Research Notes

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2025 ACS Veteran Statistics in Nevada Compared to the Nation

Using data from the 2025 and 2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates, sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, we compare the demographics of veterans living in Nevada to those of the nation.

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. The summary table and the age and education figures use data from the 2025 ACS Subject Table S2101.

	Nevada	United States
Veteran Population	186,734	15,746,228
Female (%)	10.9%	11.4%
Unemployment Rate for Veterans	4.2%	4.0%
Labor Force Participation Rate	76.4%	76.8%
Median Income in the Past 12 Months (2025 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)	$60,668	$57,483
Male	$61,557	$58,368
Female	$54,203	$51,970
With disability (%)	33.7%	32.0%
Poverty Status in the Last 12 Months	8.2%	7.5%

Age Distribution

The largest veteran age group is 75 and older (28.5%) in Nevada and 75 and older (30.5%) nationally. The smallest veteran age group is 18-34 (9.4%) in Nevada and 18-34 (8.4%) nationally.

Among nonveterans, the largest age group is 35-54 (33.8%) in Nevada and 35-54 (32.4%) nationally. Adults age 65 and older account for 51.0% of Nevada veterans and 49.7% of U.S. veterans, compared with 21.0% and 22.5% of nonveterans, respectively. These combined shares sum published percentages. Refer to *Figure 1*.

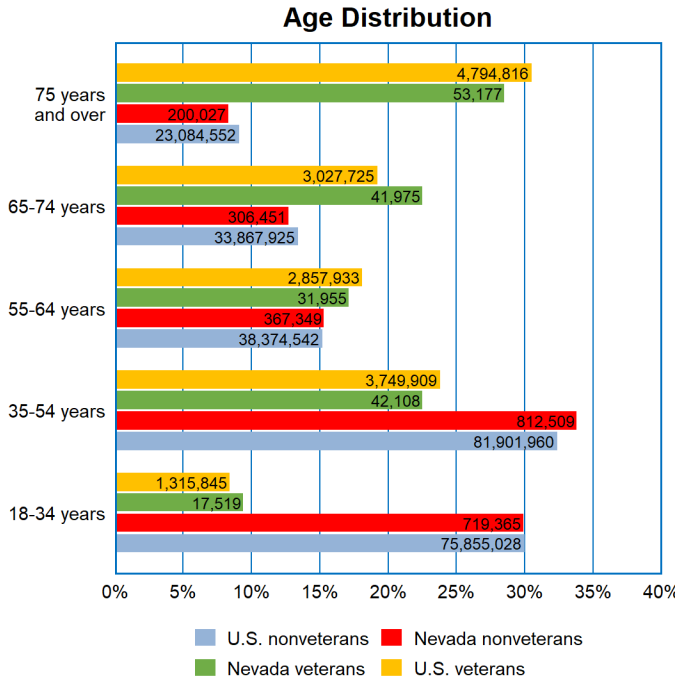


***Figure 1** - Age Distribution*

Educational Attainment

Figure 2 compares educational attainment among civilian adults age 25 and older in Nevada and the United States, by veteran status. The legend in the center identifies the educational attainment categories; the text above the chart identifies the rings.

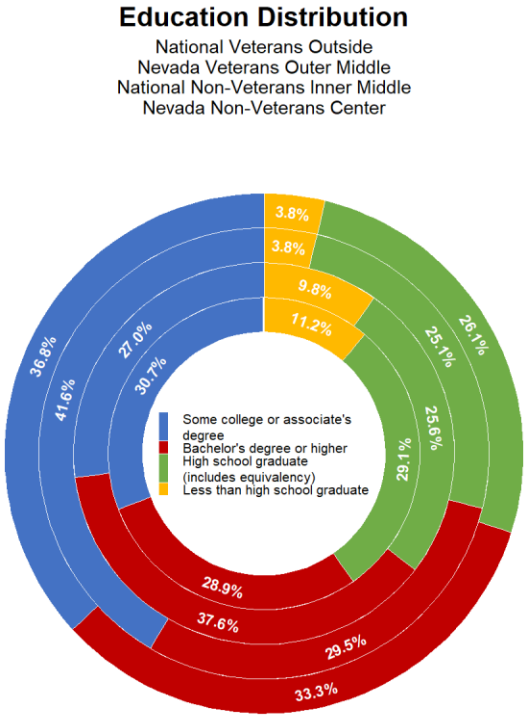


Figure 2 - *Educational Attainment*

Some college or an associate's degree is the largest category for all groups except U.S. nonveterans, whose largest category is a bachelor's degree or higher. Nevada veterans have the largest share of individuals with some college or an associate's degree (41.6%).

Nevada veterans and U.S. veterans have the same estimated share of individuals with less than a high school diploma, at 3.8% each. This compares with 9.8% for U.S. nonveterans and 11.2% for Nevada nonveterans.

Distribution by Era of Service

By era of service, Gulf War II Era veterans made up the largest share of veterans in both Nevada and the nation. Nevada's share is larger, at 33.3% compared with 31.4% nationally.

