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Veterans Population Changes Since 1980

	1986*	1992	2001
Total Veterans	26,834,000	25,638,000	24,358,000
Percent Women	3.8%	4.5%	6.6%

Δ 2,476,000 fewer veterans overall than 1986 but an overall gain of 566,000 women veterans

*The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) began including women in its count of the veterans' population in 1986.

Data from the Current Population Survey Annual Summaries of BLS 1986, 1992, 2001
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