2016-2017 annual averages**

[Numbers in thousands]

Veteran status and period of service	2016			2017		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	20,895	18,881	2,014	20,387	18,387	2,000
Civilian labor force.....	10,581	9,334	1,247	10,125	8,934	1,191
Participation rate.....	50.6	49.4	61.9	49.7	48.6	59.6
Employed.....	10,129	8,944	1,184	9,755	8,613	1,142
Employment-population ratio.....	48.5	47.4	58.8	47.8	46.8	57.1
Unemployed.....	453	390	63	370	321	49
Unemployment rate.....	4.3	4.2	5.0	3.7	3.6	4.1
Not in labor force.....	10,314	9,547	767	10,262	9,454	808
<b>Gulf War-era II veterans</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	3,896	3,207	689	4,116	3,400	716
Civilian labor force.....	3,174	2,666	508	3,318	2,819	498
Participation rate.....	81.5	83.1	73.7	80.6	82.9	69.6
Employed.....	3,013	2,533	480	3,169	2,698	471
Employment-population ratio.....	77.3	79.0	69.6	77.0	79.4	65.7
Unemployed.....	161	133	28	149	121	28
Unemployment rate.....	5.1	5.0	5.6	4.5	4.3	5.5
Not in labor force.....	722	541	181	798	580	218
<b>NONVETERANS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	223,649	99,107	124,541	225,619	100,301	125,318
Civilian labor force.....	146,479	74,393	72,086	147,957	75,154	72,803
Participation rate.....	65.5	75.1	57.9	65.6	74.9	58.1
Employed.....	139,560	70,799	68,761	141,692	71,907	69,785
Employment-population ratio.....	62.4	71.4	55.2	62.8	71.7	55.7
Unemployed.....	6,919	3,594	3,325	6,265	3,248	3,018
Unemployment rate.....	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.1
Not in labor force.....	77,170	24,714	52,455	77,662	25,147	52,515

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Gulf War-era II veterans served on active duty anywhere in the world sometime since September 2001. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

## Technical Note

The data in this release were collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS—a monthly survey of about 60,000 eligible households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics—obtains information on employment and unemployment among the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over.

Most of the data in this release are annual averages for 2017, compiled from the results of the monthly survey. In August 2017, a supplement to the CPS collected additional information about veterans on topics such as service-connected disability, veterans' Reserve or National Guard status, and veterans who served in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. 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 17 years of age and older regarding their prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Data are tabulated for persons 18 years of age and older.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

### 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 and who were civilians at the time they were surveyed. Members of the Reserve and National Guard are counted as veterans if they had ever been called to active duty. Persons who are on active duty at the time of the survey are outside the scope of the survey and thus not in the estimates shown here, as are persons who reside in institutions, such as nursing homes and prisons.

*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 U.S. Armed Forces during these periods of service, regardless of where in the world 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 U.S. Armed Forces at any time other than World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam era, or 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 in the wartime period.

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

*Period of service* identifies when a veteran served in the Armed Forces, but not the location of their service. It is obtained from answers to the question asked of veterans, "When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?" The following service periods are identified:

- Gulf War era II — September 2001-present
- Gulf War era I — August 1990-August 2001
- Vietnam era — August 1964-April 1975
- Korean War — July 1950-January 1955
- World War II — December 1941-December 1946
- Other service periods — All other time periods

Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service. Veterans are counted only in one period of service, their most recent wartime period. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one. Veterans who served in both a wartime period and any other service period are classified in the wartime period. The period-of-service definitions are modified occasionally to reflect changes in law, regulations, and program needs of the survey sponsors.

*Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, or both* are individuals who served in Iraq at any time since March 2003, in Afghanistan at any time since October 2001, or in both locations. Service in Iraq or Afghanistan is determined by answers to two questions: "Did you serve in Iraq, off the coast of Iraq, or did you fly missions over Iraq at any time since March 2003?" and "Did you serve in Afghanistan, or did you fly missions over Afghanistan, at any time since October 2001?"

*Presence of service-connected disability* is determined by answers to the question, "Has the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or Department of Defense (DoD) determined that you have a service-connected disability, that is, a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by any of your 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 by the VA or DoD 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, with instructions for rating multiple disorders.

*Reserve and National Guard membership* refers only to Gulf War-era veterans who are current or past members of the Reserve or National Guard. Members of the Reserve and National Guard are counted as veterans if they had ever been called to active duty. These data do not refer to all persons who may have ever served in the Reserve or National Guard. Reserve or National Guard status is obtained from answers to two questions. Gulf War-era veterans were asked: "Was any of your active service the result of a call-up from the Reserve or National Guard?" If the answer was no, they were asked, "Have you ever been a member of the Reserve or National Guard?" A 'yes' response to either question classified persons as "Current or past member of the Reserve or National Guard." A 'no' response to the latter question classified persons as "Never a member of the Reserve or National Guard."

### **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 component of this difference that occurs because samples differ by chance is known as *sampling error*, and its 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, the inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, the inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

Information about the reliability of national data from the CPS and estimating standard errors is available at [www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability](http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability).

For a discussion of the reliability of state estimates from the CPS, such as those in tables 6A and 6B of this release, see [www.bls.gov/opub/gp/gpapndb.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/gp/gpapndb.htm).

### **Comparability of the estimates**

Beginning with data for August 2015, estimates from the veterans supplement shown in tables 7 through 10 of this release reflect a change in the weighting methodology. As a result of this change, for August 2015 and later years, the estimates of the number of veterans with a service-connected disability, veteran Reserve or National Guard members, and veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan were higher than in previous years. The supplement data presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for years before 2015 due to the change. See the note in the Employment Situation of Veterans 2015 news release for more information about the change in weighting methodology ([www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/vet\\_03222016.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/vet_03222016.pdf)).

