

# Veterans by the Numbers

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# Agenda

- How the data are used
- Programs (sources)
- History
- ACS Overview & Geography
- Data highlights & visuals
- Other sources of veteran statistics
- Live demonstration

# How the Data Are Used?

- Veteran Affairs uses to:
  - Measure veteran needs
  - Evaluate impact of veteran's programs for education, employment and healthcare
  - Conduct policy analysis
  - Plan programs
  - Budget for Federal veterans' programs
  - Report to Congress on state projections of veterans; facilities and services

<https://census.gov/topics/population/veterans/guidance/data-uses.html>

# Sources of Veteran Statistics

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## Demographic Surveys

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American Community Survey

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance.html>

2010 Census (U.S. Territories only)

<https://www.census.gov/2010census/news/press-kits/island-areas/island-areas.html>

Current Population Survey

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>

Survey of Income and Program Participation

<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/about.html>

## Economic Surveys

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Survey of Business Owners

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sbo.html>

Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ase.html>

# Data on Veterans NOT available from any U.S. Census Bureau surveys

- Military rank, branch of service, length of service
  - Exception: Branch and length are available in the CPS veteran supplement
- Combat experience
  - Exception: Available in the CPS veteran supplement
- Homelessness
- VA benefits other than service-connected disability
- Health status of veterans

# Decennial Census

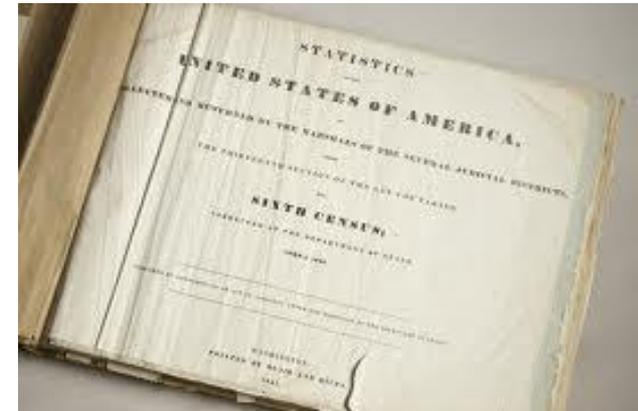
## History of Veteran Questions

The first data on veterans to be published by the U.S. government were based on an inquiry in the **1840 census** which asked the name, age, and place of residence of pensioners of the Revolutionary War

Veteran status questions were asked in every decennial census from 1910 to 2000, with the exception of 1920

Prior to 1980, the veteran status questions were asked of all **males** 14 years and older

Starting in 1980, the veteran status questions were asked of all **individuals** 15 years and older



*Complete question wording for the 1910 through 2000 decennial censuses can be found here:*

<https://census.gov/content/dam/Census/topics/population/veterans/guidance/veteran-questions-over-time.pdf>

# Decennial Census History

1790-1930

**Census:** one form to all households

1940-2000

**Census:** short form (100% count)  
long form (1 in 6 households in 2000)

2000

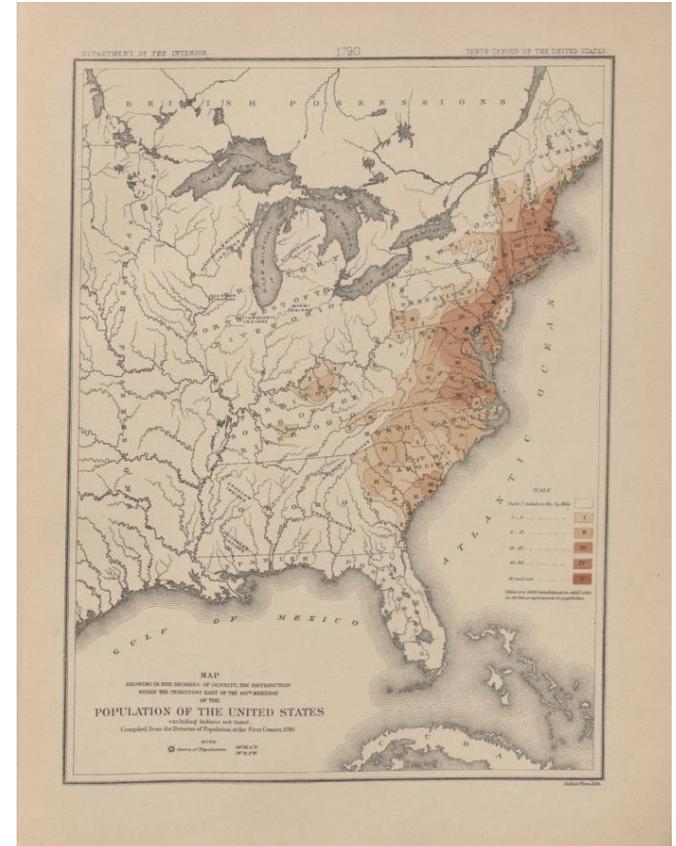
**American Community Survey:**  
large-scale demonstration

