

# Veterans in the U.S.

## Facts and Figures

### Population

**19 million**

The number of military veterans representing less than 10% of the total adult population.

Source: Department Veterans Affairs 2021

**2 million+**

The number of female veterans.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**24.4%**

The percentage of veterans ages 75 and older in 2021.

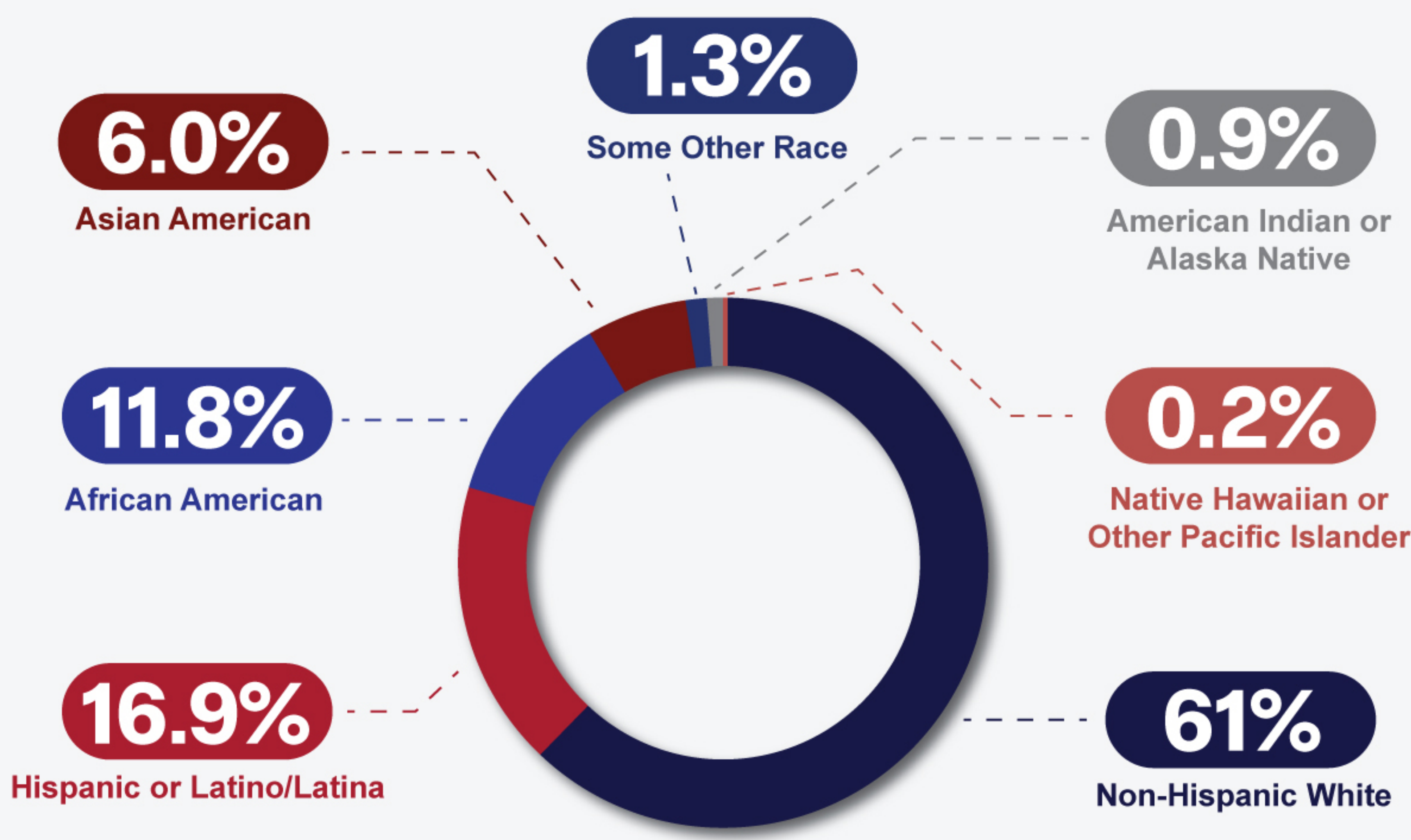
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

**8.8%**

Of veterans are younger than age 35.

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

### Race/Ethnicities of Veterans



Source: 2021 U.S. Census

### Diversity

**24%**

the percent of veterans who are multicultural.

Source: Beyond the Uniform A Look at Today's Veteran Consumers 2018 Report, The Nielsen Company

**10%**

of veterans who are women.

Source: Beyond the Uniform A Look at Today's Veteran Consumers 2018 Report, The Nielsen Company

### Education

**28.0%**

The percentage of veterans with a high school diploma or equivalency.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**37.3%**

The percentage of veterans with some college or an associate's degree.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**28.8%**

The percentage of veterans with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey



### Jobs

**45.2%**

Percentage of veterans employed. Public administration and manufacturing are the most popular jobs for veterans.

Source: IPUMS-CPS, University of Minnesota, 2020

**4.2%**

The veteran unemployment rate.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, 2021

### Buying Power



**\$1.4 trillion**

The purchasing power of the military community: active-duty service members, reserves, veterans, spouses, and families.

Source: ID.me, 2021

### Income, Poverty, & Health Insurance

**\$88,700**

The median annual income for veteran households compared with \$76,100 for non-veteran households, a difference of more than \$12,000.

Source: Pew Research Center 2019

**29.9%**

Percentage of veterans with any disability.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**6.6%**

The poverty rate for veteran households compared with 13% rate for non-veteran households.

Source: Pew Research Center 2019



### Businesses

**\$963.4 billion**

Total in receipts for veteran-owned businesses. The number of veteran-owned businesses totaled 331,151, with 4 million employees, and about \$191.6 billion in annual payroll.

Source: 2020 Annual Business Survey