**Table 1. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2017 annual averages**  
 [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	
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	246,006	158,082	64.3	151,447	61.6	6,635	4.2	87,924
Veterans.....	20,387	10,125	49.7	9,755	47.8	370	3.7	10,262
Gulf War era, total.....	7,394	5,903	79.8	5,675	76.8	228	3.9	1,491
Gulf War era II.....	4,116	3,318	80.6	3,169	77.0	149	4.5	798
Gulf War era I.....	3,279	2,585	78.9	2,507	76.4	79	3.1	693
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	8,052	1,818	22.6	1,751	21.7	67	3.7	6,234
Other service periods.....	4,941	2,404	48.7	2,329	47.1	75	3.1	2,537
Nonveterans.....	225,619	147,957	65.6	141,692	62.8	6,265	4.2	77,662
<b>Men</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	118,688	84,088	70.8	80,520	67.8	3,568	4.2	34,600
Veterans.....	18,387	8,934	48.6	8,613	46.8	321	3.6	9,454
Gulf War era, total.....	6,175	5,035	81.5	4,848	78.5	188	3.7	1,139
Gulf War era II.....	3,400	2,819	82.9	2,698	79.4	121	4.3	580
Gulf War era I.....	2,775	2,216	79.9	2,150	77.5	66	3.0	559
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	7,764	1,758	22.6	1,693	21.8	66	3.7	6,006
Other service periods.....	4,449	2,140	48.1	2,073	46.6	68	3.2	2,309
Nonveterans.....	100,301	75,154	74.9	71,907	71.7	3,248	4.3	25,147
<b>Women</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	127,318	73,994	58.1	70,927	55.7	3,067	4.1	53,323
Veterans.....	2,000	1,191	59.6	1,142	57.1	49	4.1	808
Gulf War era, total.....	1,220	868	71.2	828	67.9	40	4.6	352
Gulf War era II.....	716	498	69.6	471	65.7	28	5.5	218
Gulf War era I.....	504	370	73.4	357	70.9	13	3.4	134
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	288	60	20.8	58	20.2	2	2.8	228
Other service periods.....	492	264	53.6	256	52.1	7	2.7	228
Nonveterans.....	125,318	72,803	58.1	69,785	55.7	3,018	4.1	52,515
<b>White</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	192,255	123,175	64.1	118,657	61.7	4,518	3.7	69,080
Veterans.....	16,867	8,122	48.2	7,846	46.5	276	3.4	8,745
Gulf War era, total.....	5,618	4,532	80.7	4,372	77.8	159	3.5	1,087
Gulf War era II.....	3,133	2,541	81.1	2,438	77.8	103	4.1	592
Gulf War era I.....	2,485	1,990	80.1	1,934	77.8	56	2.8	494
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	7,100	1,606	22.6	1,546	21.8	60	3.8	5,494
Other service periods.....	4,148	1,984	47.8	1,928	46.5	56	2.8	2,164
Nonveterans.....	175,388	115,053	65.6	110,810	63.2	4,243	3.7	60,336
<b>Black or African American</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	30,970	19,900	64.3	18,459	59.6	1,442	7.2	11,070
Veterans.....	2,587	1,465	56.6	1,390	53.7	75	5.1	1,122
Gulf War era, total.....	1,286	991	77.1	937	72.9	54	5.5	295
Gulf War era II.....	709	559	78.9	523	73.7	37	6.5	150
Gulf War era I.....	577	432	74.9	414	71.8	18	4.1	145
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	684	146	21.3	141	20.6	4	3.0	538
Other service periods.....	617	328	53.2	312	50.5	16	5.0	289
Nonveterans.....	28,383	18,435	65.0	17,068	60.1	1,367	7.4	9,948
<b>Asian</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	14,804	9,641	65.1	9,316	62.9	325	3.4	5,163
Veterans.....	336	202	60.1	199	59.1	3	1.6	134
Gulf War era, total.....	185	149	80.4	147	79.3	2	1.3	36
Gulf War era II.....	108	88	81.3	86	80.0	1	1.6	20
Gulf War era I.....	78	61	79.1	61	78.4	1	0.9	16



**Table 1. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2017 annual averages — Continued**  
 [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	
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	91	20	22.0	20	21.7	0	—	71
Other service periods.....	60	33	55.3	32	53.8	1	—	27
Nonveterans.....	14,468	9,439	65.2	9,117	63.0	321	3.4	5,029
<b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	39,190	26,836	68.5	25,514	65.1	1,321	4.9	12,355
Veterans.....	1,459	916	62.8	881	60.4	35	3.8	543
Gulf War era, total.....	798	642	80.4	619	77.5	23	3.6	156
Gulf War era II.....	527	420	79.7	403	76.5	17	4.0	107
Gulf War era I.....	270	222	81.9	215	79.5	6	2.9	49
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era.....	374	103	27.5	99	26.4	4	4.0	271
Other service periods.....	287	171	59.7	164	57.1	8	4.4	116
Nonveterans.....	37,732	25,919	68.7	24,633	65.3	1,287	5.0	11,812

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**Table 2A. Employment status of persons 18 years and over by veteran status, age, and period of service, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Veteran status, age, and period 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	
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	20,387	10,125	49.7	9,755	47.8	370	3.7	10,262
18 to 24 years.....	231	187	81.0	172	74.6	15	7.9	44
25 to 34 years.....	1,704	1,385	81.3	1,297	76.1	88	6.4	319
35 to 44 years.....	2,226	1,903	85.5	1,843	82.8	60	3.2	323
45 to 54 years.....	3,142	2,612	83.1	2,541	80.9	71	2.7	530
55 to 64 years.....	3,647	2,264	62.1	2,193	60.1	72	3.2	1,383
65 years and over.....	9,437	1,773	18.8	1,709	18.1	64	3.6	7,663
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	7,394	5,903	79.8	5,675	76.8	228	3.9	1,491
18 to 24 years.....	231	187	81.0	172	74.6	15	7.9	44
25 to 34 years.....	1,704	1,385	81.3	1,297	76.1	88	6.4	319
35 to 44 years.....	2,226	1,903	85.5	1,843	82.8	60	3.2	323
45 to 54 years.....	2,058	1,731	84.1	1,685	81.8	47	2.7	327
55 to 64 years.....	872	614	70.4	598	68.6	16	2.6	258
65 years and over.....	303	83	27.3	80	26.6	2	2.8	220
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	4,116	3,318	80.6	3,169	77.0	149	4.5	798
18 to 24 years.....	231	187	81.0	172	74.6	15	7.9	44
25 to 34 years.....	1,678	1,364	81.3	1,278	76.2	86	6.3	314
35 to 44 years.....	1,189	984	82.7	952	80.1	32	3.2	205
45 to 54 years.....	634	529	83.5	520	82.0	9	1.8	104
55 to 64 years.....	305	228	74.8	222	72.9	6	2.5	77
65 years and over.....	79	25	32.1	25	31.1	1	—	54
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	3,279	2,585	78.9	2,507	76.4	79	3.1	693
25 to 34 years.....	26	20	—	19	—	2	—	5
35 to 44 years.....	1,037	920	88.7	891	85.9	28	3.1	118
45 to 54 years.....	1,425	1,202	84.4	1,165	81.7	37	3.1	223
55 to 64 years.....	567	386	68.0	376	66.2	10	2.6	182
65 years and over.....	224	57	25.7	56	24.9	2	2.7	166
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total, 55 years and over.....	8,052	1,818	22.6	1,751	21.7	67	3.7	6,234
55 to 64 years.....	860	400	46.5	386	44.9	14	3.4	460
65 years and over.....	7,192	1,418	19.7	1,364	19.0	53	3.8	5,774
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total, 45 years and over.....	4,941	2,404	48.7	2,329	47.1	75	3.1	2,537
45 to 54 years.....	1,084	881	81.3	857	79.1	24	2.7	203
55 to 64 years.....	1,915	1,250	65.3	1,208	63.1	42	3.4	664
65 years and over.....	1,943	273	14.0	264	13.6	9	3.1	1,670
<b>TOTAL NONVETERANS</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	225,619	147,957	65.6	141,692	62.8	6,265	4.2	77,662
18 to 24 years.....	28,846	18,736	65.0	17,143	59.4	1,593	8.5	10,110
25 to 34 years.....	42,255	34,701	82.1	33,142	78.4	1,559	4.5	7,554
35 to 44 years.....	37,726	31,131	82.5	30,048	79.6	1,082	3.5	6,595
45 to 54 years.....	38,645	30,951	80.1	29,962	77.5	990	3.2	7,694
55 to 64 years.....	38,046	24,637	64.8	23,872	62.7	765	3.1	13,409
65 years and over.....	40,102	7,801	19.5	7,525	18.8	276	3.5	32,301