2005-present

**American Community Survey\*:**  
full implementation

2010

**Census:** short form only (50 states, DC)  
long form (U.S. territories)



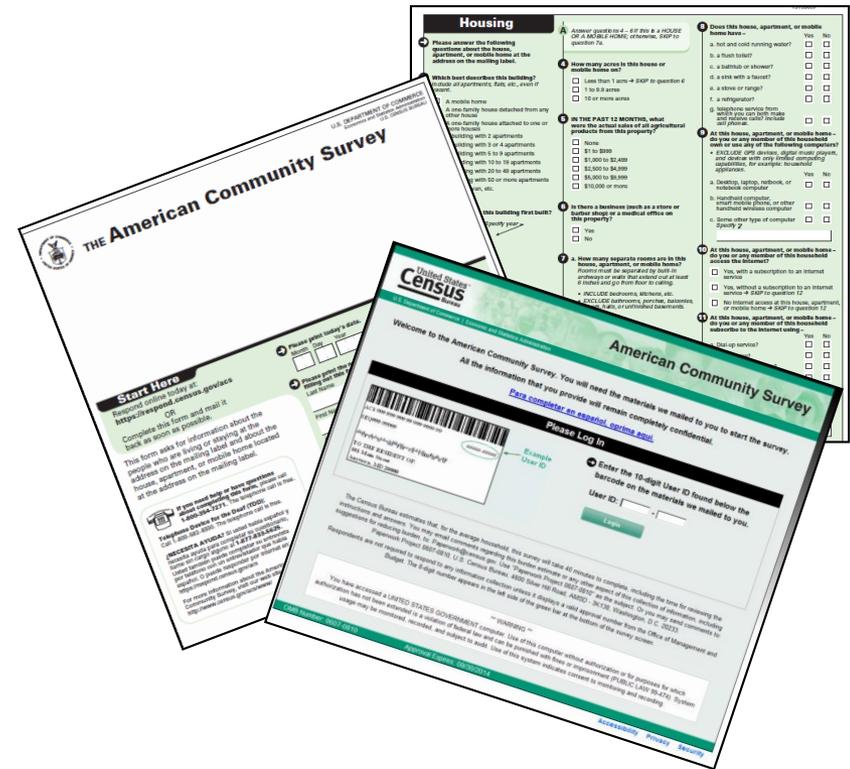
\*Includes Puerto Rico  
Community Survey

<http://www.census.gov/history/pdf/cff4.pdf>

# American Community Survey

## What is it?

- Ongoing monthly survey sent to 3.5 million addresses per year to produce detailed population and housing estimates each year
  - Visit 20,000 Group Quarter facilities and sample approximately 194,000 residents each year
- Designed to produce *critical information on small areas and small population groups* previously collected on the decennial long form
- Covers 35+ topics and supports over 300 known Federal Government uses
- Data released twice annually
  - 1-year estimates (12 months of data)
  - 5-year estimates (60 months of data)



# 2010 Census vs. ACS

2010  
Census

**100 % Data**

How many  
people live in  
the U.S.?

**Point in time**  
April 1, 2010

**Count** - People,  
Housing units,

American  
Community  
Survey

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2000 Long Form  
SF3 & SF4

Sample Data

How do people  
live in the U.S.?

**Period in Time**  
1yr, 5yr

**Characteristics**  
Income, Poverty,  
Education

# American Community Survey

## Why do we ask questions about veterans?

### Meeting Federal Needs

- Used primarily by the Department of Veterans Affairs to:
  - Measure the needs of veterans and evaluate the impact of veterans' programs dealing with education, employment, and health care
  - Measure a veteran's service-connected disability compensation entitlement status to accurately anticipate the need for VA care and its associated cost

### Community Benefits

- Budgeting and program planning for medical services and nursing homes for veterans
- Planning locations and sizes of veterans' cemeteries
- Determining segments of population who may not be receiving needed medical services
- Allocating funds for employment and job training programs for veterans
- Allowing VA medical centers and their regional networks to engage in meaningful local area planning that accounts for expectations of the future demand for VA care

# American Community Survey

## History of Veteran Questions

For the **1999 to 2002** ACS, the veterans series of questions matched Census 2000

At the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- **In 2003**, several changes were made to the veteran status and periods of military service questions
- **In 2008**, new content about service-connected disability was added to the questionnaire and the years of service question was removed
- **In 2013**, the veteran status question was simplified and the periods of military service categories were collapsed

# American Community Survey

## Current Veterans Content

**26** Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? Mark (X) ONE box.

- Never served in the military → SKIP to question 29a
- Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard → SKIP to question 28a
- Now on active duty
- On active duty in the past, but not now

Veterans

**27** When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served, even if just for part of the period.

- September 2001 or later
- August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
- May 1975 to July 1990
- Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- February 1955 to July 1964
- Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
- January 1947 to June 1950
- World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
- November 1941 or earlier

**28** a. Does this person have a VA service-connected disability rating?

- Yes (such as 0%, 10%, 20%, ... , 100%)
- No → SKIP to question 29a

b. What is this person's service-connected disability rating?

