



# Veteran Labor Force Profile

## Demographics\*

### Population:

- The Census estimates that there are 148,470 veteran residents in Utah, which represents 7.8% of the civilian population 18 years and over.
- Utah's veteran population as a percent of the general population ranks 46<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- There are 21,797,348 military veterans in the United States, which is approximately 9.3% of the civilian population 18 years and over.

### Gender:

The veteran population is far more male than the general population, and the Utah veteran population skews more heavily male than the national average.

- Utah Veterans
  - Male: 94.0%
  - Female: 6.0%
- Utah Nonveterans
  - Male: 45.9%
  - Female: 54.1%
- United States Veterans
  - Male: 92.9%
  - Female: 7.1%

### Age:

The median age of veterans in Utah and in the U.S. is much older than the general population. However, Utah has a higher proportion of 18 to 34 year olds than the national average.

- Utah Veterans
  - 18 to 34 years: 9.6%
  - 35 to 54 years: 24.0%
  - 55 to 64 years: 23.6%
  - 65 to 74 years: 20.1%
  - 75 years and over: 22.8%
- Utah Nonveterans
  - 18 to 34 years: 42.9%
  - 35 to 54 years: 34.5%
  - 55 to 64 years: 11.9%
  - 65 to 74 years: 6.3%
  - 75 years and over: 4.4%

\* Source: 2011 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

\*\* Source: Annual American Community Survey 1-year Estimates

† Source: United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Fiscal Year 2012

- United States Veterans
  - 18 to 34 years: 7.9%
  - 35 to 54 years: 25.5%
  - 55 to 64 years: 24.5%
  - 65 to 74 years: 19.9%
  - 75 years and over: 22.2%

**Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin:**

The racial profile of Utah veterans is overwhelmingly White. African American veterans represent a larger proportion of the national veteran population. Hispanic or Latino origin is differentiated from race, and the veteran population is less Hispanic or Latino than the general population.

- Utah Veterans
  - White: 95.3%
  - Black or African American: 1.1%
  - American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.8%
  - Asian: 1.0%
  - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0.2%
  - Other: 0.7%
  - Two or more races: 0.9%
  - Hispanic or Latino (of any race): 4.5%
- Utah Nonveterans
  - White: 89.4%
  - Black or African American: 0.9%
  - American Indian and Alaska Native: 1.1%
  - Asian: 2.4%
  - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0.9%
  - Other: 3.7%
  - Two or more races: 1.5%
  - Hispanic or Latino (of any race): 12.0%
- United States Veterans
  - White: 84.4%
  - Black or African American: 10.9%
  - American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.7%
  - Asian: 1.2%
  - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
  - Other: 1.2%
  - Two or more races: 1.5%
  - Hispanic or Latino (of any race): 5.4%

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### **Educational Attainment (civilian population 25 years and over):**

Utah veterans attain higher levels of education than the general population in the state, and higher than the national average. Nationally, veterans attain Bachelor's degrees at a lower rate than nonveterans, but in Utah, veterans outpace the general public.

- Utah Veterans
  - Less than high school graduate: 5.1%
  - High school graduate (includes equivalency): 21.5%
  - Some college or associate's degree: 40.7%
  - Bachelor's degree or higher: 32.7%
- Utah Nonveterans
  - Less than high school graduate: 10.0%
  - High school graduate (includes equivalency): 24.4%
  - Some college or associate's degree: 36.5%
  - Bachelor's degree or higher: 29.1%
- United States Veterans
  - Less than high school graduate: 8.1%
  - High school graduate (includes equivalency): 29.8%
  - Some college or associate's degree: 36.2%
  - Bachelor's degree or higher: 26.0

### **Period of Service\***

Utah has a higher proportion of Gulf War veterans and a lower proportion of Vietnam era veterans when compared to the national average.