The next largest groups in both Nevada and the nation are Vietnam Era veterans and Gulf War I Era veterans. Gulf War II Era veterans account for 6.9 percentage points more of Nevada's veterans than Gulf War I Era veterans. Refer to *Figure 3*.

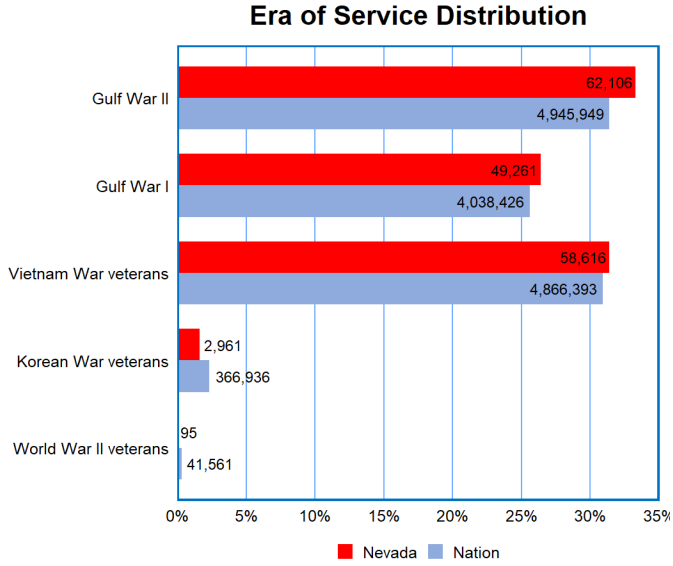


Figure 3 - *Era of Service Distribution*

Note: Bars show percentages; labels show counts. Gulf War II: September 2001 or later. Gulf War I: August 1990–August 2001.

Distribution by Race

The charts below show the veteran population by race in Nevada and the nation. Nevada veterans have smaller shares identifying as Black or African American alone and White alone than veterans nationally, but larger shares in all other race categories.

Veterans identifying as Asian alone account for 2.3% of veterans nationally compared with 5.5% in Nevada. Veterans identifying as two or more races account for 8.7% of veterans nationally compared with 10.0% in Nevada. Veterans identifying as Some other race alone account for 2.9% of veterans nationally compared with 5.6% in Nevada. Refer to *Figures 4a & 4b*.

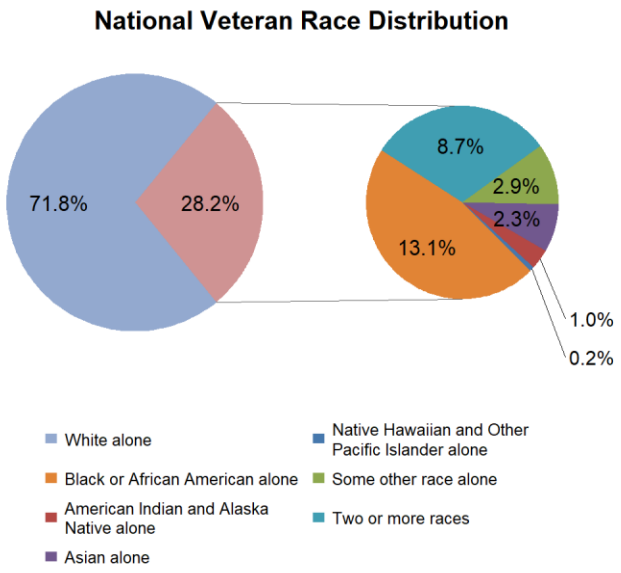


Figure 4a - National Veteran Race Distribution

The national chart expands all race categories other than White alone.

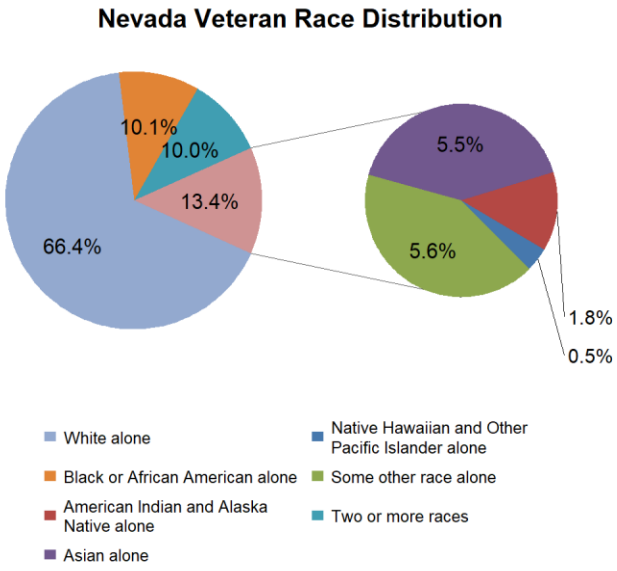


Figure 4b - Nevada Veteran Race Distribution

The Nevada chart expands American Indian and Alaska Native alone, Asian alone, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, and Some other race alone.

