

2018 Employment, Unemployment, and Education Webinar

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Hi, my name is Nancy Glowacki. I am an Army veteran and I currently work for the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service, known as DOL VETS.

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I'd like to talk to you a little bit today about the employment rates, the unemployment rates, and educational attainment among women veterans as compared to male veterans and women nonveterans.

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So first, let's look at the employment-population ratio, which is the percentage of the general population who are currently employed. Women veterans are more likely than male veterans to be employed.

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Women veterans are less likely than male veterans to usually work full-time, as compared to part-time, but are more likely than women nonveterans to usually work full-time.

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Now let's look at unemployment rates. In 2018, the unemployment rate of women veterans was lower than that of male veterans or nonveterans of either gender, however these differences do not exceed the margins of error and therefore the unemployment rates of these four populations are not considered to be statistically different.

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Among the unemployed, the average duration of unemployment is longer for women veterans than for male veterans or nonveterans of either gender.

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Now let's look at educational attainment before we come back to the unemployment rates for some specific subpopulations.

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Women veterans are more likely than male veterans or nonveterans of either gender to have some college or to be college graduates.

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Women veterans are more likely than male veterans to be enrolled in school. Among 25-34 year olds, 35-44 year olds, and 45-54 year olds, women veterans are twice as likely as women nonveterans to be enrolled in school.

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Among 18-54 year olds who are currently enrolled in school, veterans are more likely than nonveterans to be in the labor force. That means that veterans are more likely than nonveterans to be working or to be looking for work while they are attending school.

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Among 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school who are seeking employment, veterans are more likely than nonveterans to be seeking full time work, as compared to part time work. It is very common for veterans to work full time while going to school.

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Now let's return to the unemployment rates, paying attention to three subpopulations.

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The three subpopulations I'd like to draw your attention to are 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school, 18-54 year olds not currently enrolled in school, and people 55 years old or older.

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The highest unemployment rates are among 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school. This trend has been consistent for the past five years.

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In 2018, there was an annual average of 22,000 unemployed 18-54 year old veterans enrolled in school. Among these, 23% were women veterans. This is an unusually large percentage of women for any veteran subpopulation. Comparatively, among all unemployed veterans, only 10% are women.

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