

# A Snapshot of DC'S VETERANS

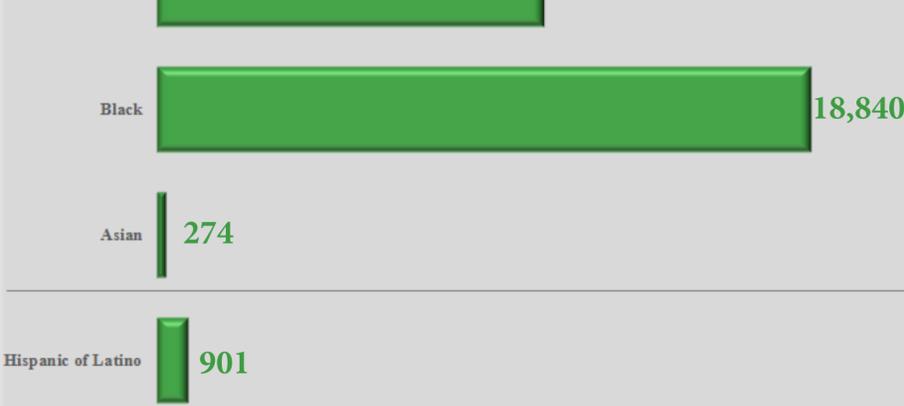
Federal, state, and community leaders, private businesses, non-profits, and community organizations use information about military veteran population from the American Community Survey (ACS) and Economic Census to determine the programs, services and infrastructure that serve the needs of veterans. What follows is the most recent snapshot of DC veteran statistics from the 2007-2011 ACS 5-year estimates and the 2007 Economic Census (Survey of Business Owners).

## WHO ARE DC VETERANS?

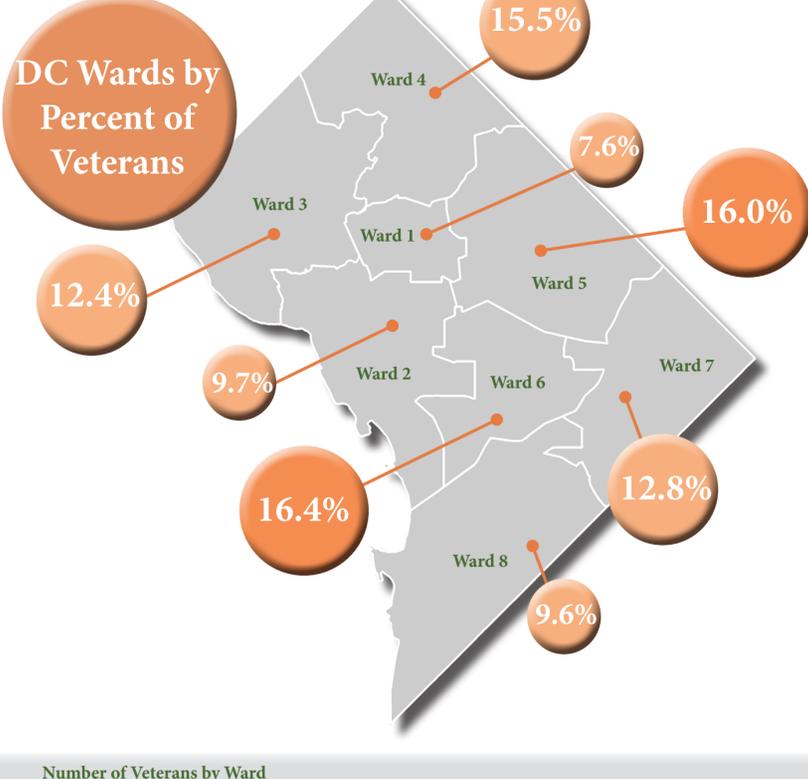
There are 31,119 veterans in the District of Columbia.



### Breakdown by Race and Ethnicity



## WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

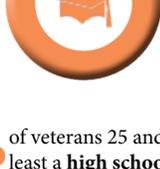


### Number of Veterans by Ward



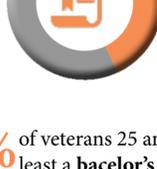
## WHAT ARE THEIR EDUCATION LEVELS?

A DC veteran is more likely than the average DC resident to have earned a high school diploma, but less likely to have completed a college degree.



**90.2%** of veterans 25 and older have at least a **high school diploma**.

*compared with 87.1% of the total population*



**43.0%** of veterans 25 and older have at least a **bachelor's degree**.

*compared with 50.4% of the total population*

## WHEN DID THEY SERVE?

Of the 31 thousand veterans in the District of Columbia, more than two thousand served during multiple wars.

