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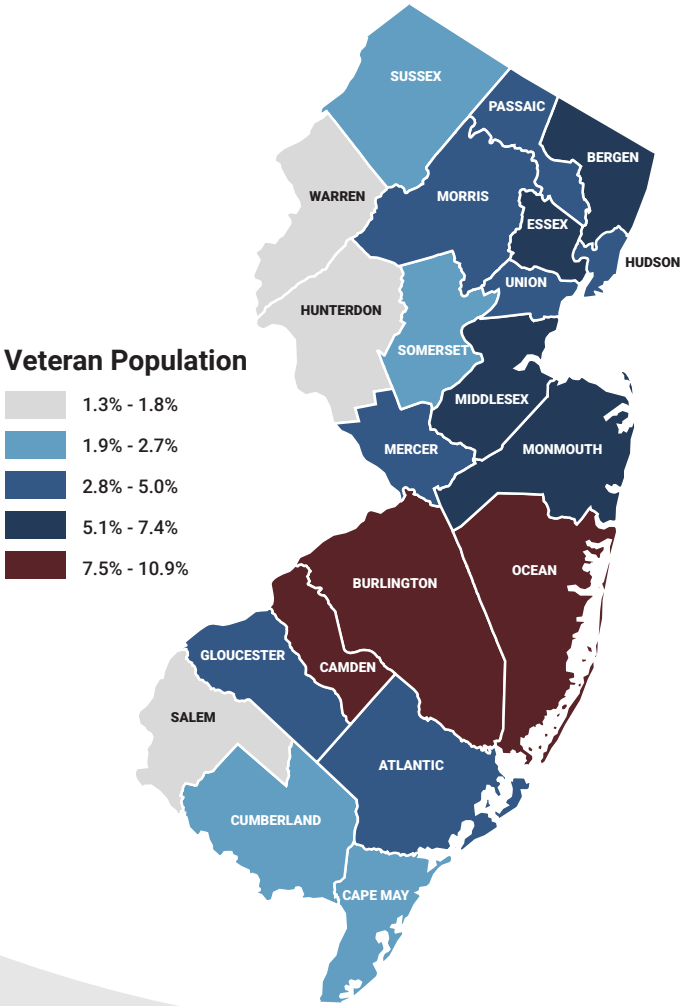
Labor Market Spotlight

Celebrating New Jersey's Veterans

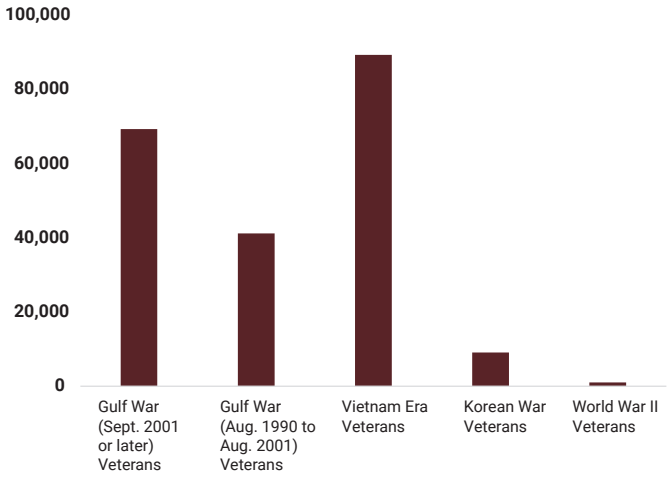
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This special edition of Labor Market Spotlight honors the 254,840 veterans who call the Garden State home. We express our gratitude for their courage and dedication by acknowledging their significant impact on our communities. About 21% reside in Burlington and Ocean counties, likely drawn to the presence of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. We pay special tribute to the 0.4% of New Jersey's veterans who are World War II heroes, recognizing their enduring legacy. Additionally, we celebrate the rich diversity within our veteran community. We are thankful for their service and the vibrant contributions they bring to our state.

Percentage of NJ's Veterans by County



Era of Service



The majority of veterans served during one of the Gulf conflicts (43.3% of all veterans) or Vietnam (35.0%).