- 0 percent
- 10 or 20 percent
- 30 or 40 percent
- 50 or 60 percent
- 70 percent or higher

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/questionnaire-archive.html>

# ACS Content

Items in **red** were also collected on the **2010 Census**

## Demographic Characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic Origin
- Household Relationship
- Group Quarters

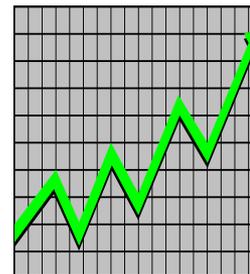


## Social Characteristics

- Families
- Education
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability Status
- Place of Birth
- Citizenship
- Year of Entry
- Language Spoken at Home
- Ancestry/ Tribal Affiliation

## Economic Characteristics

- Income
- Poverty
- Benefits
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commuting to Work



## Housing Characteristics

- Tenure (Rent/Own)
- Occupancy
- Structure
- Housing Value
- Taxes & Insurance
- Utilities
- Mortgage/ Monthly Rent



# ACS Data Products

Data Product	Description
Data Profiles	Provide broad social, economic, housing, and demographic profiles.
Narrative Profiles	Summarize the information in the data profiles using concise, nontechnical text.
Comparison Profile	Compares over 5-year period selected enhancements.
Selected Population Profiles	Provide broad social, economic, and housing profiles for a large number of race, ethnic, ancestry, and country/region of birth groups.
Detailed Tables	Provide access to the most detailed ACS data and cross tabulations of ACS variables.
Subject Tables	Similar to data profiles but include more detailed ACS data, classified by subject.
Ranking Tables	Provide state rankings of estimates across 86 key variables.
Geographic Comparison Tables	Compare geographic areas other than states (e.g., counties or congressional districts) for key variables.
Supplemental Tables	Detailed tables available for geographic areas with populations of 20,000 or more.

American Community Survey Tables Pertaining to Veterans	1-Year	5-Year
<b>DETAILED TABLES:</b>		
B21001 – Sex by Age by Veteran Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over	X	X
B21001A-I – Sex by Age by Veteran Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over ( <i>race iterated tables</i> )	X	
B21002 – Period of Military Service for Civilian Veterans 18 Years and Over	X	X
B21003 – Veteran Status by Educational Attainment for the Civilian Population 25 Years and Over	X	X
B21004 – Median Income in the Past 12 Months by Veteran Status by Sex for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over with Income in the Past 12 Months	X	X
B21005 – Age by Veteran Status by Employment Status for the Civilian Population 18 to 64 Years	X	X
B21007 – Age by Veteran Status by Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Disability Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over	X	
B21100 – Service-Connected Disability-Rating Status and Ratings for Civilian Veterans 18 Years and Older	X	X
<b>COLLAPSED TABLES:</b>		
C21001A-I – Sex by Age by Veteran Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over ( <i>race iterated tables</i> )	X	X
C21005 – Veteran Status by Employment Status for the Civilian Population 18 to 64 Years	X	
C21007 – Age by Veteran Status by Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Disability Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over	X	X
C21100 – Service-Connected Disability-Rating Status for Civilian Veterans 18 Years and Older	X	
<b>SUBJECT TABLES:</b>		
S2101 – Veteran Status	X	X
<b>RANKING TABLES:</b>		
R2101 – Percent of the Civilian Population 18 years and Over Who are Veterans	X	
GCT2101 – Percent of the Civilian Population 18 years and Over Who are Veterans	X	X
<b>PROFILE TABLES:</b>		
<i>Note: Estimate and percentage of civilian veterans ONLY are included in the following profile tables.</i>		
DP02 Data Profile—Social Characteristics Table	X	X
CP02 Comparison Data Profile—Social Characteristics Table	X	
S0201 Selected Population Profile	X	

# Data Profile vs. Detailed Table

Subject	United States			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	218,475,480	+/-68,613	218,475,480	(X)
Less than 9th grade	11,692,904	+/-70,085	5.4%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,719,330	+/-79,519	7.2%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	59,373,780	+/-130,713	27.2%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	45,095,348	+/-96,047	20.6%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	18,259,841	+/-71,604	8.4%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	42,242,395	+/-121,833	19.3%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	26,091,882	+/-104,114	11.9%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	87.5%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	31.3%	+/-0.1
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	248,478,651	+/-32,612	248,478,651	(X)
Civilian veterans	18,496,937	+/-66,959	7.4%	+/-0.1
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	318,175,867	+/-15,067	318,175,867	(X)
With a disability	40,747,411	+/-100,264	12.8%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	73,503,793	+/-33,635	73,503,793	(X)
With a disability	3,131,713	+/-36,470	4.3%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years	196,766,286	+/-24,275	196,766,286	(X)
With a disability	20,761,092	+/-52,027	10.6%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	47,905,788	+/-21,613	47,905,788	(X)
With a disability	16,854,606	+/-54,751	35.2%	+/-0.1
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	319,361,956	+/-30,974	319,361,956	(X)
Same house	272,660,098	+/-208,903	86.4%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	44,505,194	+/-201,759	13.9%	+/-0.1
Same county	26,584,001	+/-166,563	8.3%	+/-0.1
Different county	17,921,193	+/-107,941	5.6%	+/-0.1
Same state	10,368,657	+/-81,855	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	7,552,536	+/-73,712	2.4%	+/-0.1
Abroad	2,196,664	+/-37,386	0.7%	+/-0.1

