

Changing Demographics Between 2007-2017

Infographics



Sheltered:

- The population of sheltered homeless adults have decreased by 10.8%, while sheltered homeless Veteran population has decreased by 44.0% between 2007-2017.
- There has been a drastic increase (46%) in those age 62 years and older among sheltered homeless Veterans in the past decade.

Homeless VA service users:

- Users aged 18-34 has increased by 11% and those aged 35-54 has increased by 16% from 2007-2017.
- The proportion of white Veterans has increased ($\Delta 5\%$) along with the proportion of Hispanic Veterans ($\Delta 3\%$), while the proportion of black Veterans has decreased ($\nabla 5\%$). This trend is different than that observed in the general adult, veteran, VA service user, and sheltered homeless veteran populations.
- Homeless VA service users became more rural ($\Delta 5\%$) between 2007 and 2017 in contrast to the 3-5% increase in urban population among general adult, general veteran and general VA service user population, respectively.

Between 2007-2017, the size of the general Veteran population decreased from about 23 million to 18 million (21.7% decrease). During the same time period, the population of general VA service users increased from about 5 million to over 6 million (20% increase).

The U.S. Veteran population is much older than the U.S. adult population but increased in age similarly. The general VA service user population has seen an increased proportion of adults aged 18-34 ($\Delta 2-4\%$) and an increased proportion of adults aged 65-74 ($\Delta 0-11\%$) across years.

The general Veteran and VA service user populations have both had increased proportions of women ($\Delta 2\%$ and $\Delta 5\%$, respectively).

Homeless VA service users has grown exponentially by 238% between 2007-2017 while the general VA service users has grown by 22.6% in the same time period. Veterans who are using VA homeless service are younger (age 18-54, $\Delta 26.7\%$) in 2017 compared to a decade ago. At the same time, elderly Veterans (age ≥ 55) using VA homeless services has declined by 28%.