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Veteran Statistics in Nevada Compared to the Nation

Using data from the 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau we examine veterans in Nevada compared to the Nation and non-veteran population.

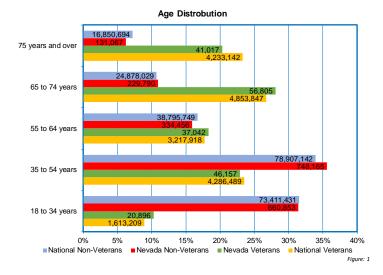
All estimates are for the civilian population 18 years and older except for education distribution data that is 25 years and older.

	Nevada	United States
Veteran Population	201,917	18,204,605
Percent Female	8.9	8.9
Unemployment Rate for	4.3	4.4
Veterans		
Labor Force	75.3	76.5
Participation Rate		
Median Income in the	\$40,764	\$40,577
Past 12 Months		
2017 Inflation Adjusted Dollars		
o Male	\$41,035	\$40,995
o Female	\$36,782	\$35,517
Percent with Disability	28.7	29.5
Poverty Status in Last 12	7.5	6.9
Months		

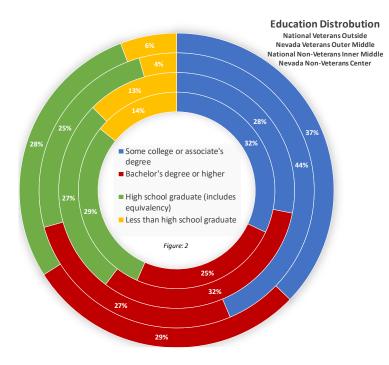
A chart of the distribution of veterans by age shows that the largest portion of veterans both in the nation and Nevada is the 65 to 74-year-old group while for the non-veteran population this is the smallest age group.

The smallest portion for veterans is the 18-34-yearold age group, but for non-veterans this is the second largest age group behind the 35-54 cohort.

Overall, the veteran population appears to be older than the general population on both a state and national level, and has a much smaller portion of individuals in the 18 to 34 group. Refer to *Figure 1*.



The chart below shows the educational attainment of veterans in Nevada and the nation compared to non-veterans in Nevada and the nation.



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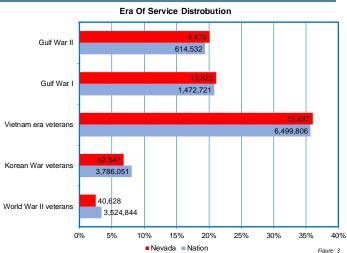


Some college no degree is the largest portion for all categories except the national non-veteran group whose largest category is Bachelor's degree or above, and Nevada veterans have the largest concentration of some college no degree.

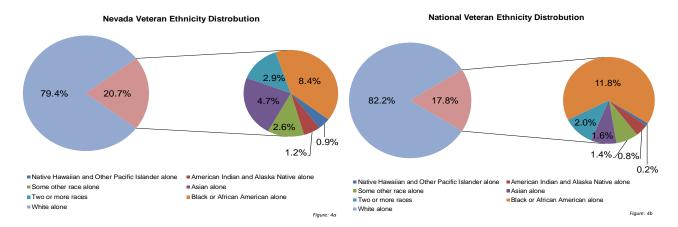
Veterans have a much smaller portion of individuals who have less than a high school equivalency compared to the general population at 6 percent for national veterans and 4 percent for Nevada veterans, this compares to 13 percent for national non-veterans and 14 percent for Nevada non-veterans. Refer to *Figure 2*.

By era of service, the largest portion for Nevada and the nation are the Vietnam Era veterans. Nevada has a larger share of this era's veterans at 36.0 percent compared to the nation at 35.7 percent.

The next largest groups are the Gulf War I and Gulf War Era II veterans. Both these eras make up approximately 20 percent of veterans in the nation and Nevada with Nevada having a slightly larger proportion. The Gulf War Era I veterans account for roughly 1 percent more of total veterans compared to Gulf War Era II veterans. Refer to *Figure 3*.



Below are two charts showing the portion of the veteran population by ethnicity for Nevada and the Nation. Veterans in Nevada have a smaller proportion for black or African American alone and white alone compared to the nation, but larger portions of all other ethnicities. Asian alone comprised 1.6 percent of the national veteran population compared to 4.7 percent in Nevada. Two or more races comprised 2.9 percent in Nevada compared to 2.0 percent in the nation. Some other race alone comprised 1.4 percent nationally compared to 2.6 percent in Nevada. Refer to Figures 4a & 4b.



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