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Veteran Statistics in Nevada Compared to the Nation

Using data from the 2022 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.

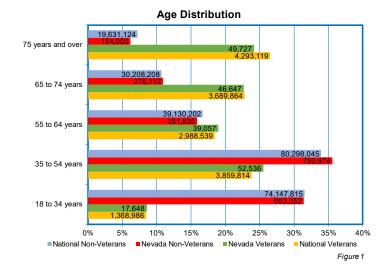
All estimates are for the civilian population 18 years and older, except for education distribution data, which is based on estimates for individuals 25 years and older.

	Nevada	United States
Veteran Population	205,615	16,200,322
Percent Female	11.5	10.3
Unemployment Rate for Veterans	4.3	3.3
Labor Force Participation Rate	77.0	77.1
Median Income in the Past 12 Months 2022 Inflation Adjusted Dollars	\$50,795	\$50,476
Male	\$51,603	\$51,091
Female	\$45,211	\$44,237
Percent with Disability	31.6	30.6
Poverty Status in Last 12 Months	7.7	7.5

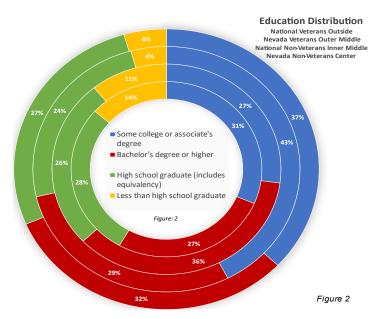
A chart of the distribution of veterans by age shows that the largest portion of veterans in Nevada is in the 35-54year-old age group, while in the nation the largest group is 75 and over.

The smallest portion for veterans is the 18-34-year-old 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 as compared to that of non-veterans, both on the national and state level. Refer to the key on the upperright of the chart to differentiate the categories.



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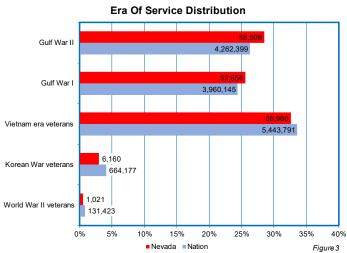


Some college or associate degree is the largest portion for all categories except the national non-veteran group whose largest category is bachelor's degree or above, and Nevada veterans have the largest concentration of individuals with some college or an associate degree.

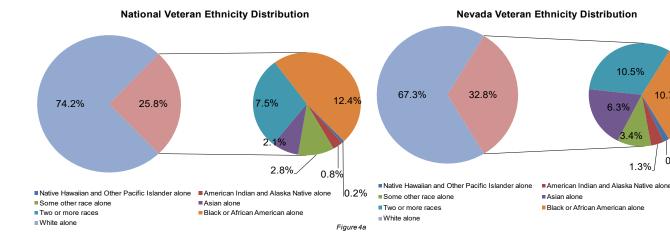
Nevada veterans have an equal portion of individuals who have less than a high school equivalency compared to that of national veterans with both being at 4 percent, this compares to 11 percent for national non-veterans and 14 percent for Nevada non-veterans. Refer to Figure 2.

By era of service, the largest portion for Nevada and the nation are the Vietnam Era veterans. Nevada has a smaller share of this era's veterans at 32.6 percent compared to the nation at 33.6 percent.

The next largest groups are the Gulf War I and Gulf War Era II veterans. Both these eras see Nevada having a slightly higher proportion than the nation. Gulf War Era II veterans in Nevada account for roughly 3 percentage points more compared to Gulf War Era I veterans in Nevada. 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 as well as for White alone compared to the nation, but larger portions of all other ethnicities. Asian alone comprised 2.1 percent of the national veteran population compared to 6.3 percent in Nevada. Two or more races comprised 7.5 percent at the national level compared to 10.5 percent in Nevada. Some other race alone comprised 2.8 percent nationally compared to 3.4 percent in Nevada. Refer to Figures 4a & 4b.



On the side of employment, there are some interesting comparisons that can be made between the Nevada and the United States as a whole. For example, the proportion of veterans who work in the Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation industry is much higher in Nevada than in the nation, presumably due to the importance of this industry for Las Vegas and Reno area





10.5%

0.6%

Figure 4b

6.3%

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(this industry includes gambling). Likewise, the industry of Extraction (Mining, Quarrying, Oil, and Gas) also shows a much higher concentration of veteran employment in Nevada than is observed at the national level, as Mining is also vital to the state. The other industries where Nevada sees a higher proportion of veteran employment are Transportation and Warehousing, and Health Care.

The majority of industries have a higher proportion of veteran employment at the national level compared to that in the state of Nevada, thereby illustrating the relative uniqueness of the state's economy. Industries like Manufacturing, Education, and Wholesale Trade show substantially higher proportions of veteran employment in the nation than they do in the state. Similarly, the industry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting also has a much higher concentration of veterans employed in the nation than in Nevada. However, the proportion of veterans' employment in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, as well as Administration, in Nevada closely mirrors that of the nation as a whole.

Industries Where Veterans Work, Nevada vs Nation

Per 2022 ACS 1-Year Estimates, Public Use Microdata

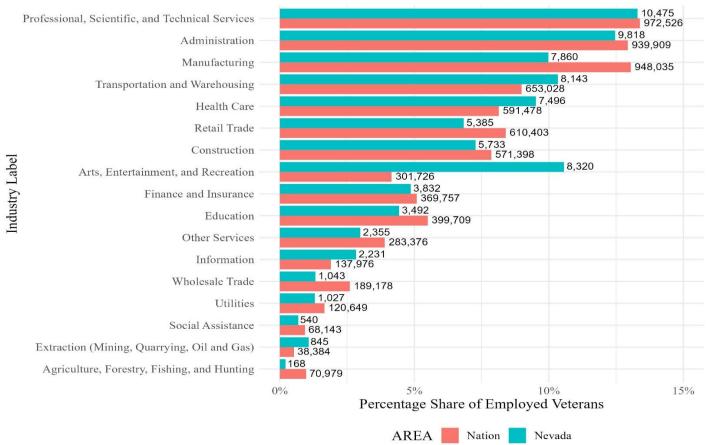


Figure 5

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