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**Table 2B. Employment status of men 18 years and over by veteran status, age, and period of service, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Veteran status, age, and period 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	
<b>VETERANS, MEN</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	18,387	8,934	48.6	8,613	46.8	321	3.6	9,454
18 to 24 years.....	183	157	85.6	144	78.4	13	8.4	26
25 to 34 years.....	1,396	1,167	83.6	1,096	78.5	71	6.1	229
35 to 44 years.....	1,825	1,606	88.0	1,556	85.2	50	3.1	219
45 to 54 years.....	2,675	2,259	84.5	2,199	82.2	60	2.7	416
55 to 64 years.....	3,236	2,028	62.7	1,964	60.7	64	3.2	1,208
65 years and over.....	9,072	1,716	18.9	1,653	18.2	62	3.6	7,356
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	6,175	5,035	81.5	4,848	78.5	188	3.7	1,139
18 to 24 years.....	183	157	85.6	144	78.4	13	8.4	26
25 to 34 years.....	1,396	1,167	83.6	1,096	78.5	71	6.1	229
35 to 44 years.....	1,825	1,606	88.0	1,556	85.2	50	3.1	219
45 to 54 years.....	1,743	1,494	85.7	1,456	83.5	38	2.5	249
55 to 64 years.....	755	538	71.3	525	69.5	13	2.5	217
65 years and over.....	272	73	26.9	71	26.1	2	3.0	199
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	3,400	2,819	82.9	2,698	79.4	121	4.3	580
18 to 24 years.....	183	157	85.6	144	78.4	13	8.4	26
25 to 34 years.....	1,377	1,151	83.6	1,082	78.6	69	6.0	225
35 to 44 years.....	965	831	86.1	804	83.3	27	3.3	134
45 to 54 years.....	542	461	85.0	454	83.7	7	1.5	81
55 to 64 years.....	262	197	75.2	193	73.6	4	2.1	65
65 years and over.....	70	22	31.6	22	30.7	1	—	48
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	2,775	2,216	79.9	2,150	77.5	66	3.0	559
25 to 34 years.....	19	16	—	14	—	2	—	3
35 to 44 years.....	860	775	90.1	752	87.4	23	3.0	85
45 to 54 years.....	1,201	1,033	86.0	1,002	83.4	31	3.0	168
55 to 64 years.....	493	341	69.2	332	67.3	9	2.7	152
65 years and over.....	202	51	25.2	49	24.5	2	3.1	151
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total, 55 years and over.....	7,764	1,758	22.6	1,693	21.8	66	3.7	6,006
55 to 64 years.....	805	378	47.0	365	45.3	13	3.5	427
65 years and over.....	6,959	1,380	19.8	1,327	19.1	52	3.8	5,579
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total, 45 years and over.....	4,449	2,140	48.1	2,073	46.6	68	3.2	2,309
45 to 54 years.....	932	766	82.2	743	79.8	22	2.9	166
55 to 64 years.....	1,676	1,112	66.3	1,074	64.1	37	3.4	564
65 years and over.....	1,841	263	14.3	255	13.8	8	3.0	1,578
<b>NONVETERANS, MEN</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	100,301	75,154	74.9	71,907	71.7	3,248	4.3	25,147
18 to 24 years.....	14,449	9,674	66.9	8,738	60.5	936	9.7	4,775
25 to 34 years.....	20,424	18,206	89.1	17,394	85.2	813	4.5	2,217
35 to 44 years.....	17,772	16,170	91.0	15,646	88.0	524	3.2	1,602
45 to 54 years.....	17,759	15,403	86.7	14,926	84.0	476	3.1	2,357
55 to 64 years.....	16,820	12,130	72.1	11,746	69.8	384	3.2	4,690
65 years and over.....	13,077	3,571	27.3	3,457	26.4	114	3.2	9,506

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**Table 2C. Employment status of women 18 years and over by veteran status, age, and period of service, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Veteran status, age, and period 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	
<b>VETERANS, WOMEN</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	2,000	1,191	59.6	1,142	57.1	49	4.1	808
18 to 24 years.....	48	30	63.5	29	60.0	2	—	17
25 to 34 years.....	308	218	70.7	200	65.1	17	7.9	90
35 to 44 years.....	401	297	74.0	287	71.6	10	3.2	104
45 to 54 years.....	467	353	75.5	342	73.2	11	3.0	114
55 to 64 years.....	411	236	57.4	228	55.5	8	3.3	175
65 years and over.....	365	58	15.8	56	15.3	2	3.6	307
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	1,220	868	71.2	828	67.9	40	4.6	352
18 to 24 years.....	48	30	63.5	29	60.0	2	—	17
25 to 34 years.....	308	218	70.7	200	65.1	17	7.9	90
35 to 44 years.....	401	297	74.0	287	71.6	10	3.2	104
45 to 54 years.....	316	238	75.3	229	72.5	9	3.8	78
55 to 64 years.....	117	76	64.8	73	62.5	3	3.5	41
65 years and over.....	30	10	—	9	—	0	—	21
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	716	498	69.6	471	65.7	28	5.5	218
18 to 24 years.....	48	30	63.5	29	60.0	2	—	17
25 to 34 years.....	301	213	70.7	196	65.0	17	8.0	88
35 to 44 years.....	224	152	68.1	148	66.0	5	3.1	71
45 to 54 years.....	91	68	74.8	66	72.2	2	3.6	23
55 to 64 years.....	43	31	72.8	30	69.0	2	—	12
65 years and over.....	9	3	—	3	—	0	—	6
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	504	370	73.4	357	70.9	13	3.4	134
25 to 34 years.....	7	5	—	5	—	0	—	2
35 to 44 years.....	177	144	81.6	139	78.8	5	3.4	33
45 to 54 years.....	224	169	75.5	163	72.6	6	3.8	55
55 to 64 years.....	74	45	60.2	44	58.8	1	2.4	30
65 years and over.....	22	6	—	6	—	0	—	15
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total, 55 years and over.....	288	60	20.8	58	20.2	2	2.8	228
55 to 64 years.....	55	22	39.0	21	38.3	0	—	34
65 years and over.....	233	38	16.4	37	15.9	1	3.4	195
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total, 45 years and over.....	492	264	53.6	256	52.1	7	2.7	228
45 to 54 years.....	151	115	75.9	113	74.8	2	1.5	36
55 to 64 years.....	239	139	58.0	134	56.0	5	3.5	100
65 years and over.....	102	10	9.8	9	9.2	1	—	92
<b>NONVETERANS, WOMEN</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	125,318	72,803	58.1	69,785	55.7	3,018	4.1	52,515
18 to 24 years.....	14,397	9,062	62.9	8,405	58.4	657	7.2	5,335
25 to 34 years.....	21,831	16,494	75.6	15,748	72.1	746	4.5	5,337
35 to 44 years.....	19,954	14,960	75.0	14,402	72.2	558	3.7	4,993
45 to 54 years.....	20,885	15,549	74.4	15,035	72.0	513	3.3	5,337
55 to 64 years.....	21,226	12,507	58.9	12,126	57.1	381	3.0	8,719
65 years and over.....	27,025	4,230	15.7	4,068	15.1	162	3.8	22,795

