

U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), Women Veteran Program (WVP)  
Snapshot – Women Veterans

*Use of Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) services*

- Women veterans are:
  - 10% of the overall veteran population<sup>1</sup>
  - 12% of the veterans within the civilian labor force<sup>1</sup>
  - 13% of the veterans served through JVSG<sup>2</sup>
  - 13% of veterans referred to employment through JVSG<sup>2</sup>
  - 13% of veterans who retained employment for six months after JVSG services<sup>2</sup>

*Wage Gap*

- In 2016:
  - Women's median earnings were 82% of men's earnings<sup>3</sup>
  - Median earnings of women veterans served through JVSG were 86% of those of male veterans served through JVSG<sup>2</sup>

*Homelessness*

- In 2016:
  - 8% of veterans in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Point in Time (PIT) count were women<sup>4</sup>
    - **'Couchsurfers,' etc are not captured in the PIT count. It is believed that men are more likely than women to be 'on the street' and therefore more likely to be captured in the PIT count, however there is currently no reliable national source of data on this.**
  - 11% of homeless veterans served through JVSG were women<sup>2</sup>

*Employment*

- Women veterans are more likely than male veterans or women nonveterans to be employed<sup>1</sup>
  - 47% of male veterans are employed
  - 71% of male nonveterans are employed
  - 59% of women veterans are employed
  - 55% of women nonveterans are employed

*Unemployment Rates*

- In 2016, the unemployment rate of all women veterans was not statistically different from all male veterans or all nonveterans of either gender<sup>1</sup>
  - Male veterans unemployment rate: 4.2%
  - Male nonveterans unemployment rate: 4.8%
  - Women veterans unemployment rate: 5.0%
  - Women nonveterans unemployment rate: 4.6%
- **The highest unemployment rates, particularly for women veterans, are among 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school<sup>1</sup>**
  - **Male veterans enrolled in school unemployment rate: 5.9%**
  - **Male nonveterans enrolled in school unemployment rate: 7.3%**
  - **Women veterans enrolled in school unemployment rate: 8.0%**
  - **Women nonveterans enrolled in school unemployment rate: 5.6%**
- **In 2016, there was an annual average of 27,000 unemployed 18-54 year old veterans enrolled in school<sup>1</sup>**
  - **Among these, 30% (8,000) were women veterans**

<sup>1</sup>Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016 Current Population Survey Annual Averages, Unpublished Tables (calculations done within DOL VETS WVP).

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Department of Labor, ETA 9002 and VETS 200 reports for period ending 6.30.16 (calculations done within DOL VETS WVP). This is the last period in which data was available at the time of this analysis and includes a year of data.

<sup>3</sup>Bureau of Labor Statistics, TED: The Economics Daily, retrieved September 20, 2016 from <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2017/womens-median-earnings-82-percent-of-mens-in-2016.htm>.

<sup>4</sup>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2016 Point-in-Time Count data.