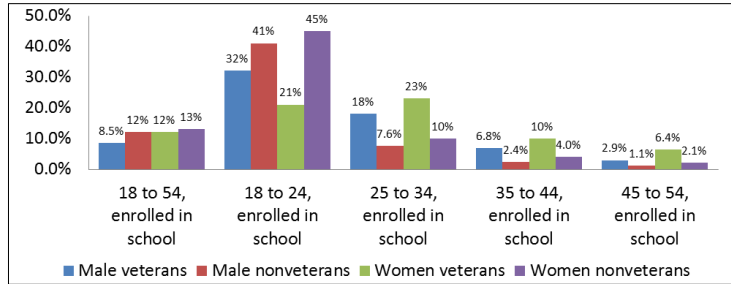


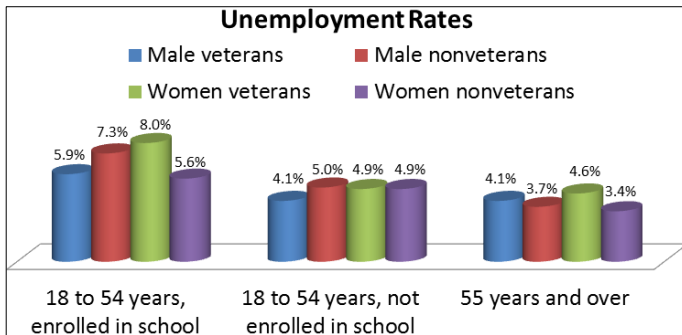
Unemployment Rates of Women Veterans Enrolled in School

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Veterans tend to attend school at older ages than non-veterans, *particularly among women*. Among 18-24 year olds, in 2016 women nonveterans were over twice as likely as women veterans to be enrolled in school, but among 25-34 year olds, 35-44 year olds, and 45-54



year olds, women veterans were over twice as likely as women nonveterans to be enrolled in school.¹ The likelihood to attend school at an older age impacts their financial and family responsibilities, and many must work while attending school.



Comparing 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school, 18-54 year olds not currently enrolled in school, and people 55 years old or older, in 2016 *the highest unemployment rates, particularly for women veterans, were among 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school*. In fact, in 2016, the annual average unemployment rate of women veterans not enrolled in school and

of women nonveterans not enrolled in school was the same (4.9%). Among those enrolled in school, the unemployment rate of women veterans was significantly higher than that of women nonveterans (8% vs. 5.6%, respectively).¹

Among veterans not enrolled in school, the unemployment rate of women veterans was slightly higher than male veterans (4.9% vs. 4.1%, respectively), however this difference did not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics criteria for statistical significance due to the margins of error. Among veterans enrolled in school, the unemployment rate of women veterans was significantly higher than that of male veterans (8% vs. 5.9%, respectively).¹

*These trends have been consistent for three years.*¹

In 2016, there was an annual average of 27,000 unemployed 18-54 year old veterans enrolled in school. Among these, 30% (8,000) were women veterans. This is an unusually large percentage of women for any veteran subpopulation. Comparatively, in the same year women veterans comprised 14% of all unemployed veterans, 12% of veterans in the civilian labor force, and 10% of veterans in the general population (civilian noninstitutional population).¹

¹U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016, 2015, 2014 Current Population Surveys, Annual Averages, Unpublished Tables (Calculations done within DOL VETS Women Veteran Program)