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**Table 3. Employment status of persons 25 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and educational attainment, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Veteran status, period of service, and educational attainment	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	
<b>VETERANS</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	20,156	9,938	49.3	9,583	47.5	355	3.6	10,218
Less than a high school diploma.....	876	187	21.3	173	19.8	13	7.0	689
High school graduates, no college.....	5,890	2,566	43.6	2,467	41.9	99	3.9	3,323
Some college or associate degree.....	7,026	3,665	52.2	3,514	50.0	151	4.1	3,361
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	6,365	3,520	55.3	3,428	53.9	92	2.6	2,845
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	7,163	5,716	79.8	5,503	76.8	213	3.7	1,447
Less than a high school diploma.....	88	54	61.5	50	57.2	4	7.0	34
High school graduates, no college.....	1,578	1,257	79.7	1,200	76.0	57	4.6	321
Some college or associate degree.....	2,884	2,221	77.0	2,123	73.6	98	4.4	664
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	2,613	2,184	83.6	2,130	81.5	54	2.5	429
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	3,885	3,131	80.6	2,997	77.1	134	4.3	754
Less than a high school diploma.....	48	27	56.5	25	51.2	3	—	21
High school graduates, no college.....	799	654	81.9	616	77.1	38	5.9	144
Some college or associate degree.....	1,614	1,220	75.6	1,158	71.7	62	5.1	394
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	1,423	1,229	86.3	1,198	84.2	31	2.5	195
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	3,279	2,585	78.9	2,507	76.4	79	3.1	693
Less than a high school diploma.....	40	27	67.6	26	64.5	1	—	13
High school graduates, no college.....	779	603	77.4	584	74.9	19	3.2	176
Some college or associate degree.....	1,270	1,000	78.8	965	76.0	35	3.5	269
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	1,190	955	80.3	932	78.3	23	2.4	234
<b>WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	8,052	1,818	22.6	1,751	21.7	67	3.7	6,234
Less than a high school diploma.....	509	62	12.3	58	11.4	4	7.0	447
High school graduates, no college.....	2,547	499	19.6	480	18.9	19	3.8	2,047
Some college or associate degree.....	2,528	584	23.1	558	22.1	26	4.4	1,944
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	2,469	673	27.2	654	26.5	18	2.7	1,796
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	4,941	2,404	48.7	2,329	47.1	75	3.1	2,537
Less than a high school diploma.....	279	70	25.1	65	23.4	5	7.0	209
High school graduates, no college.....	1,765	810	45.9	787	44.6	23	2.8	955
Some college or associate degree.....	1,614	861	53.3	833	51.6	27	3.2	754
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	1,283	664	51.7	644	50.2	20	3.0	619
<b>NONVETERANS</b>								
Total, 25 years and over.....	196,773	129,221	65.7	124,549	63.3	4,673	3.6	67,552
Less than a high school diploma.....	21,596	10,040	46.5	9,386	43.5	654	6.5	11,556
High school graduates, no college.....	56,169	33,229	59.2	31,669	56.4	1,560	4.7	22,940
Some college or associate degree.....	50,520	34,232	67.8	32,958	65.2	1,274	3.7	16,288
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	68,489	51,721	75.5	50,536	73.8	1,185	2.3	16,768

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**Table 4. Employed persons 18 years and over by occupation, sex, veteran status, and period of service, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Percent distribution]

Occupation and sex	Veterans						Non-veterans
	Total	Gulf War era			WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	Other service periods	
		Total	Gulf War era II	Gulf War era I			
<b>TOTAL</b>							
Total employed (in thousands).....	9,755	5,675	3,169	2,507	1,751	2,329	141,692
<b>Occupation as a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	39.4	39.9	38.8	41.2	41.4	36.7	40.2
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	19.3	18.2	17.6	18.9	23.8	18.5	16.6
Professional and related occupations.....	20.1	21.7	21.2	22.3	17.6	18.2	23.6
Service occupations.....	13.9	15.1	16.1	13.8	10.7	13.4	17.3
Sales and office occupations.....	16.8	17.0	16.8	17.3	18.2	15.1	22.1
Sales and related occupations.....	8.6	7.8	7.5	8.1	11.8	8.1	10.2
Office and administrative support occupations.....	8.2	9.2	9.3	9.2	6.4	7.0	11.8
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	13.6	13.6	14.8	12.1	12.4	14.3	9.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8
Construction and extraction occupations.....	5.8	5.3	5.7	4.8	6.0	6.7	5.2
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	7.3	7.9	8.8	6.9	5.5	7.1	3.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	16.4	14.4	13.5	15.6	17.3	20.5	11.4
Production occupations.....	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.6	5.3	7.6	5.5
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	10.2	8.4	8.0	9.0	12.1	12.9	5.9
<b>MEN</b>							
Total employed (in thousands).....	8,613	4,848	2,698	2,150	1,693	2,073	71,907
<b>Occupation as a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	38.1	38.3	37.2	39.6	41.0	35.4	36.4
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	19.3	18.1	17.3	19.0	23.8	18.6	17.4
Professional and related occupations.....	18.8	20.2	20.0	20.6	17.2	16.8	18.9
Service occupations.....	13.7	14.9	15.7	13.9	10.8	13.2	14.0
Sales and office occupations.....	15.2	15.0	14.8	15.1	17.6	13.6	15.9
Sales and related occupations.....	8.5	7.7	7.4	8.0	11.8	7.9	9.9
Office and administrative support occupations.....	6.6	7.3	7.4	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	15.2	15.8	17.3	13.9	12.9	15.8	16.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	1.1
Construction and extraction occupations.....	6.5	6.2	6.6	5.6	6.2	7.4	9.9
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	8.2	9.2	10.2	7.8	5.7	7.8	5.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	17.8	16.1	14.9	17.5	17.7	22.0	17.0
Production occupations.....	6.8	6.7	6.1	7.5	5.3	8.2	7.5
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	11.0	9.3	8.8	9.9	12.4	13.7	9.4
<b>WOMEN</b>							
Total employed (in thousands).....	1,142	828	471	357	58	256	69,785
<b>Occupation as a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	48.9	49.3	47.8	51.2	52.0	47.0	44.1
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	18.9	18.9	19.3	18.3	25.4	17.4	15.7
Professional and related occupations.....	30.0	30.4	28.5	32.9	26.7	29.6	28.4
Service occupations.....	15.3	16.0	18.4	13.0	7.9	14.7	20.7
Sales and office occupations.....	28.9	29.1	28.1	30.4	34.4	26.9	28.5
Sales and related occupations.....	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.8	12.7	10.3	10.6
Office and administrative support occupations.....	19.9	20.7	20.1	21.6	21.7	16.7	17.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.1	2.3	1.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Construction and extraction occupations.....	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.3
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.3

**Table 4. Employed persons 18 years and over by occupation, sex, veteran status, and period of service, 2017 annual averages — Continued**  
 [Percent distribution]

Occupation and sex	Veterans						Non-veterans
	Total	Gulf War era			WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	Other service periods	
		Total	Gulf War era II	Gulf War era I			
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	5.9	4.9	5.4	4.4	5.5	9.2	5.7
Production occupations.....	1.9	1.6	2.2	0.9	3.0	2.3	3.5
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.6	6.8	2.2

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans are counted in only one period of service, their most recent wartime period. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one. Veterans who served in both a wartime period and any other service period are classified in the wartime period.