- Utah Veterans
  - Gulf War (9/2001 or later) veterans: 13.3%
  - Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) veterans: 16.3%
  - Vietnam era veterans: 33.7%
  - Korean War veterans: 11.8%
  - World War II veterans: 9.6%
- United States Veterans
  - Gulf War (9/2001 or later) veterans: 10.2%
  - Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) veterans: 15.9%
  - Vietnam era veterans: 35.0%
  - Korean War veterans: 11.9%
  - World War II veterans: 9.6%

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## **Economics and Personal Finance\*\***

### **Civilian Labor Force (18 to 64 Years):**

- Utah Veterans: 64,419
- Utah Nonveterans: 1,234,588
- United States Veterans: 9,128,174
- United States Nonveterans: 138,684,198

### **Labor Force Participation Rate:**

Utahns participate in the labor force at a higher rate than the rest of the nation, and contrary to the national trend, Utah veterans participate at a slightly higher level than nonveterans.

- Utah Veterans: 78.9%
- Utah Nonveterans: 77.6%
- United States Veterans: 74.6%
- United States Nonveterans: 75.8%

### **Unemployment Rate:**

Unemployment among veterans is less than among nonveterans.

- Utah Veterans: 6.5%
- Utah Nonveterans: 7.8%
- United States Veterans: 9.1%
- United States Nonveterans: 10.1%

### **Median income in the past 12 months (in 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars):**

Veterans have higher annual wages than nonveterans both nationally and locally. The large proportion of males in the veteran population are partially responsible for skewing wages higher, but even when controlling for gender the difference between veteran and nonveteran wages is significant.

- Utah Veterans: \$38,163
  - Male: \$38,709
  - Female: \$29,927
- Utah Nonveterans: \$23,626
  - Male: \$33,206
  - Female: \$17,360
- United States Veterans: \$35,821
  - Male: \$36,202
  - Female: \$30,611
- United States Nonveterans: \$24,751
  - Male: \$31,083
  - Female: \$20,771

### **Civilian population 18 years and over for whom poverty status is determined:**

- Utah Veterans: 145,278
- Utah Nonveterans: 1,751,210
- United States Veterans: 21,072,486

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- United States Nonveterans: 209,213,937

### **Percent below poverty in the past 12 months:**

Substantially fewer veterans live in poverty than nonveterans.

- Utah Veterans: 5.3%
- Utah Nonveterans: 13.1%
- United States Veterans: 7.0%
- United States Nonveterans: 14.6%

### **Percent with any disability:**

Estimates show that over one-quarter of veterans has a disability, a much higher rate than the nonveteran population.

- Utah Veterans: 26.8%
- Utah Nonveterans: 10.3%
- United States Veterans: 26.2%
- United States Nonveterans: 13.7%

### **Expenditures†**

Expenditures on veterans in Utah represent 0.64% of the expenditures on veterans in the United States. Total Utah veteran expenditures have increased by 51.7% since 2008, compared to 41.4% nationally.

- Utah Veterans
  - Total Expenditures: \$770,753,521
    - Ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in total expenditures among the 50 states and the District of Columbia
  - Compensation and Pension: \$295,027,524
  - Construction: 14,065,496
  - Education and Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment: \$79,200,080
  - Insurance and Indemnities: \$10,753,834
  - Medical Care: \$321,117,483

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## **Economic Trends\*\***

	<b>Utah</b>						
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Labor Force Participation Rate	81.0%	81.5%	80.8%	80.4%	78.5%	77.5%	78.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.3%	3.4%	4.6%	7.4%	8.0%	6.5%
Below Poverty Rate	3.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.9%	6.4%	6.1%	5.3%
Median Income	\$36,315	\$36,738	\$37,974	\$38,771	\$37,565	\$39,315	\$38,163

	<b>United States</b>						
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Labor Force Participation Rate	78.3%	77.7%	77.3%	77.8%	76.4%	75.5%	74.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	8.9%	9.9%	9.1%
Below Poverty Rate	5.8%	5.9%	5.7%	6.1%	6.5%	6.7%	7.0%
Median Income	\$33,973	\$34,437	\$36,053	\$36,779	\$35,402	\$35,367	\$35,821

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