

## Military Veterans with Disabilities and Employment



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The weighted estimate of the number of US military veterans is 18.3 million, of which 1.6 million are women.

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While 21.8% of US military Veterans have a service-connected disability, and 34.1% of those Veterans have a 70% or higher disability rating, many Veterans do not have a service-connected disability or would not be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**16% of the homeless population are veterans although only 10% of the total population is veterans, meaning that veterans are overrepresented among the homeless population. Employment is important for veterans with disabilities.**

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A higher percentage of female veterans (25.1%) reported service connected disabilities than male veterans (22.8%).

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Approximately 100,000 veterans received vocational rehabilitation services from the VA in FY 2017, even though 9.8 million veterans used at least one VA benefit or service the same year.

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According to the VA, only 44.2% of veterans are employed, which is lower than all non-Veterans (61.2%).

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Minority veterans were less likely to live in poverty compared to non-veteran minorities.

### Recommended readings:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (2019a). [Verification Assistance Brief](#)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (2019b). [Profile of Veterans: 2017](#)
- [Learn about eligibility requirements for Veteran Readiness and Employment \(VR&E\)](#)

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