**Table 5. Employed persons 18 years and over by industry, class of worker, sex, veteran status, and period of service, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Percent distribution]

Industry, class of worker, and sex	Veterans						Non-veterans
	Total	Gulf War era			WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	Other service periods	
		Total	Gulf War era II	Gulf War era I			
<b>TOTAL</b>							
Total employed (in thousands) <sup>1</sup> .....	9,755	5,675	3,169	2,507	1,751	2,329	141,692
<b>As a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture and related industries.....	2.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	5.7	2.1	1.6
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	1.5	1.0	1.1
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	4.1	1.2	0.5
Nonagricultural industries.....	98.0	99.2	99.1	99.4	94.3	97.9	98.4
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	92.1	96.0	96.4	95.5	80.2	91.7	92.7
Private industries.....	70.4	70.5	69.9	71.2	68.1	72.1	79.4
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction. . .	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Construction.....	6.5	6.4	6.8	5.8	6.4	6.7	5.7
Manufacturing.....	12.1	12.0	10.8	13.5	8.7	14.7	9.7
Wholesale trade.....	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.2
Retail trade.....	8.6	8.0	8.5	7.5	10.4	8.6	10.3
Transportation and utilities.....	7.2	6.8	5.9	8.0	7.0	8.4	4.0
Information.....	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.7	1.7
Financial activities.....	4.9	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.8	4.2	6.4
Professional and business services.....	10.8	11.6	11.7	11.5	9.6	9.9	10.7
Education and health services.....	8.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.0	7.7	15.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	3.7	3.9	4.9	2.8	3.6	3.2	8.4
Other services.....	3.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	4.2	3.4	4.3
Government.....	21.7	25.5	26.5	24.3	12.1	19.6	13.3
Federal.....	10.2	13.4	14.8	11.6	3.5	7.5	1.9
State.....	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.5	3.2	5.1	4.7
Local.....	6.8	7.2	6.5	8.2	5.4	7.0	6.7
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	5.9	3.2	2.7	3.9	14.1	6.2	5.7
<b>MEN</b>							
Total employed (in thousands) <sup>1</sup> .....	8,613	4,848	2,698	2,150	1,693	2,073	71,907
<b>As a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture and related industries.....	2.2	0.9	1.0	0.7	5.7	2.3	2.2
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.6	1.1	1.6
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.1	1.3	0.6
Nonagricultural industries.....	97.8	99.1	99.0	99.3	94.3	97.7	97.8
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	91.6	95.8	96.2	95.3	80.1	91.3	91.3
Private industries.....	71.0	71.3	70.8	72.0	68.1	72.8	81.1
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction. . .	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Construction.....	7.1	7.2	7.8	6.5	6.6	7.4	10.1
Manufacturing.....	13.0	13.3	12.1	14.9	8.9	15.7	13.2
Wholesale trade.....	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.0
Retail trade.....	8.5	8.0	8.6	7.3	10.5	8.2	10.2
Transportation and utilities.....	7.8	7.5	6.5	8.8	7.3	9.1	6.0
Information.....	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.2	1.8	2.0
Financial activities.....	4.7	4.6	3.9	5.5	5.8	4.1	5.6
Professional and business services.....	11.0	11.9	12.0	11.7	9.6	10.1	11.7
Education and health services.....	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	3.5	3.7	4.5	2.5	3.6	3.0	7.9
Other services.....	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.5	4.3	3.4	3.9
Government.....	20.6	24.5	25.5	23.3	12.0	18.6	10.3
Federal.....	9.4	12.7	14.0	11.1	3.3	6.9	1.8
State.....	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.4	3.2	4.9	3.5

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 5. Employed persons 18 years and over by industry, class of worker, sex, veteran status, and period of service, 2017 annual averages — Continued**  
 [Percent distribution]

Industry, class of worker, and sex	Veterans						Non-veterans
	Total	Gulf War era			WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era	Other service periods	
		Total	Gulf War era II	Gulf War era I			
Local.....	6.7	7.2	6.7	7.8	5.4	6.7	5.0
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	6.2	3.3	2.8	4.0	14.2	6.3	6.4
<b>WOMEN</b>							
Total employed (in thousands) <sup>1</sup> .....	1,142	828	471	357	58	256	69,785
<b>As a percent of total employed</b>							
Total employed <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture and related industries.....	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	4.0	0.5	0.8
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.8	0.4	0.3
Nonagricultural industries.....	99.5	99.7	99.6	99.9	96.0	99.5	99.2
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	95.8	97.0	97.3	96.6	84.3	94.7	94.1
Private industries.....	66.0	65.6	64.9	66.6	67.6	66.6	77.7
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction. . . .	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
Construction.....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2	2.1	1.1	1.2
Manufacturing.....	4.7	4.3	3.3	5.6	3.8	6.4	6.2
Wholesale trade.....	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	7.3	1.2	1.5
Retail trade.....	9.0	8.3	8.0	8.6	7.1	11.6	10.5
Transportation and utilities.....	2.4	2.5	2.1	3.2	0.0	2.6	2.0
Information.....	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.0	1.0	1.3
Financial activities.....	6.5	6.9	6.6	7.4	6.0	5.1	7.2
Professional and business services.....	9.5	9.9	9.7	10.2	7.4	8.4	9.6
Education and health services.....	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	30.2	19.8	24.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	5.5	5.7	6.8	4.2	3.7	5.1	8.9
Other services.....	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.2	0.0	4.0	4.6
Government.....	29.9	31.4	32.4	30.0	16.7	28.0	16.4
Federal.....	15.9	17.6	19.9	14.6	9.8	11.9	2.0
State.....	6.2	6.1	6.8	5.1	3.0	7.0	5.9
Local.....	7.8	7.6	5.6	10.3	3.9	9.1	8.5
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	3.6	2.7	2.2	3.3	11.7	4.8	5.0

<sup>1</sup> Total includes a small number of unpaid family workers, not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Includes self-employed workers whose business are incorporated.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans are counted in only one period of service, their most recent wartime period. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one. Veterans who served in both a wartime period and any other service period are classified in the wartime period.

**Table 6A. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by state, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

State	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	
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	20,387	10,125	49.7	9,755	47.8	370	3.7	10,262
Alabama.....	375	182	48.5	178	47.4	4	2.2	193
Alaska.....	73	44	60.5	42	57.3	2	5.3	29
Arizona.....	501	229	45.7	217	43.3	12	5.2	272
Arkansas.....	244	108	44.3	103	42.4	5	4.4	136
California.....	1,823	887	48.7	850	46.6	37	4.2	936
Colorado.....	396	215	54.3	207	52.3	8	3.7	181
Connecticut.....	191	93	48.9	90	47.3	3	3.4	97
Delaware.....	78	36	46.0	34	44.2	1	4.0	42
District of Columbia.....	27	14	49.6	13	46.5	1	6.3	14
Florida.....	1,603	734	45.8	713	44.5	21	2.9	869
Georgia.....	697	410	58.8	396	56.8	14	3.4	287
Hawaii.....	105	55	52.5	53	50.7	2	3.5	50
Idaho.....	121	54	44.4	52	42.8	2	3.4	67
Illinois.....	624	295	47.3	283	45.4	12	4.1	329
Indiana.....	446	239	53.4	233	52.1	6	2.4	208
Iowa.....	217	113	52.2	108	49.6	6	5.0	104
Kansas.....	173	88	50.7	86	49.5	2	2.5	85
Kentucky.....	294	148	50.3	145	49.3	3	2.0	146
Louisiana.....	306	149	48.7	145	47.3	4	3.0	157
Maine.....	112	55	48.6	54	47.8	1	1.7	58
Maryland.....	436	268	61.6	260	59.6	9	3.3	167
Massachusetts.....	361	172	47.5	168	46.4	4	2.4	189
Michigan.....	567	260	45.9	251	44.3	9	3.6	307
Minnesota.....	337	178	52.8	169	50.2	9	5.1	159
Mississippi.....	197	98	49.7	95	48.0	3	3.5	99
Missouri.....	446	208	46.6	202	45.2	6	3.1	238
Montana.....	103	51	49.3	49	47.2	2	4.4	52
Nebraska.....	124	63	50.8	60	48.5	3	4.5	61
Nevada.....	270	135	50.1	129	47.6	7	4.9	135
New Hampshire.....	103	49	47.6	48	46.0	2	3.3	54
New Jersey.....	339	150	44.1	144	42.4	6	4.0	190
New Mexico.....	152	70	45.9	67	44.4	2	3.3	82
New York.....	760	323	42.5	310	40.8	13	3.9	437
North Carolina.....	720	365	50.7	348	48.3	17	4.7	355
North Dakota.....	48	27	56.6	27	55.4	1	2.1	21
Ohio.....	796	369	46.4	357	44.8	13	3.5	427
Oklahoma.....	298	151	50.9	146	49.1	5	3.5	146
Oregon.....	305	152	49.8	145	47.6	6	4.3	153
Pennsylvania.....	837	382	45.7	363	43.4	19	5.0	454
Rhode Island.....	71	32	44.5	29	41.3	2	7.3	39
South Carolina.....	417	189	45.4	182	43.6	7	3.9	228
South Dakota.....	77	46	59.5	45	58.0	1	2.5	31
Tennessee.....	515	262	50.8	253	49.1	9	3.5	253
Texas.....	1,678	905	53.9	870	51.9	35	3.8	773
Utah.....	151	79	52.1	76	50.6	2	2.9	72
Vermont.....	42	19	44.8	19	44.1	0	1.7	23
Virginia.....	772	463	60.0	452	58.5	11	2.5	309
Washington.....	508	245	48.2	237	46.6	8	3.2	263
West Virginia.....	145	64	44.2	61	41.9	3	5.1	81
Wisconsin.....	353	175	49.4	169	47.8	6	3.3	179
Wyoming.....	51	28	53.9	26	51.4	1	4.6	24

