Veterans tend to attend school at older ages than non-veterans. In 2018, among 25-34 year olds, 35-44 year olds, and 45-54 year olds, women veterans were twice as likely as women nonveterans to be enrolled in school. 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 2018 the highest unemployment rates were among 18-54 year olds currently enrolled in school.

These trends have been consistent for five years, as long as data on unemployment among 18-54 year olds enrolled in school has been available.

In 2018, there was an annual average of 22,000 unemployed 18-54 year old veterans enrolled in school. Among these, 23% (5,000) were women veterans. This is an unusually large percentage of women for any veteran subpopulation. Comparatively, in the same year women veterans comprised 10% of all unemployed veterans, 12% of veterans in the civilian labor force, and 10% of veterans in the general population (civilian noninstitutional population).