WWII: Dec 1941-Dec 1946 • Korean: July 1950-Jan 1955 • Vietnam: Aug 1964-Apr 1975 • Gulf 1: Aug 1990-Aug 2001 • Gulf 2: Sept 2001-Dec 2011

### Veterans of 2 Wars



**1,361**

Served during both Gulf War eras.



**328**

Served during both the Korean War and the Vietnam era.



**191**

Served during both World War II and the Korean War.

### Veterans of 3 Wars



**90**

Served during the Vietnam era and both Gulf War eras.

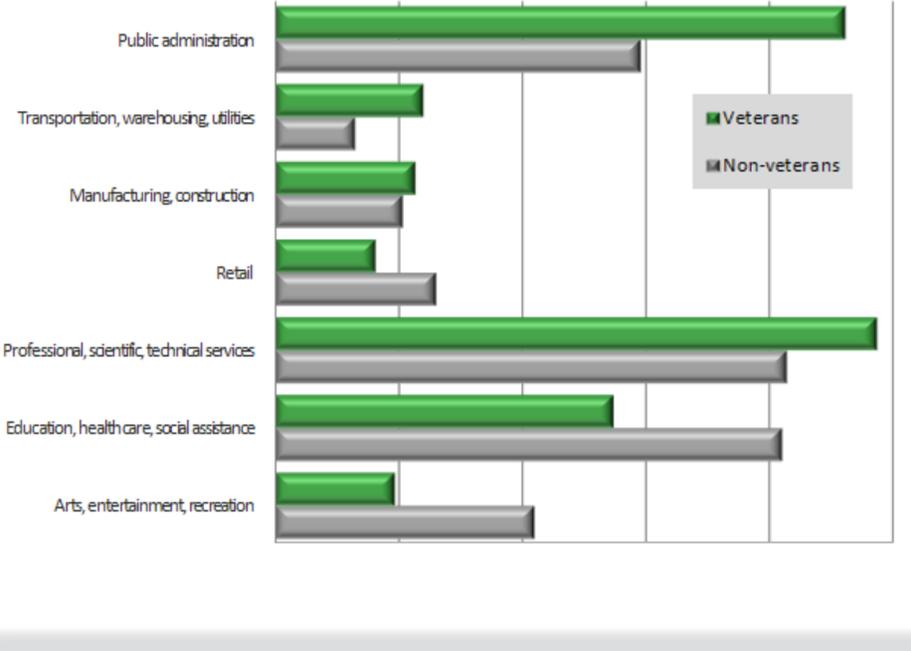


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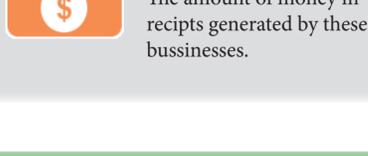
Served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era.

## WHERE DO THEY WORK?

A DC veteran is more likely than a DC non-veteran to hold jobs in either the professional, scientific, technical services or the public administration industries.

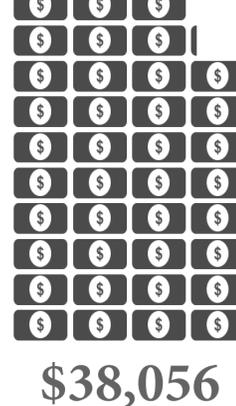
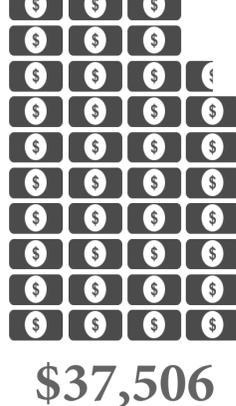
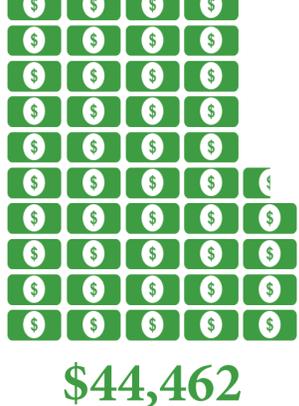


Veterans own 7.2% of all DC businesses. <sup>+</sup>



## WHAT ARE THEIR INCOMES?

DC Veterans' median income is about \$6,000 higher than that of the average DC resident.\*

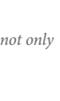


\*Median income refers to the civilian population 18 years and over with income in the past 12 months. Income includes not only wages and self-employment, but also Social Security, retirement pension, VA payments, and other forms of income.



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Sources: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2007 Economic Census (Survey of Business Owners)  
The American Community Survey is a survey and its estimates are subject to sampling error.