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey.

**Table 6B. Employment status of nonveterans 18 years and over by state, 2017 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

State	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	
<b>TOTAL NONVETERANS</b>								
Total, 18 years and over.....	225,619	147,957	65.6	141,692	62.8	6,265	4.2	77,662
Alabama.....	3,339	1,967	58.9	1,881	56.3	86	4.4	1,372
Alaska.....	457	321	70.2	296	64.8	25	7.8	136
Arizona.....	4,768	3,033	63.6	2,897	60.8	135	4.5	1,736
Arkansas.....	2,004	1,241	61.9	1,198	59.8	43	3.5	763
California.....	28,000	18,116	64.7	17,275	61.7	842	4.6	9,884
Colorado.....	3,871	2,768	71.5	2,692	69.6	75	2.7	1,103
Connecticut.....	2,577	1,790	69.5	1,705	66.2	85	4.8	786
Delaware.....	658	433	65.8	412	62.7	20	4.7	225
District of Columbia.....	528	384	72.7	361	68.3	24	6.1	144
Florida.....	14,799	9,284	62.7	8,915	60.2	369	4.0	5,515
Georgia.....	7,000	4,607	65.8	4,397	62.8	211	4.6	2,393
Hawaii.....	960	626	65.2	612	63.7	14	2.3	334
Idaho.....	1,125	762	67.7	739	65.7	23	3.0	363
Illinois.....	9,030	6,046	66.9	5,763	63.8	283	4.7	2,985
Indiana.....	4,506	3,011	66.8	2,910	64.6	101	3.4	1,494
Iowa.....	2,155	1,527	70.8	1,482	68.7	45	3.0	629
Kansas.....	1,966	1,366	69.5	1,319	67.1	47	3.5	600
Kentucky.....	3,043	1,885	61.9	1,787	58.7	98	5.2	1,158
Louisiana.....	3,172	1,946	61.4	1,845	58.2	101	5.2	1,225
Maine.....	953	635	66.7	616	64.6	20	3.1	317
Maryland.....	4,171	2,919	70.0	2,799	67.1	120	4.1	1,252
Massachusetts.....	5,012	3,437	68.6	3,305	65.9	132	3.8	1,575
Michigan.....	7,082	4,522	63.8	4,316	60.9	206	4.6	2,560
Minnesota.....	3,846	2,846	74.0	2,755	71.6	91	3.2	999
Mississippi.....	2,005	1,169	58.3	1,112	55.5	57	4.9	835
Missouri.....	4,150	2,751	66.3	2,648	63.8	103	3.7	1,400
Montana.....	707	465	65.8	447	63.3	18	3.8	242
Nebraska.....	1,284	920	71.6	896	69.8	24	2.6	364
Nevada.....	2,001	1,308	65.4	1,245	62.2	63	4.8	693
New Hampshire.....	952	677	71.1	659	69.3	17	2.5	276
New Jersey.....	6,517	4,279	65.6	4,083	62.7	195	4.6	2,239
New Mexico.....	1,402	852	60.8	801	57.1	51	6.0	550
New York.....	14,547	9,240	63.5	8,821	60.6	419	4.5	5,306
North Carolina.....	7,010	4,481	63.9	4,291	61.2	190	4.2	2,529
North Dakota.....	516	383	74.3	374	72.4	10	2.5	133
Ohio.....	8,033	5,292	65.9	5,034	62.7	258	4.9	2,742
Oklahoma.....	2,603	1,668	64.1	1,598	61.4	70	4.2	935
Oregon.....	2,925	1,941	66.4	1,864	63.7	77	4.0	984
Pennsylvania.....	9,037	5,882	65.1	5,615	62.1	268	4.5	3,155
Rhode Island.....	765	516	67.4	494	64.6	21	4.1	249
South Carolina.....	3,365	2,060	61.2	1,972	58.6	88	4.2	1,305
South Dakota.....	564	407	72.2	392	69.6	15	3.6	157
Tennessee.....	4,611	2,912	63.2	2,803	60.8	109	3.7	1,699
Texas.....	18,678	12,409	66.4	11,882	63.6	527	4.2	6,269
Utah.....	1,997	1,445	72.4	1,399	70.1	46	3.2	551
Vermont.....	456	319	69.9	309	67.9	9	3.0	137
Virginia.....	5,621	3,806	67.7	3,665	65.2	141	3.7	1,816
Washington.....	5,143	3,425	66.6	3,269	63.6	155	4.5	1,718
West Virginia.....	1,271	711	56.0	675	53.1	37	5.1	560
Wisconsin.....	4,055	2,905	71.6	2,815	69.4	90	3.1	1,150
Wyoming.....	383	263	68.6	252	65.8	11	4.1	120

NOTE: Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Table 7. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted**

[Numbers in thousands]

