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Veteran Statistics
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Veteran Statistics in Nevada Compared to the Nation

Using data from the 2024 and 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 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 estimated only for individuals 25 years and older. All figures except for the last bar graph on page 3 use data from the 2024 ACS Subject Table S2101.

	Nevada	United States
Veteran Population	184,149	15,701,246
Percent Female	12.4	11.1
Unemployment Rate for Veterans	7.1	3.6
Labor Force Participation Rate	72.4	77.5
Median Income in the Past 12 Months 2024 Inflation Adjusted Dollars	\$54,139	\$55,122
Male	\$54,498	\$55,122
Female	\$43,645	\$49,250
Percent with Disability	34	31.5
Poverty Status in Last 12 Months	8.9	7.4

Age Distribution

A chart of the distribution of veterans by age shows that the largest share of veterans in both Nevada and the United States is in the 75-years-and-older group. In contrast, the smallest share of veterans is in the 18-to-34-year-old group, even though this same group makes up the second-largest portion of the non-veteran population.

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 is noticeably older than the general population at both the state and national levels. Refer to **Figure 1**.

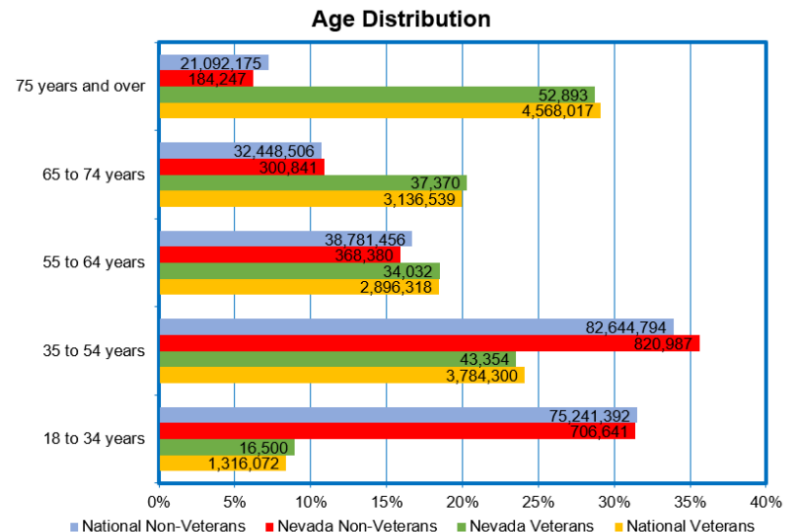


Figure 1

Educational Attainment

Figure 2 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 upper-right of the graph to differentiate the bars.

