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**Veterans and nonveterans in State and Federal prisons**

By selected characteristics, United States, 1997 and 2004<sup>a</sup>

	Percent of prisoners, 1997				Percent of prisoners, 2004			
	State		Federal		State		Federal	
	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans
<b>Prisoners reporting military service</b>								
Estimated number	134,400	X	14,800	X	127,500	X	12,500	X
Percent	12.5%	X	14.5%	X	10.4%	X	9.8%	X
<b>Branch of service<sup>b</sup></b>								
Army	58.6	X	58.4	X	56.1	X	56.2	X
Navy	17.2	X	14.0	X	21.9	X	17.3	X
Marines	15.6	X	16.2	X	14.3	X	17.5	X
Air Force	8.9	X	11.9	X	8.6	X	10.6	X
Coast Guard	0.9	X	0.5	X	1.0	X	0.5	X
Other <sup>c</sup>	1.3	X	1.2	X	0.9	X	0.0	X
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	99.2	93.0	98.9	91.7	99.0	92.6	98.8	92.4
Female	0.8	7.0	1.1	8.3	1.0	7.4	1.2	7.6
<b>Race, Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	52.8	30.5	49.8	26.5	54.1	33.1	49.0	23.6
Black, non-Hispanic	37.2	47.8	34.7	38.4	32.1	41.5	37.6	44.1
Hispanic	6.9	18.4	11.9	30.0	6.2	19.6	5.3	27.3
Other	3.1	3.2	3.5	5.2	7.7	5.8	8.0	5.1
<b>Age</b>								
24 years or younger	1.9	22.3	1.3	10.2	2.7	19.0	1.2	9.9
25 to 34 years	21.5	40.5	22.3	39.1	11.0	35.6	19.1	40.5
35 to 44 years	44.5	27.3	30.3	30.7	35.0	30.0	24.3	29.4
45 to 54 years	22.0	8.0	27.1	14.4	33.1	11.9	32.9	15.4
55 years and older	10.1	1.9	19.0	5.6	18.2	3.5	22.4	4.8
Median (in years)	41	31	43	35	45	33	46	34
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	21.8	15.9	33.7	29.8	22.1	15.8	25.0	26.1
Widowed	3.7	1.6	2.9	1.5	3.6	1.8	3.6	0.9
Divorced	38.6	15.7	35.1	18.0	42.7	17.0	43.5	17.7
Separated	7.4	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.1	5.0	5.5	5.1
Never married	28.6	61.2	22.8	44.8	25.5	60.4	22.4	50.2
<b>Education completed</b>								
8th grade or less	4.3	15.4	3.0	13.3	2.6	13.3	1.9	11.3
Some high school	7.4	28.2	4.1	16.3	6.3	26.9	4.5	17.6
GED	31.1	31.5	24.1	27.3	29.8	34.6	21.6	34.1
High school graduate	25.3	14.2	27.2	19.0	28.6	15.6	30.4	17.4
Some college or more	32.0	10.7	41.6	24.2	32.6	9.7	41.6	19.6

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.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Percents add to more than 100 because veterans may have served in more than one branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

<sup>c</sup>Includes National Guard or reserve service in an unspecified branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Veterans in Prison or Jail*, Special Report NCJ 178888, p. 4 and p. 12, Table 15; and *Veterans in State and Federal Prison, 2004*, Special Report NCJ 217199, p. 1; p. 9, Appendix table 1; p. 10 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.