

Military Demographic Information



Gender and Age

Gender of Enlisted

	Men	Women
Active Duty (AD)	85.7%	14.3%
Selected Reserve (SR)	81.9%	18.1%

Over 80% of service members are men

Gender of Officers

	Men	Women
(AD)	83.9%	16.1%
(SR)	81.5%	18.5%

Age of Enlisted

	Up to 25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41+
AD	48.8%	23.0%	13.5%	9.0%	5.6%
SR	38.8%	20.2%	13%	9.3%	18.7%

Active Duty members tend to be younger than Selected Reserve members

Age of Officers

	Up to 25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41+
AD	13.3%	22.7%	20.2%	18.3%	25.5%
SR	5.2%	12.7%	16.3%	17.7%	48.2%

Education

	2012 AD	2012 AD Enlisted	2012 SR	2010 US Population*
No High School Diploma or GED	0.3%	0.4%	2.1%	14.5%
Less than Bachelor's degree	78.6%	93.0%	76.4%	57.3%
Bachelor's degree	11.7%	5.2%	14.7%	28.2%
Advanced degree	7.3%	0.7%	5.8%	10.4%
Unknown	2.1%	0.6%	1.1%	n/a

* For 204,288,933 persons 25 years and older

The military population has a higher percentage of individuals with a high school education or GED compared to the US population

However, fewer military members have a Bachelor's degree or an advanced degree compared to the US population

Education Level of Enlisted by Component

	2012 AD Enlisted	2012 SR Enlisted
Less than Bachelor's	93.0%	88.2%
Bachelor's	5.2%	7.8%

Only 5-7% of Enlisted have a Bachelor's degree, while approximately 85% of Officers have either a Bachelor's or Advanced degree

Education Level of Officers by Component

	2012 AD Officers	2012 SR Officers
Bachelor's or higher	43.2%	53.7%
Advanced Degree	39.2%	31.7%

SR Officers tend to have more Bachelor's degrees (or higher), but AD Officers tend to have more advanced degrees

References: 2012 Demographics: Profile of the Military Community, Office of Deputy under Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/> (Click on "Reports"); www.census.gov

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Race/Ethnicity

	2012 AD	2012 SR	2010 US Population
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%
Asian	3.7%	3.2%	4.8%
Black or African American	16.8%	15.2%	12.6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1.0%	0.6%	0.2%
White	69.7%	75.5%	72.4%
Multi-racial	2.8%	0.9%	2.9%
Other/Unknown	4.4%	3.8%	6.2%
Hispanic*	11.3%	10.1%	16.3%

Most populations have comparable percentages with US population

Asian and Hispanic populations are slightly underrepresented in the military compared to the US population

Black/African American populations are slightly overrepresented in the military compared to the US population

* Beginning in 2009, to conform to the latest Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directives, Hispanic is no longer considered a minority race designation and is analyzed separately as an ethnicity. The percentage of Hispanic service members above is dispersed among all other racial designations.

Marital Status

	AD Enlisted	SR Enlisted	2010 US Male 20-34	2010 US Female 20-34	AD Officer	SR Officer	2010 US Population
Married	53.3%	42.9%	29.4%	36.7%	69.5%	70.0%	48.8%
Never Married	42.0%	49.8%	65.6%	55.6%	26.5%	21.8%	32.1%
Divorced	3.8%	7.1%	3.5%	5.0%	3.8%	7.8%	10.9%

The military is a highly married population with generally young marriages

Divorce rate overall is not as high as the US population

SR has higher divorce rate than AD

Officers have higher marital rate and lower divorce rate than Enlisted

Service Members and Children

	AD	SR
Single with children	5.2%	9.4%
Members with children	43.9%	43%

It is not uncommon for military members to have children and single parents are common (5.2% AD and 9.4% SR)

Ages of Children by Component

	0-5	6-11	12-18	19-22
AD	42.4%	30.8%	22.4%	4.4%
SR	29.3%	29.7%	29.1%	11.9%

AD children are young (73% age 11 or younger) and SR children tend to be older (70% older than 6)