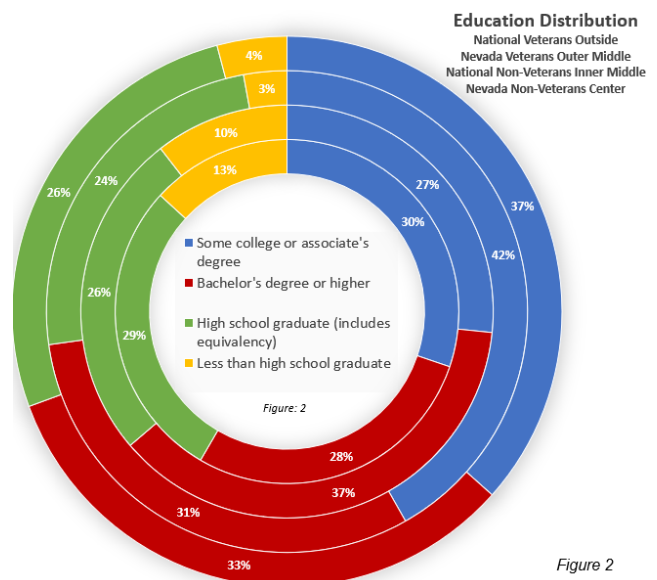


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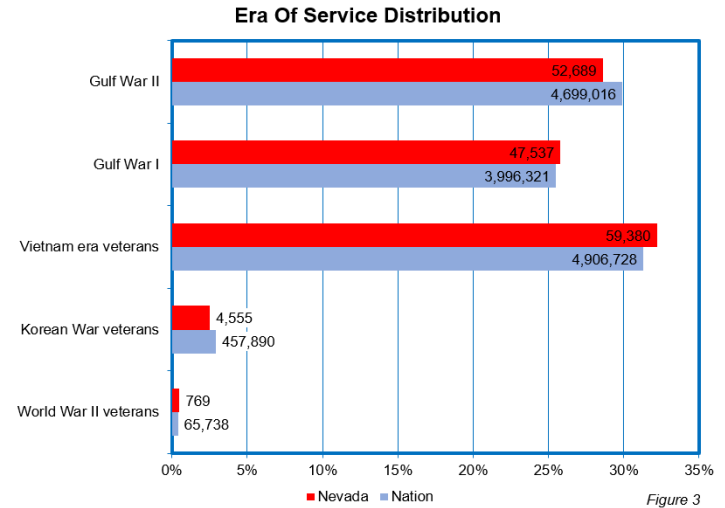
Some college or associate's degree is the largest portion for all categories except the national non-veteran group whose largest category is bachelor's degree or above. Nevada veterans have the largest concentration of individuals with some college or an associate's degree.

Nevada veterans have a similar portion of individuals who have less than a high school equivalency compared to that of national veterans with Nevada veterans at 3 percent compared to the nation's 4 percent, this compares to 10 percent for national non-veterans and 13 percent for Nevada non-veterans.

Distribution by Era of Service

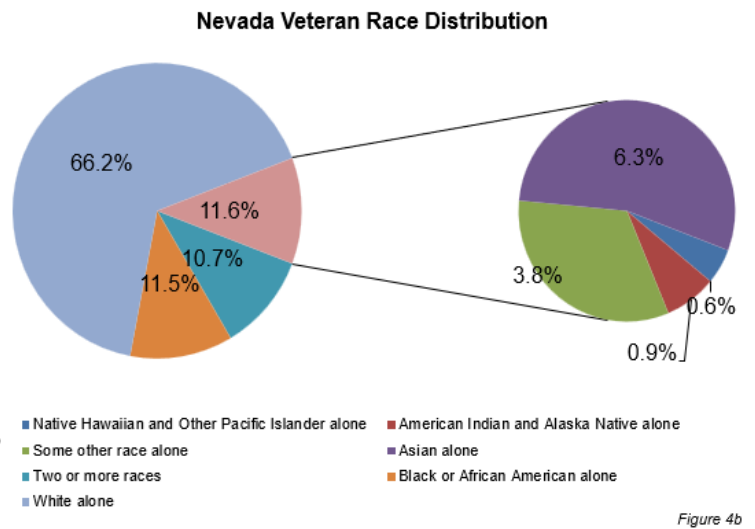
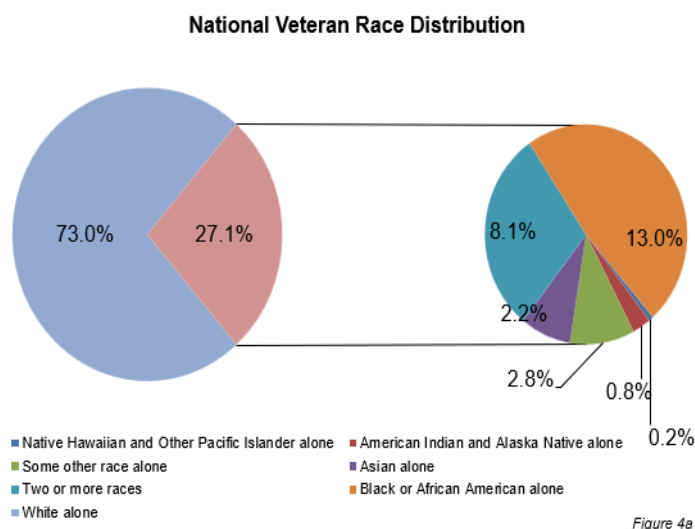
By era of service, the largest portion for Nevada and the nation are the Vietnam Era veterans. Nevada has a larger share of this era's veterans at 32.2 percent compared to the nation at 31.3 percent.

The next largest groups are the Gulf War I and Gulf War II Era veterans. Gulf War II Era veterans in Nevada account for roughly 2.8 percentage points more compared to Gulf War I Era veterans in Nevada. Refer to **Figure 3**.



Distribution by Race

Below are two charts showing the portion of the veteran population by race 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 races. Asian alone comprised 2.2 percent of the national veteran population compared to 6.3 percent in Nevada. Two or more races comprised 8.1 percent at the national level compared to 10.7 percent in Nevada. Some other race alone comprised 2.8 percent nationally compared to 3.8 percent in Nevada. Refer to **Figures 4a & 4b**.