Note: Hispanic or Latino origin can occur with any race and is not a separate slice. Published percentages may not sum to 100% because of rounding.

Industries Where Veterans Work

The distribution of employed veterans across industries in Nevada differs from the national pattern. Based on the 2024 ACS 1-Year Public Use Microdata, the leading industries nationally are Professional, Management, Administrative, and Waste Services (13.7%); Public Administration (13.1%); Manufacturing (12.9%). In Nevada, the leading industries are Professional, Management, Administrative, and Waste Services (17.1%); Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Services (13.3%); Transportation and Warehousing (10.1%).

Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Services has the largest gap where the share is higher in Nevada: 13.3% in Nevada versus 4.6% nationally, a difference of 8.8 percentage points. Manufacturing has the largest gap where the share is higher nationally: 7.1% in Nevada versus 12.9% nationally, a difference of 5.8 percentage points. Shares differ by less than 0.5 percentage points in Utilities, Finance and Insurance, and Social Assistance. Refer to *Figure 5*.

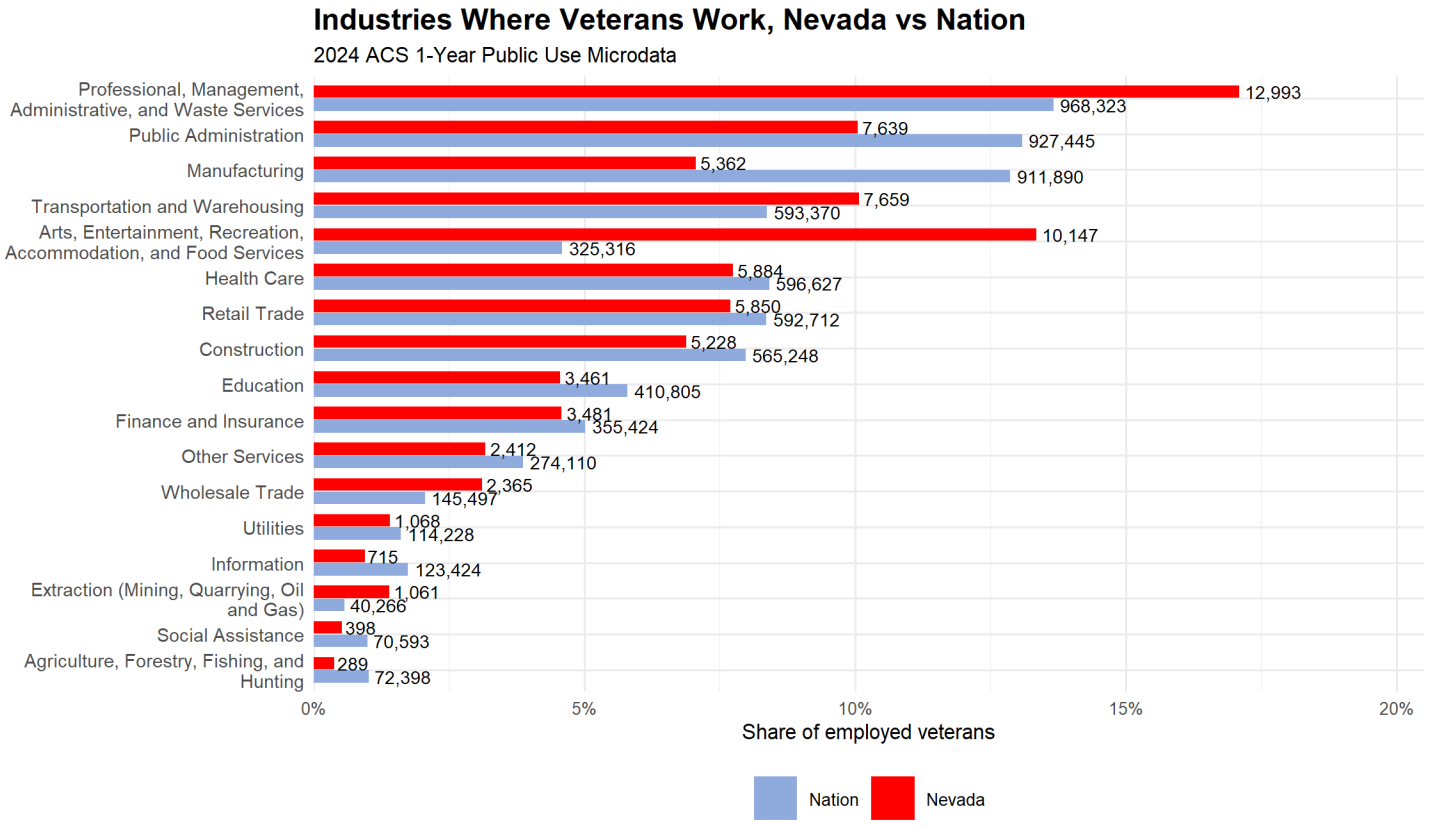


Figure 5 - Industries Where Veterans Work

Note: Bars show weighted shares; labels show weighted counts. National estimates include Nevada.

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