Presence of disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex	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	
<b>TOTAL</b>								
<b>VETERANS</b>								
Total.....	20,562	10,065	49.0	9,618	46.8	448	4.4	10,497
With service-connected disability.....	4,939	2,390	48.4	2,287	46.3	103	4.3	2,549
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	1,401	749	53.5	725	51.7	24	3.3	652
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	1,066	664	62.3	642	60.3	22	3.3	402
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	2,034	767	37.7	730	35.9	37	4.8	1,267
Disability rating not reported.....	438	210	47.9	190	43.4	20	9.5	228
Without service-connected disability.....	14,905	7,338	49.2	7,005	47.0	333	4.5	7,567
Presence of disability not reported.....	718	337	47.0	325	45.3	12	3.6	381
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total.....	7,490	6,001	80.1	5,769	77.0	232	3.9	1,489
With service-connected disability.....	2,613	1,885	72.1	1,809	69.2	76	4.0	728
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	580	515	88.8	494	85.2	21	4.1	65
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	658	534	81.2	527	80.1	7	1.3	124
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	1,171	685	58.5	648	55.3	37	5.3	487
Disability rating not reported.....	204	151	73.9	139	68.3	11	7.6	53
Without service-connected disability.....	4,526	3,878	85.7	3,732	82.4	146	3.8	648
Presence of disability not reported.....	350	238	67.8	228	65.0	10	4.1	113
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total.....	4,085	3,297	80.7	3,150	77.1	147	4.5	788
With service-connected disability.....	1,667	1,264	75.8	1,215	72.9	50	3.9	403
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	328	300	91.6	294	89.7	6	2.1	27
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	430	373	86.9	368	85.6	6	1.5	56
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	808	499	61.7	467	57.9	31	6.3	309
Disability rating not reported.....	102	92	90.6	86	84.2	7	7.1	10
Without service-connected disability.....	2,200	1,881	85.5	1,791	81.4	90	4.8	319
Presence of disability not reported.....	218	152	69.8	144	66.1	8	5.4	66
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total.....	3,405	2,704	79.4	2,619	76.9	85	3.1	701
With service-connected disability.....	946	621	65.6	594	62.8	26	4.3	326
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	252	215	85.2	200	79.3	15	6.9	37
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	228	161	70.5	160	69.9	1	0.8	67
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	363	186	51.2	181	49.8	5	2.9	177
Disability rating not reported.....	102	59	57.4	54	52.6	5	-	44
Without service-connected disability.....	2,326	1,998	85.9	1,941	83.4	57	2.8	329
Presence of disability not reported.....	132	85	64.5	84	63.3	2	1.8	47
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total.....	8,050	1,707	21.2	1,582	19.7	124	7.3	6,343
With service-connected disability.....	1,692	260	15.4	250	14.8	10	3.9	1,432
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	602	120	19.9	118	19.6	2	1.8	482
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	281	62	22.1	59	20.8	4	-	219
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	654	52	8.0	52	8.0	-	-	602
Disability rating not reported.....	155	26	16.6	21	13.8	4	-	129
Without service-connected disability.....	6,157	1,421	23.1	1,309	21.3	112	7.9	4,736
Presence of disability not reported.....	201	26	12.7	23	11.5	2	-	175
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total.....	5,022	2,358	46.9	2,267	45.1	91	3.9	2,664
With service-connected disability.....	633	244	38.6	228	36.0	16	6.7	389
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	219	114	52.0	113	51.5	1	1.1	105
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	127	68	53.2	57	44.6	11	-	59
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	209	30	14.3	30	14.3	-	-	179
Disability rating not reported.....	79	33	42.2	29	36.9	4	-	45
Without service-connected disability.....	4,222	2,039	48.3	1,965	46.5	74	3.6	2,183
Presence of disability not reported.....	167	74	44.4	74	44.4	0	-	93

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted -- Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Presence of disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex	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	
<b>MEN</b>								
<b>VETERANS</b>								
Total.....	18,530	8,821	47.6	8,452	45.6	369	4.2	9,709
With service-connected disability.....	4,390	2,086	47.5	1,995	45.4	92	4.4	2,304
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	1,241	633	51.0	619	49.8	14	2.2	608
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	952	594	62.4	572	60.1	22	3.7	358
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	1,810	681	37.6	646	35.7	36	5.3	1,129
Disability rating not reported.....	387	178	46.1	158	40.9	20	11.2	208
Without service-connected disability.....	13,519	6,447	47.7	6,173	45.7	274	4.2	7,072
Presence of disability not reported.....	621	288	46.4	284	45.8	4	1.4	333
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total.....	6,254	5,099	81.5	4,930	78.8	169	3.3	1,155
With service-connected disability.....	2,169	1,600	73.7	1,535	70.7	65	4.1	570
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	463	416	89.8	405	87.5	11	2.6	47
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	558	464	83.2	457	82.0	7	1.5	94
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	992	600	60.5	564	56.9	36	6.0	392
Disability rating not reported.....	156	119	76.4	108	69.0	11	9.6	37
Without service-connected disability.....	3,812	3,304	86.7	3,202	84.0	102	3.1	508
Presence of disability not reported.....	273	195	71.5	193	71.0	2	0.8	78
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total.....	3,339	2,761	82.7	2,659	79.6	102	3.7	578
With service-connected disability.....	1,392	1,097	78.8	1,054	75.7	43	3.9	295
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	263	253	96.2	253	96.2	-	-	10
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	364	331	90.8	325	89.2	6	1.7	34
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	682	440	64.5	410	60.1	30	6.9	242
Disability rating not reported.....	82	72	88.3	66	80.4	7	-	10
Without service-connected disability.....	1,777	1,542	86.8	1,483	83.5	59	3.8	234
Presence of disability not reported.....	171	122	71.2	122	71.2	0	0.0	49
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total.....	2,915	2,338	80.2	2,271	77.9	67	2.9	577
With service-connected disability.....	778	503	64.6	480	61.8	22	4.4	275
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	200	163	81.3	152	75.9	11	6.6	37
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	193	133	68.9	132	68.2	1	1.0	60
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	310	160	51.6	155	49.8	5	3.3	150
Disability rating not reported.....	74	47	-	42	-	5	-	27
Without service-connected disability.....	2,035	1,762	86.6	1,719	84.4	43	2.4	273
Presence of disability not reported.....	102	73	72.0	72	70.5	2	-	29
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total.....	7,760	1,640	21.1	1,520	19.6	120	7.3	6,120
With service-connected disability.....	1,649	260	15.8	250	15.2	10	3.9	1,389
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	585	120	20.5	118	20.2	2	1.8	465
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	272	62	22.8	59	21.5	4	-	210
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	637	52	8.2	52	8.2	-	-	585
Disability rating not reported.....	155	26	16.6	21	13.8	4	-	129
Without service-connected disability.....	5,917	1,354	22.9	1,247	21.1	108	8.0	4,562
Presence of disability not reported.....	194	26	13.2	23	11.9	2	-	168
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total.....	4,516	2,082	46.1	2,002	44.3	80	3.8	2,434
With service-connected disability.....	571	226	39.6	210	36.8	16	7.3	345
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	193	97	50.1	95	49.5	1	1.3	96
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	122	68	55.4	57	46.4	11	-	55
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	181	29	15.9	29	15.9	-	-	152
Disability rating not reported.....	75	33	44.1	29	38.6	4	-	42
Without service-connected disability.....	3,790	1,788	47.2	1,725	45.5	64	3.6	2,002
Presence of disability not reported.....	155	68	43.9	68	43.9	0	-	87

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Employment status of veterans 18 years and over by presence of service-connected disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted -- Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Presence of disability, reported disability rating, period of service, and sex	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	
<b>WOMEN</b>								
<b>VETERANS</b>								
Total.....	2,032	1,244	61.2	1,166	57.4	78	6.3	788
With service-connected disability.....	549	304	55.3	292	53.3	11	3.6	245
Less than 30 percent disability rating.....	160	116	72.8	106	66.3	10	8.9	43
30 to 50 percent disability rating.....	114	70	61.6	70	61.6	-	-	44
60 percent or higher disability rating.....	224	86	38.2	85	37.9	1	0.9	138
Disability rating not reported.....	51	31	-	31	-	-	-	20
Without service-connected disability.....	1,386	891	64.3	832	60.1	59	6.6	494
Presence of disability not reported.....	97	49	50.4	41	42.0	8	-	48
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total.....	1,236	902	73.0	839	67.8	64	7.0	334
With service-connected disability.....	444	285	64.3	274	61.8	11	3.9	159
Without service-connected disability.....	714	574	80.4	530	74.2	44	7.7	140
Presence of disability not reported.....	78	43	54.8	34	44.3	8	-	35
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total.....	746	536	71.9	491	65.8	46	8.5	209
With service-connected disability.....	275	167	60.8	160	58.3	7	4.1	108
Without service-connected disability.....	423	338	79.9	308	72.7	31	9.1	85
Presence of disability not reported.....	47	31	-	23	-	8	-	17
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total.....	490	366	74.6	348	71.0	18	4.9	124
With service-connected disability.....	169	118	70.0	114	67.5	4	3.5	51
Without service-connected disability.....	291	236	81.0	222	76.3	14	5.8	55
Presence of disability not reported.....	30	12	-	12	-	-	-	18
<b>WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era</b>								
Total.....	290	67	22.9	62	21.5	4	-	223
With service-connected disability.....	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Without service-connected disability.....	240	67	27.7	62	26.0	4	-	173
Presence of disability not reported.....	7	0	-	0	-	-	-	7
<b>Other service periods</b>								
Total.....	506	275	54.4	265	52.3	11	3.9	231
With service-connected disability.....	62	18	-	18	-	-	-	44
Without service-connected disability.....	432	251	58.1	240	55.6	11	4.3	181
Presence of disability not reported.....	13	6	-	6	-	0	-	6

