The Veteran Population Projection Model 2016 (VetPop2016) provides the latest official Veteran population projection from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VetPop2016 contains projections for each fiscal year from 2015 to 2045.

The total Veteran Population is predicted to decline from 20.0 million in 2017 to 13.6 million in 2037.

Race and Ethnicity

Minority Veterans are predicted to increase from 23.2 percent of the total Veteran population in 2017 to 32.8 percent in 2037. Hispanic Veterans will increase from 7.4 percent in 2017 to 11.2 percent in 2037. Minorities are all races/ethnicities except non-Hispanic White Veterans.

Beginning in 2016 Gulf War Era Veterans became the largest Veteran Cohort

Where Veterans Live

50% of Veterans reside in the top 10 states. Veterans are moving to the West and South.