Profile of Veterans: Occupations and Class of Worker by Age Group Deep Dive

Data from the 2016 American Community Survey
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Data Source and Methods

• Data for this analysis come from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).
  • The ACS is an ongoing survey that provides annual data on the social and economic characteristics of the U.S. population.
  • The ACS uses a series of monthly samples to produce annually updated data for the same small areas (census tracts and block groups) formerly surveyed via the decennial census long-form sample.

• The universe for this analysis is the civilian population 17 years and older living in the United States and Puerto Rico.

• For more information about the ACS, see: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/.
The “Profile of Veterans: 2016” provided an overview of occupations and class of worker of Veterans in the labor force by status and gender. This deep dive profile further explores these patterns by age group.

The “Profile of Veterans: 2016” is found at: https://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/SpecialReports/Profile_of_Veterans_2016.pdf

### Introduction

The percentage of female Veterans working in management and professional occupations was about 8 percentage points higher than that of non-Veteran women in 2016. These include occupations such as engineers, educators, doctors, and various types of managers. About 34 percent of female Veterans worked for local, state, or Federal government, compared to 15 percent of non-Veteran women.

A higher percentage of male Veterans were in production, transportation, sales and office occupations compared with non-Veteran men in 2016. The percentage of male Veterans working for local, state, or Federal government was about twice that of non-Veteran men.

### Occupation of Employed Women

- Management, professional: 49.3% Veteran, 41.0% Non-Veteran
- Sales: 17.0% Veteran, 19.0% Non-Veteran
- Service: 15.4% Veteran, 14.0% Non-Veteran
- Production, transportation: 5.8% Veteran, 3.8% Non-Veteran
- All other: 1.4% Veteran, 0.9% Non-Veteran

### Class of Worker of Employed Women

- Private: 77.0% Veteran, 71.0% Non-Veteran
- Government: 34.3% Veteran, 16.0% Non-Veteran
- Self-employed: 5.1% Veteran, 7.0% Non-Veteran

### Occupation of Employed Men

- Management, professional: 31.4% Veteran, 31.4% Non-Veteran
- Production, transportation: 29.2% Veteran, 18.0% Non-Veteran
- Sales, office: 14.1% Veteran, 17.1% Non-Veteran
- All other*: 14.1% Veteran, 16.5% Non-Veteran
- Service*: 14.7% Veteran, 15.1% Non-Veteran

### Class of Worker of Employed Men

- Private: 75.0% Veteran, 66.0% Non-Veteran
- Government: 23.1% Veteran, 19.3% Non-Veteran
- Self-employed: 8.0% Veteran, 10.3% Non-Veteran

*Note: "All Other" includes farming, fishing, and forestry; construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair.

*Difference between men Veterans and non-Veterans is not statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level.

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About twenty five percent of working Veterans age 17 to 29 and over thirty six percent of working Veterans age 30 and older were in management/professional occupations.

Note: Farming and construction and military-specific occupations are not shown as their percentages by age group are less than one percent.

Regardless of age, over sixty percent of working Veterans worked in the private sector. About twenty one percent of working Veterans age 60 and older were self-employed.

Class of Worker of Employed Veterans by Age Group

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