	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
<b>Total:</b>	248,478,651	+/-32,612
<b>Veteran</b>	18,496,937	+/-66,959
<b>Nonveteran</b>	229,981,714	+/-63,644
<b>Male:</b>	120,513,069	+/-26,568
<b>Veteran</b>	16,898,924	+/-64,236
<b>Nonveteran</b>	103,614,145	+/-63,923
<b>18 to 34 years:</b>	37,665,080	+/-29,063
<b>Veteran</b>	1,311,901	+/-20,724
<b>Nonveteran</b>	36,353,179	+/-35,318
<b>35 to 54 years:</b>	41,102,513	+/-26,590
<b>Veteran</b>	3,709,209	+/-33,179
<b>Nonveteran</b>	37,393,304	+/-36,453
<b>55 to 64 years:</b>	19,985,038	+/-12,467
<b>Veteran</b>	2,942,506	+/-26,045
<b>Nonveteran</b>	17,042,532	+/-28,214
<b>65 to 74 years:</b>	13,409,273	+/-12,449
<b>Veteran</b>	4,799,100	+/-25,821
<b>Nonveteran</b>	8,610,173	+/-25,911
<b>75 years and over:</b>	8,351,165	+/-8,602
<b>Veteran</b>	4,136,208	+/-18,093
<b>Nonveteran</b>	4,214,957	+/-18,333
<b>Female:</b>	127,965,582	+/-21,818
<b>Veteran</b>	1,598,013	+/-19,686
<b>Nonveteran</b>	126,367,569	+/-27,228
<b>18 to 34 years:</b>	36,979,964	+/-24,426
<b>Veteran</b>	305,165	+/-11,746
<b>Nonveteran</b>	36,674,799	+/-25,233
<b>35 to 54 years:</b>	42,063,522	+/-21,855
<b>Veteran</b>	645,269	+/-14,719
<b>Nonveteran</b>	41,418,253	+/-23,214
<b>55 to 64 years:</b>	21,467,369	+/-14,642
<b>Veteran</b>	354,724	+/-8,833
<b>Nonveteran</b>	21,112,645	+/-17,824
<b>65 to 74 years:</b>	15,272,535	+/-11,824
<b>Veteran</b>	160,839	+/-6,418
<b>Nonveteran</b>	15,111,696	+/-13,748
<b>75 years and over:</b>	12,182,192	+/-11,141
<b>Veteran</b>	132,016	+/-4,938
<b>Nonveteran</b>	12,050,176	+/-12,616

# ACS Data Sets

## CURRENT DATA AVAILABLE

- Areas with a population 65,000+: 1-year Estimates

(2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

**All areas** (incl. census tracts & block groups): 5-year Estimates

(2005-2009, 2006-2010, 2007-2011, 2008-2012, 2009-2013, 2010-2014, 2011-2015)

# Future ACS Data Releases

## 2016 ACS 1-Year Supplemental Estimates (**Geographies of 20,000+**)

- Thursday, October 19: Public Release

## 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates (**All geographic areas**)

- Tuesday, December 5: Embargo Begins
- Thursday, December 7: Public Release

## Public Use Microdata Sample Files (PUMS)

- Thursday, October 19: 2016 1-Year PUMS File
- January 18, 2018: 2012-2016 5-Year PUMS File

## 2012-2016 Variance Replicate Estimates

- January 18, 2018: Public Release

## 2016 Puerto Rico Community Survey 1-year and 5-year Spanish Release

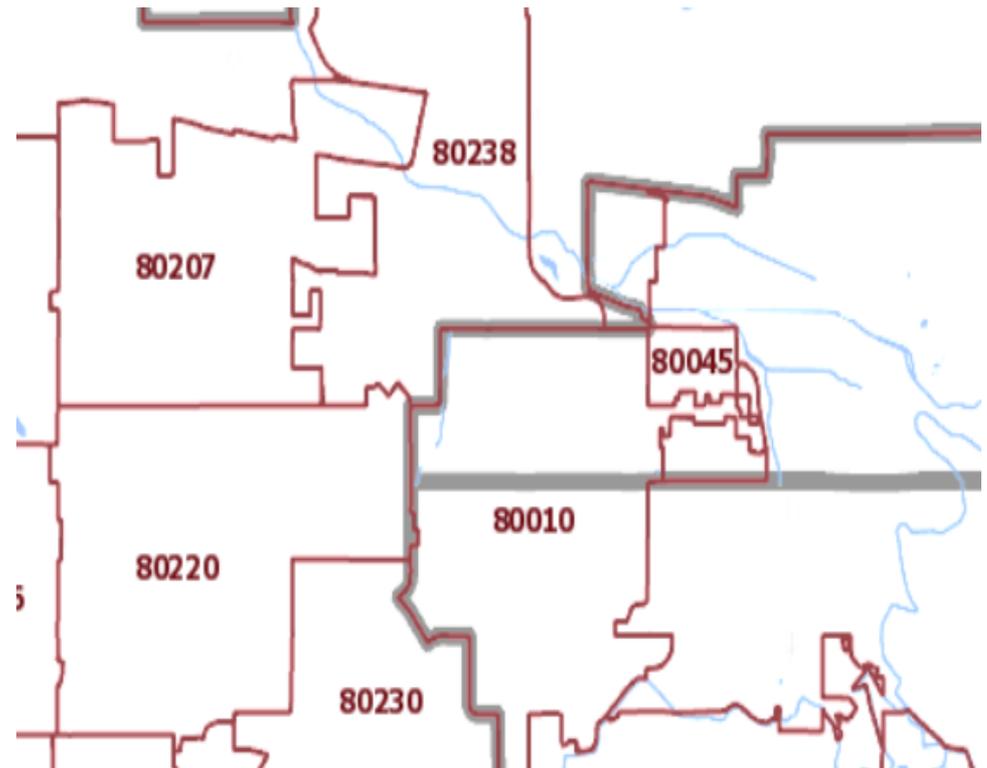
- January 18, 2018: Public Release

[census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/news/data-releases/2016/release-schedule](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/news/data-releases/2016/release-schedule)

