

**Estimated Number of Living Veterans in Civilian Life by Period of Service (Era)
As of Sept. 30, 2005 except where noted**

Adjusted estimates based on 2000 Census and other sources

Gulf War era to date ⁽¹⁾	4,377,845
Iraq/Afghanistan (theater) ⁽²⁾	433,396
Desert Shield/Storm (theater) ⁽³⁾	615,133
Vietnam War era	8,054,993
Korean Conflict era	3,256,925
World War II era	3,525,769
World War I era ⁽⁴⁾	Approx. 50
Peacetime service	6,231,463
Total living veterans	24,387,036

Note: Sum of era lines will exceed total number of veterans due to veterans who served in multiple periods.

Source: Except where noted, VetPop2004 model, v.1.0

Additional Notes

For counts of those serving in wars (regardless of vital status or veteran status today), as well as deaths and wounds in service, see *America's Wars* at www.va.gov/opa/fact/amwars.html

Excludes active-duty military in the service today. As titled, this chart represents discharged veterans in civilian life. However, it may include reservists and Guard members called to federal service and who currently are on active duty.

Except where noted for theater service (Iraq/Afghanistan and Desert Shield/Storm), the totals are based on Census data representing period of service – i.e., the World War II veterans tally represents all living veterans who served during the time period of World War II regardless of whether they were in a combat zone. Similarly, the “Vietnam era” period of service includes veterans who may only have served in U.S. locations during the Vietnam War -- as well as those serving in southeast Asia.

⁽¹⁾ Includes first-year (Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm) plus service to date, including Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); the Gulf War Era set by Executive Order has never been closed.

⁽²⁾ This represents veterans who were deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom and were separated from active duty through July 31, 2005. Source: *Environmental Epidemiology Service*

⁽³⁾ This represents living, separated veterans among those actually deployed to Southwest Asia during the first year of the Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, through July 31, 1991 (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm). Source: *Veterans Benefits Administration (GWVIS)*.

⁽⁴⁾ WW I veterans figure of approximately 50 is an actuarial projection based on data from the 1990 Census and is of questionable reliability. WW I veterans were not counted as a separate category in the 2000 Census. Their number is too small and diminishing too rapidly to estimate it with confidence. As of September 2005, VA counted eight in receipt of monthly financial benefits from VA; it is not known how many may also have served in WWII and are counted on VA's rolls as WWII veterans.

Estimated Deaths in FY06 (Sept. 30, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006)

All Veterans 687,576 (averages to 1,884 per day)

World War II veterans (subset of above) 374,288 (averages to 1,025 per day)