

INTRODUCTION

This Demographics Report presents a synthesis of demographic information describing Active Duty (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, DHS's Coast Guard) and Reserve Component (Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and DHS's Coast Guard Reserve) members and their families. It serves as a reference tool for professionals who develop policy or deliver programs and services to military members and families in the Armed Forces. For previous years' reports, please visit the Military HomeFront Portal at <http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil>.

The 2007 Report

To provide a holistic profile of the entire military community, the 2007 Report presents demographic information for the Active Duty and Reserve and Guard personnel. In addition, selected Census data are presented as a point of reference, and military demographics trends for 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2006, and 2007 are included where possible.

Presentation of Information

Military member demographics and family demographics are presented separately for Active Duty and Reserve and Guard populations as follows:

- Section I: DoD Total Force
- Section II: Active Duty Members
- Section III: Active Duty Families
- Section IV: Reserve and Guard Members
- Section V: Reserve and Guard Families
- Section VI: Reference Tables
- Data Sources and References

The data contained in this publication were derived from a variety of sources and, in general, only data that are available on a consistent basis for all Services are presented. The majority of data are managed by the Defense Manpower Data Center, particularly the Active Duty Master File and Family File, the Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System and Family File, and the Fiscal Year 2007 Official Guard and Reserve Manpower Strengths and Statistics (1147/1148) book.

All exhibits included in this report contain source citations, and the Data Sources and References section of this document provides a reference for all data sources. Readers needing additional information are encouraged to directly access the listed sources.

Guidelines for Interpreting Data

Guiding principles for interpreting data include:

- Numbers for population groups (e.g., Active Duty, enlisted) may vary across exhibits as a result of different data sources, missing data and/or rounding.
- Percents may not total to 100 due to rounding or missing data.
- Warrant Officers are included with Officers unless otherwise noted.
- "Senior enlisted" refers to pay grades E-7 to E-9, while "senior officers" refers to pay grades O-7 to O-10.

In the Active Duty sections of this report, data are presented for the four DoD Service branches (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force). Some information about the DHS's Active Duty Coast Guard is presented in the DoD Total Force section of this report. In the Reserve and Guard Military Members section, the label "Total DoD" is used to reflect the six Reserve Components (Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve) under DoD, while "Total Selected Reserve" includes DHS's Coast Guard Reserve data in addition to data from the DoD Reserve Components.

The data pertaining to Reserve and Guard members depicts the Selected Reserve and the National Guard and does not include any other Ready Reserve forces (i.e., Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive National Guard) unless otherwise specified. The introduction to Section IV describes the composition of the Reserve forces of the United States and explains why most data displays are limited to Selected Reserve personnel.

All data pertaining to Active Duty and Selected Reserve family members (i.e., spouses, children, and other dependents) are extracted from the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). The data are dependent on the military members reporting the necessary information.

For More Information

For more information on military demographics, family programs and policy, and military research, refer to:

Military Homefront

Up-to-date information about DoD programs serving troops and their families
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

Military OneSource

Around the clock access to family support
<http://www.militaryonesource.com>