# Census Geography

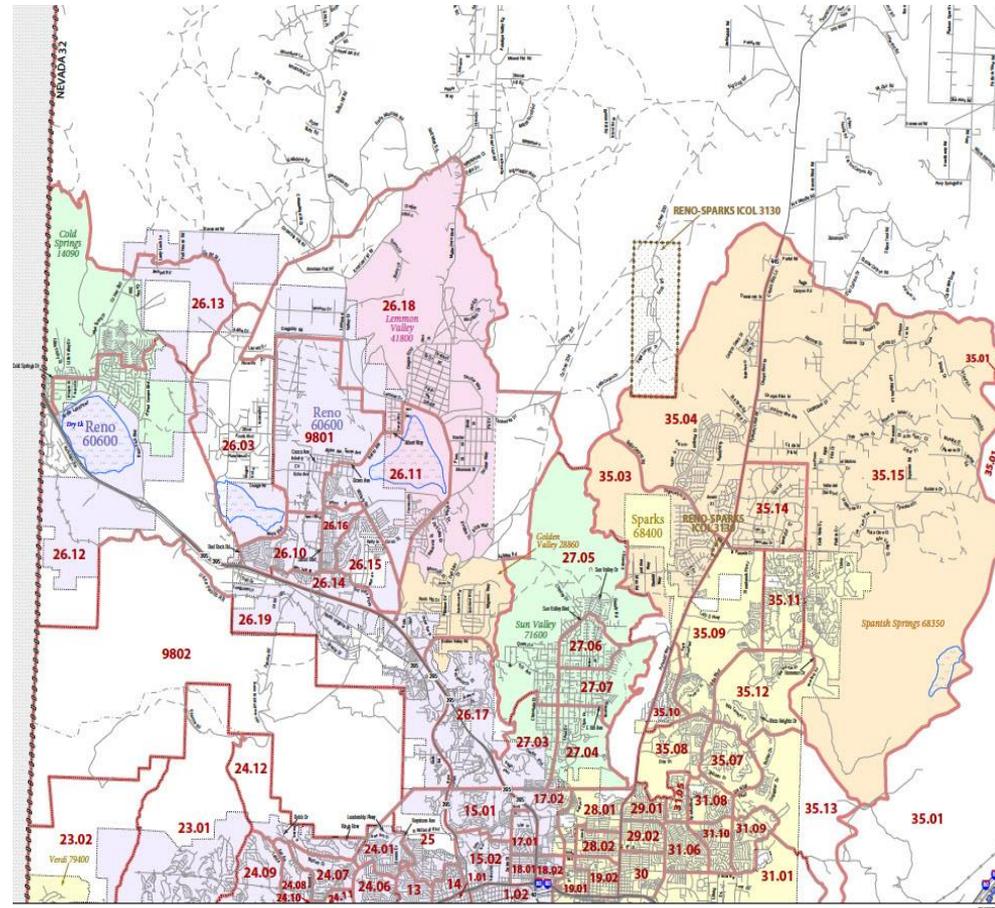
# Selected Census Geographic Concepts—Legal Areas

- Nation
- States
- Counties
- Incorporated Places
- Minor Civil Divisions
- Congressional Districts
- School Districts
- Zip Codes