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans are counted in only one period of service, their most recent wartime period. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one. Veterans who served in both a wartime period and any other service period are classified in the wartime period. 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 information appears in the Technical Note of this release. Dash indicates no data or data that do not meet publication criteria (values not shown where base is less than 75,000).

**Table 8. Employed persons 18 years and over by veteran status, presence of service-connected disability, period of service, and class of worker, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted**

Veteran status, presence of disability, and period of service	Total employed (thousands)	Percent distribution by class of worker									
		Total	Agriculture and related industries	Nonagricultural industries						Self-employed, unincorporated, and unpaid family workers	
				Total	Wage and salary workers <sup>1</sup>			Total	Federal		State and local
					Private sector	Total	Federal				
Veterans, total <sup>2</sup> .....	9,618	100.0	2.3	97.7	69.8	21.9	10.3	11.6	6.0		
With service-connected disability.....	2,287	100.0	1.6	98.4	59.2	32.5	19.3	13.2	6.7		
Without service-connected disability.....	7,005	100.0	2.4	97.6	73.1	18.6	7.2	11.4	5.9		
Gulf War era, total <sup>2</sup> .....	5,769	100.0	0.8	99.2	70.8	25.6	12.6	13.0	2.7		
With service-connected disability.....	1,809	100.0	0.4	99.6	60.7	35.1	21.4	13.7	3.9		
Without service-connected disability....	3,732	100.0	0.9	99.1	75.5	21.4	8.1	13.3	2.2		
Gulf War era II <sup>2</sup> .....	3,150	100.0	0.9	99.1	70.9	25.3	12.1	13.2	2.9		
With service-connected disability.....	1,215	100.0	0.6	99.4	63.0	32.5	17.3	15.2	3.9		
Without service-connected disability..	1,791	100.0	0.8	99.2	76.3	20.7	7.9	12.8	2.1		
Gulf War era I <sup>2</sup> .....	2,619	100.0	0.8	99.2	70.7	26.0	13.3	12.7	2.5		
With service-connected disability.....	594	100.0	-	100.0	55.8	40.3	29.6	10.7	3.8		
Without service-connected disability..	1,941	100.0	0.9	99.1	74.8	22.1	8.3	13.8	2.2		
WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam era <sup>2</sup> ..	1,582	100.0	6.8	93.2	65.4	11.4	4.1	7.3	16.5		
With service-connected disability.....	250	100.0	7.0	93.0	52.6	14.8	6.3	8.4	25.7		
Without service-connected disability....	1,309	100.0	6.8	93.2	67.3	10.9	3.8	7.2	15.0		
Other service periods <sup>2</sup> .....	2,267	100.0	3.0	97.0	70.1	19.8	8.8	10.9	7.2		
With service-connected disability.....	228	100.0	5.7	94.3	54.7	31.5	17.6	14.0	8.1		
Without service-connected disability....	1,965	100.0	2.5	97.5	72.2	18.4	7.7	10.7	6.8		
Nonveterans.....	141,637	100.0	1.6	98.4	79.7	13.0	1.9	11.1	5.7		

<sup>1</sup> Includes self-employed workers whose businesses are incorporated.

<sup>2</sup> Includes veterans who did not report presence of disability.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans are counted in only one period of service, their most recent wartime period. Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified in the most recent one. Veterans who served in both a wartime period and any other service period are classified in the wartime period. 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 information appears in the Technical Note of this release.

**Table 9. Employment status of Gulf War era veterans by Reserve or National Guard status, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted**

[Numbers in thousands]

Period of service and Reserve or National Guard status	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	
<b>VETERANS</b>								
<b>Gulf War era, total</b>								
Total.....	7,490	6,001	80.1	5,769	77.0	232	3.9	1,489
Current or past member of Reserve or National Guard.....	2,392	1,971	82.4	1,922	80.4	48	2.5	421
Never a member of Reserve or National Guard.....	4,800	3,811	79.4	3,641	75.9	170	4.5	989
Reserve or National Guard membership not reported.....	298	219	73.5	205	68.8	14	6.4	79
<b>Gulf War era II</b>								
Total.....	4,085	3,297	80.7	3,150	77.1	147	4.5	788
Current or past member of Reserve or National Guard.....	1,398	1,150	82.2	1,118	79.9	32	2.8	249
Never a member of Reserve or National Guard.....	2,516	2,029	80.6	1,922	76.4	107	5.3	487
Reserve or National Guard membership not reported.....	170	118	69.5	110	64.7	8	6.9	52
<b>Gulf War era I</b>								
Total.....	3,405	2,704	79.4	2,619	76.9	85	3.1	701
Current or past member of Reserve or National Guard.....	994	821	82.6	805	81.0	16	2.0	173
Never a member of Reserve or National Guard.....	2,284	1,782	78.0	1,719	75.3	63	3.5	502
Reserve or National Guard membership not reported.....	128	101	78.9	95	74.4	6	5.7	27

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. The Gulf War era began in August 1990 and continues to the present day. It is divided into two periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present) and Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001). Veterans are counted in only one period of service, their most recent period. Data do not include Reserve and National Guard members who have never been called to Active Duty.



**Table 10. Employment status of Gulf War-era II veterans 18 years and over by location of service, August 2017, not seasonally adjusted**

[Numbers in thousands]

Period of service and location	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Number	Rate	
Total, Gulf War-era II veterans.....	4,085	3,297	80.7	3,150	77.1	147	4.5	788
Served in Iraq, Afghanistan, or both <sup>1</sup> .....	1,940	1,519	78.3	1,452	74.8	67	4.4	421
Served in Iraq <sup>2</sup> .....	1,509	1,149	76.2	1,105	73.2	44	3.9	359
Served in Afghanistan <sup>3</sup> .....	977	785	80.3	746	76.4	38	4.9	192
Served in both locations <sup>4</sup> .....	545	415	76.1	399	73.3	15	3.7	130
Served elsewhere.....	2,145	1,778	82.9	1,698	79.2	80	4.5	367

<sup>1</sup> Refers to veterans who served in Iraq at anytime since March 2003 and veterans who served in Afghanistan at anytime since October 2001. Also includes veterans who served in both countries.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all veterans who served in Iraq at any time since March 2003, whether or not they also served in Afghanistan.

<sup>3</sup> Includes all veterans who served in Afghanistan at any time since October 2001, whether or not they also served in Iraq.

<sup>4</sup> Veterans who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan during the designated dates are also included in the totals of each location above.

NOTE: Veterans are men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Gulf War-era II veterans served anywhere in the world at any time since September 2001.