### Veterans and nonveterans in State and Federal prisons

By selected characteristics, United States, 1997 and 2004

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<th></th>
<th>Percent of prisoners, 1997</th>
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<td>Veterans</td>
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<td><strong>Prisoners reporting military service</strong></td>
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<td>Estimated number</td>
<td>134,400   X</td>
<td>14,800   X</td>
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<td>Percent</td>
<td>12.5%     X</td>
<td>14.5%    X</td>
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<td><strong>Branch of service</strong></td>
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<td>Army</td>
<td>58.6      X</td>
<td>58.4     X</td>
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<td>Navy</td>
<td>17.2      X</td>
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<td>Marines</td>
<td>15.6      X</td>
<td>16.2     X</td>
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<td>Air Force</td>
<td>8.1       X</td>
<td>9.8      X</td>
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<td>Coast Guard</td>
<td>0.9       X</td>
<td>0.5      X</td>
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<td>Otherc</td>
<td>1.3       X</td>
<td>1.2      X</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Sex</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>99.2      93.0</td>
<td>98.9     91.7</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>0.8       7.0</td>
<td>1.1      8.3</td>
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<td><strong>Race, Hispanic origin</strong></td>
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<td>White, non-Hispanic</td>
<td>52.8      30.5</td>
<td>49.8     26.5</td>
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<td>Black, non-Hispanic</td>
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<td>34.7     38.4</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>6.9       18.4</td>
<td>11.9     30.0</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Age</strong></td>
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<td>24 years or younger</td>
<td>1.9       22.3</td>
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<td>25 to 34 years</td>
<td>21.5      40.5</td>
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<td>35 to 44 years</td>
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<td>45 to 54 years</td>
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<td>27.1     14.4</td>
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<td>55 years and older</td>
<td>10.1      1.9</td>
<td>19.0     5.6</td>
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<td>Median (in years)</td>
<td>41        31</td>
<td>43       35</td>
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<td><strong>Marital status</strong></td>
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<td>Married</td>
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<td>Widowed</td>
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<td>Divorced</td>
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<td>Separated</td>
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<td>Never married</td>
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<td>22.8     44.8</td>
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<td><strong>Education completed</strong></td>
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<td>8th grade or less</td>
<td>4.3       15.4</td>
<td>3.0      13.3</td>
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<td>Some high school</td>
<td>7.4       28.2</td>
<td>4.1      16.3</td>
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<td>GED</td>
<td>31.1      31.5</td>
<td>24.1     27.3</td>
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<td>High school graduate</td>
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<td>27.2     19.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Some college or more</td>
<td>32.0     10.7</td>
<td>41.6     24.2</td>
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Note: These data are from the 1997 and 2004 Surveys of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The term “veteran” is defined as any person who has reported prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of the type of military discharge.

aPercent may not add to 100 because of rounding.
bPercent add to more than 100 because veterans may have served in more than one branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.
cIncludes National Guard or reserve service in an unspecified branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.