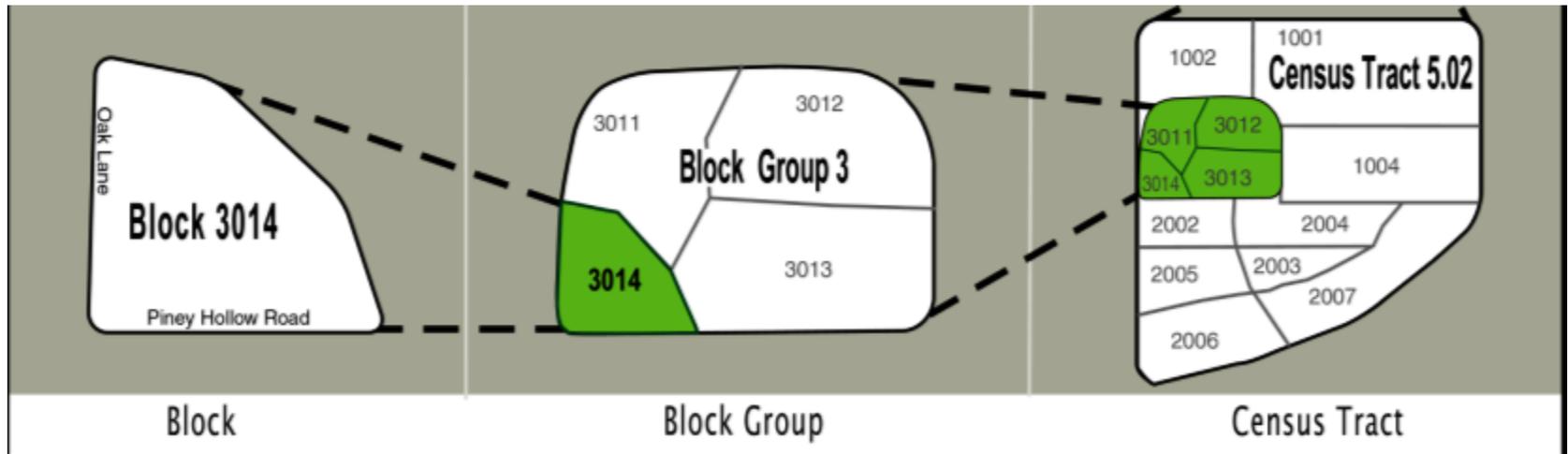


# Selected Census Geographic Concepts—Statistical Areas

- [Regions](#)
- [Divisions](#)
- [Census Designated Places](#)
- [Census County Divisions](#)
- [Public Use Microdata Areas \(PUMA\)](#)
- [Zip Code Tabulation Areas \(ZCTAs\)](#)
- [Census Tracts](#)
- [Block Groups](#)
- [Block](#)