254.8K Veterans residing in NJ

$60.6K Median income NJ: $56.2K

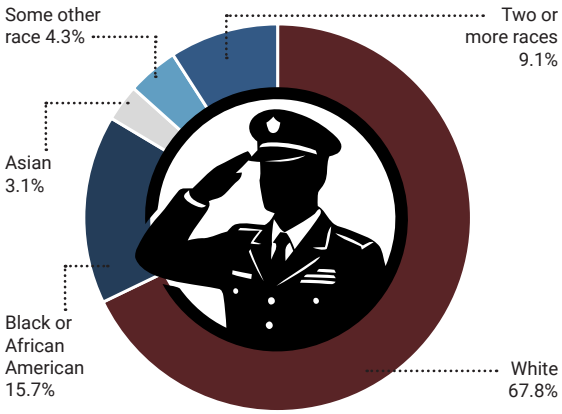
82.3% Served during a time of conflict

26.4% Have a service-connected disability

2.5K Received career services from NJDOL between July1, 2025 and June 30, 2026

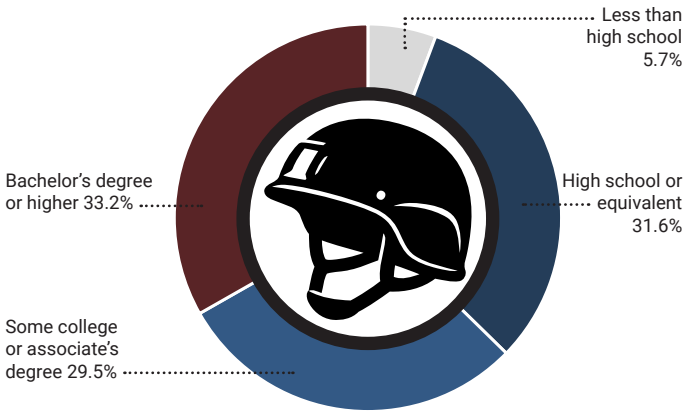
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Veterans by Race



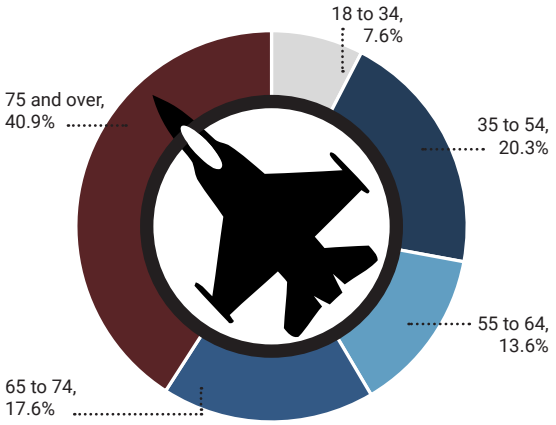
32.2% of New Jersey's veterans are non-White.

Veterans by Education



Approximately 63% of New Jersey's veterans have completed some college education or achieved a degree.

Veterans by Age



The majority of New Jersey's veterans are over the age of 65. Veterans make up 8.4% of the state's total 65 and over population.

How We Help

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development believes those who stood first in line to defend our country should be first in line to reap the benefits of freedom: a fair chance for a good education, a good job, and a good life. Veterans receive first-priority referral to all job and training opportunities for which they qualify. Our Workforce Development staff specialists help veterans:

- find suitable jobs and opportunities
- enroll in free job search workshops
- develop a resume
- learn about career training programs
- understand the array of benefits available through the Veterans Administration and state and local government agencies

Visit nj.gov/labor/veterans to learn more

[1]Combined, American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN), Native Hawaiians, and Some Other Pacific Islanders (NHPI) make up less than 1% of New Jersey veterans.For this report AIAN have been included in "Some other race" and NHPI have been included in Asians.

[2]Data on educational attainment is available for the population age 25 and older

Technical Note: Data in this report is from the US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2025 1-year estimates and NJDOL administrative data

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