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Industries Where Veterans Work

The distribution of employed veterans across industries in Nevada differs from the national pattern in several ways. Nationally, the largest shares of veterans work in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, Administration, and Manufacturing. In Nevada, the leading industries are Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; and Transportation and Warehousing. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation is the most distinctive case, about seventeen percent of Nevada's employed veterans work in this sector, compared with only four percent nationally, reflecting the state's tourism-driven economy and the only industry where Nevada's veteran share exceeds the nation.

In most other industries, the national share of veteran employment is slightly higher, though the gaps are modest. Manufacturing shows the largest difference, with nearly thirteen percent of veterans employed in the sector nationally versus about eight percent in Nevada. Other industries such as Education, Construction, Retail Trade, Finance and Insurance, and Utilities differ only slightly between the two areas. Employment in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services is nearly equal in both places, indicating similar demand for veterans in that field. Overall, Nevada's veteran workforce aligns broadly with the national economy, but with a stronger concentration in tourism-related employment.

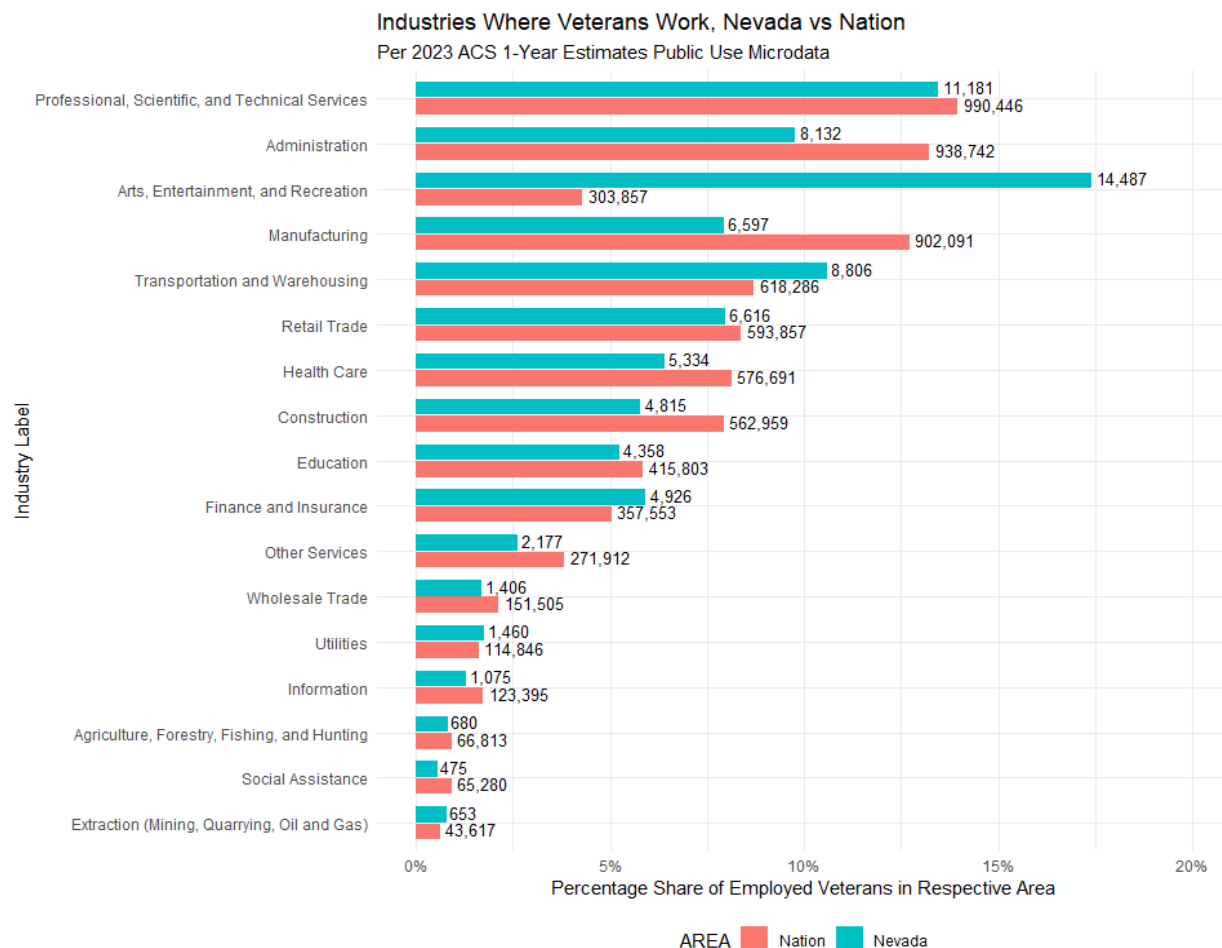


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