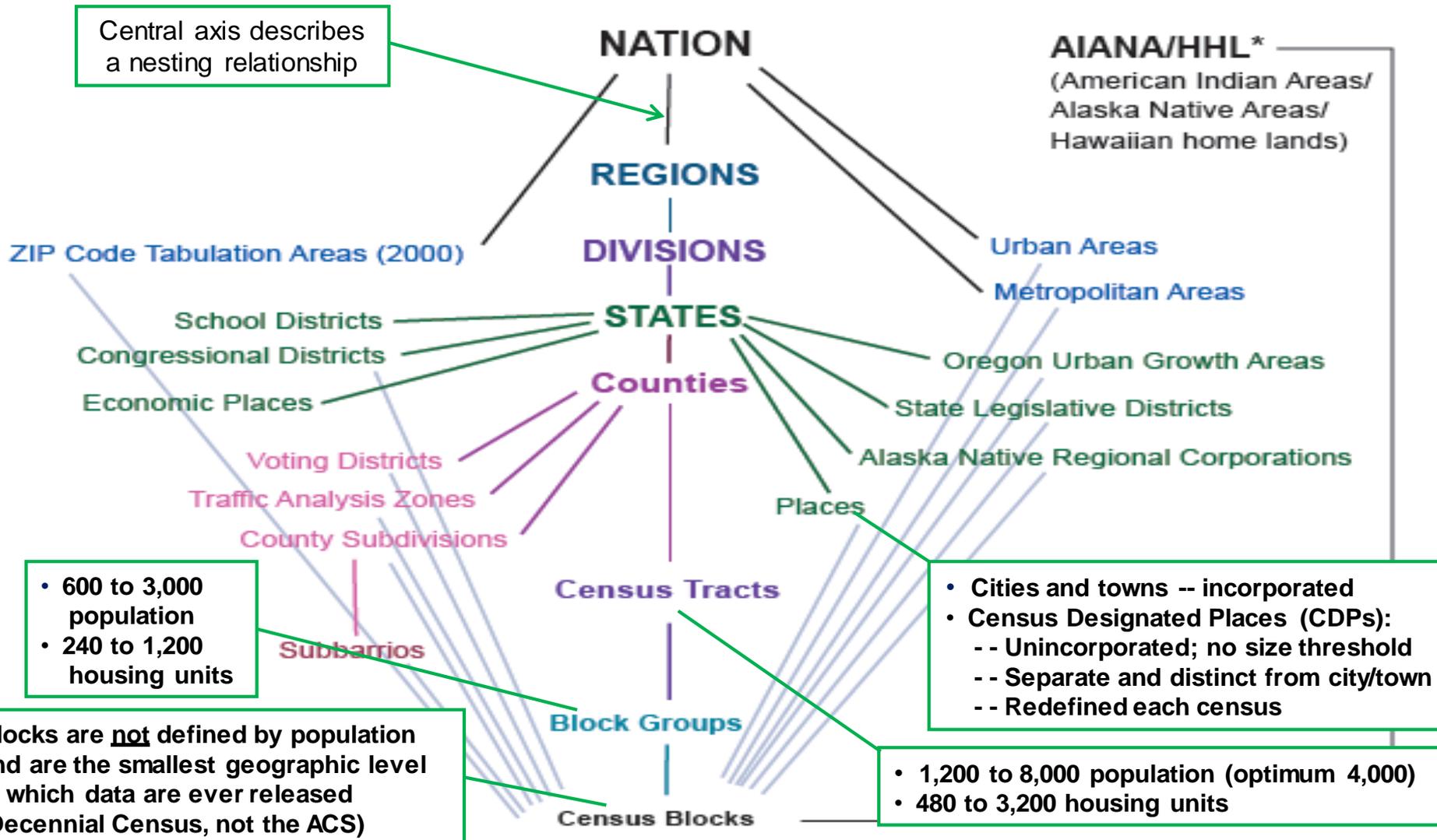


# Small Area Census Geography How it Fits Together



**Census Tract > Place (City or CDP) > Census County Division (CCD) > County**

# Census Geography Hierarchy



# Data Highlights & Visuals

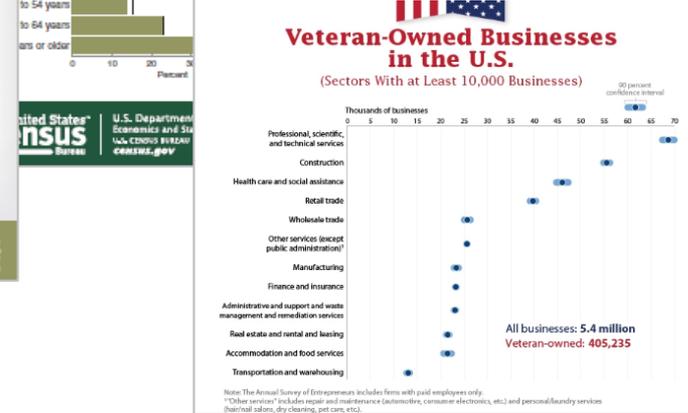
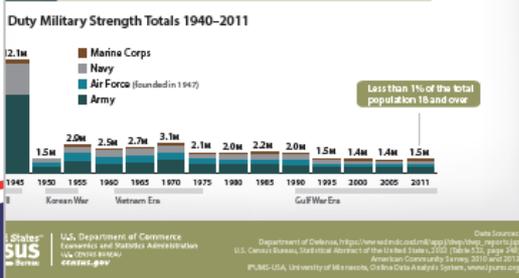
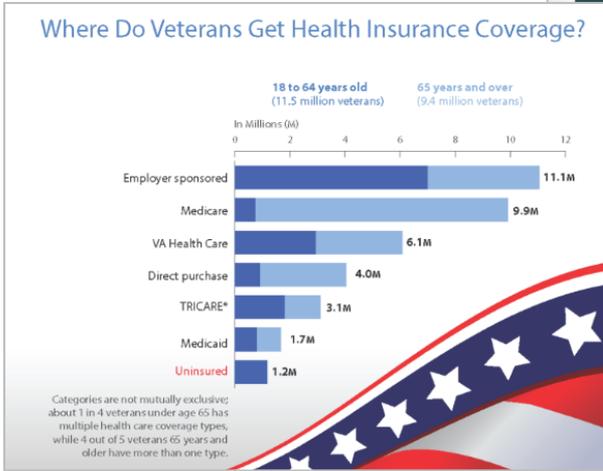
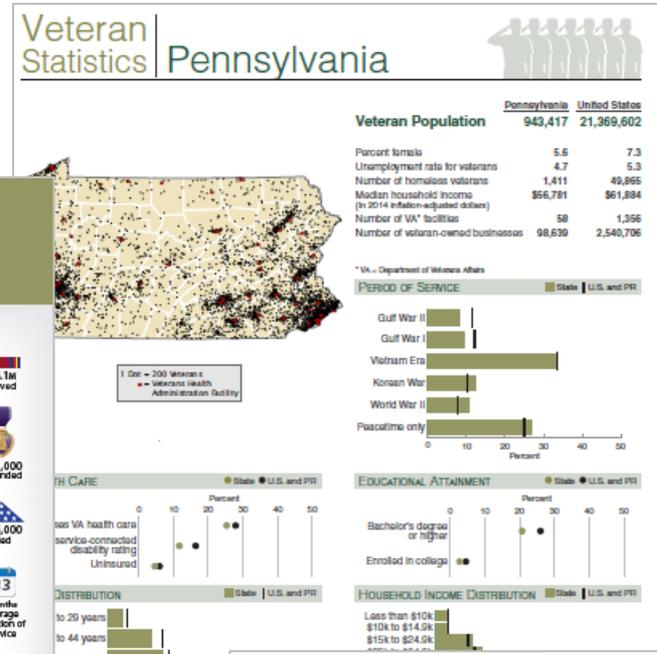
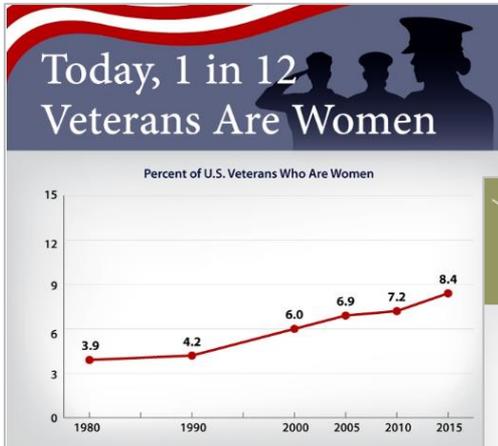
# Veteran Highlights

Characteristics	2016 ACS 1-year Estimate (%)	2015 ACS 1-year Estimate (%)
Military Veterans in the U. S.	18.5 million (7.4%)	18.8 million (7.6%)
Female Veterans in the U.S.	1.6 million (8.6%)	1.5 million (8.4%)
Black or African American population	2.1 million (11.6%)	2.1 million (11.6%)
Hispanic or Latino Population	1.2 million (6.5%)	1.2 million (6.4%)
Veterans 65 and older	9.2 million (49.9%)	9.3 million (49.5%)
Younger than 35	1.6 million (8.7%)	1.6 million (8.7%)
Veterans 18 to 64 in the labor force	7.0 million (4.6)	7.2 million (4.8%)
With a service-connected disability	4.0 million (21.7%)	3.9 million (20.5%)
Annual Median income	\$40,076	\$38,334

[census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2017/veterans-day](https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2017/veterans-day)



# Visualizations



[census.gov/topics/population/veterans/library/visualizations](https://www.census.gov/topics/population/veterans/library/visualizations)

# How to Access Data

Statistics on the veteran population can be found in many of our online data tools:

- [QuickFacts](#)
  - **When to use:** If you need an estimate of veterans in a state, county, or city (5K population threshold)
- [My Congressional District](#)
  - **When to use:** If you need an estimate of how many veterans live in your Congressional District
- [Census Business Builder](#)
  - **When to use:** If you need an estimate of how many veterans live in your state, county, city, ZCTA, or census tract (Veteran-Owned Business data available for the RAE edition)
- [American FactFinder](#)
  - **When to use:** If you need detailed demographic or socio-economic statistics about veterans in a specific geography
- [Public Use Microdata Sample \(PUMS\)](#)
  - **When to use:** If you need to create custom tabulations

# American FactFinder

## Quick Link to Most Recent Veterans Tables

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/subjects.html>

On this page, click on “Veterans” in the list for social characteristics.

Search Results: 1-25 of 320 tables and other products match "Your Selections"

Refine your search results:      topics  race/ancestry  Industries  occupations

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<input type="checkbox"/>	B21007 AGE BY VETERAN STATUS BY POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY DISABILITY STATUS FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER	2015 ACS 5-year estimates	<input type="button" value="i"/>

The list of available estimates will change once a geography is selected.

# American FactFinder

## ACS Data Product Types

### Tables

- Detailed Tables (B or C)
- Subject Tables (S)
- Ranking Tables (R)
- Geographic Comparison Tables (GCT)

### Profiles

- Data Profiles (DP)
- Narrative Profiles (NP)
- Comparison Profiles (CP)
- Selected Population Profiles (S0201)

# American FactFinder

## Tips for finding data products on veterans

### Examples:

**B21001** SEX BY AGE BY  
VETERAN STATUS FOR THE  
CIVILIAN POPULATION 18  
YEARS AND OVER

**B21001A** SEX BY AGE BY  
VETERAN STATUS FOR THE  
CIVILIAN POPULATION 18  
YEARS AND OVER (WHITE  
ALONE)

**B**=Data Product Type (Base Table)

**21**=Subject (Veterans)

**001**=Sequential Number

**A (through I)** =Race/Hispanic Origin  
Group

# Additional Resources

# Veterans Research at the U.S. Census Bureau

## Veterans Statistics Webpage

<http://www.census.gov/topics/population/veterans.html>



Census.gov > Topics > Population > Veterans

## Veterans

### About this Topic

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Demographic, social, and economic data on veterans are collected on several U.S. Census Bureau surveys. These data are used for policy analysis, program planning, and budgeting of veteran programs.

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Veterans Statistics by State



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February 02, 2017

This edition highlights and celebrates the varied accomplishments of women and provides statistical information on demographic and economic topics.



### Nearly One-Quarter of Veterans Live in Rural Areas

January 25, 2017

About 5 million (24.1 percent) U.S. veterans 18 years and older lived in areas designated as rural between 2011 and 2015.

## Blogs

[https://www.census.gov/about/contact-us/social\\_media.html](https://www.census.gov/about/contact-us/social_media.html)

### Entries filed under 'Veterans'

- [2016](#)
- [2015](#)



RANDOM SAMPLINGS

### Who Are Veterans?

Wed Nov 09 2016

The U.S. veteran population totals 19 million men and women living in the United States and Puerto Rico who have served on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

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### Thousands of U.S. Veterans Call the Island Areas Home

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According to the 2010 Census, there were 14,047 veterans living in the four Island Areas (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) in 2010. They represented 5.6 percent of the civilian Island Area population age 18 and over.

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### Is a Veteran With a Service-Connected Disability the Same as a Disabled Veteran?

Wed Jan 20 2016

The Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) provides a variety of information critical to understanding the needs of America's veterans.

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# Additional Census Bureau Resources

U.S. Census Bureau Veteran Statistics Webpage

[census.gov/hhes/veterans/](https://www.census.gov/hhes/veterans/)

ACS Questionnaire Archive

[census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/questionnaire-archive.html](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/questionnaire-archive.html)

Other subjects included in the ACS

[census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/subjects.html](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/subjects.html)

ACS/Census Table Comparison

[census.gov/acs/www/guidance/comparing-acs-data/acscensus-table-lookup/](https://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance/comparing-acs-data/acscensus-table-lookup/)

YouTube videos on how to access PUMS in Data Ferrett

<https://www.census.gov/library/video/acs-dataferrett-part1.html>

<https://www.census.gov/library/video/acs-dataferrett-part2.html>

# External Resources

Bureau of Labor Statistics

[Employment Situation of Veterans Report](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs

[National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics](#)

[Veterans Benefits Administration Reports](#)

[Project CHALENG](#) (veteran homelessness)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

[Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress](#)

[Homeless Population and Subpopulation Reports](#)

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# Resources: Need Assistance?

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