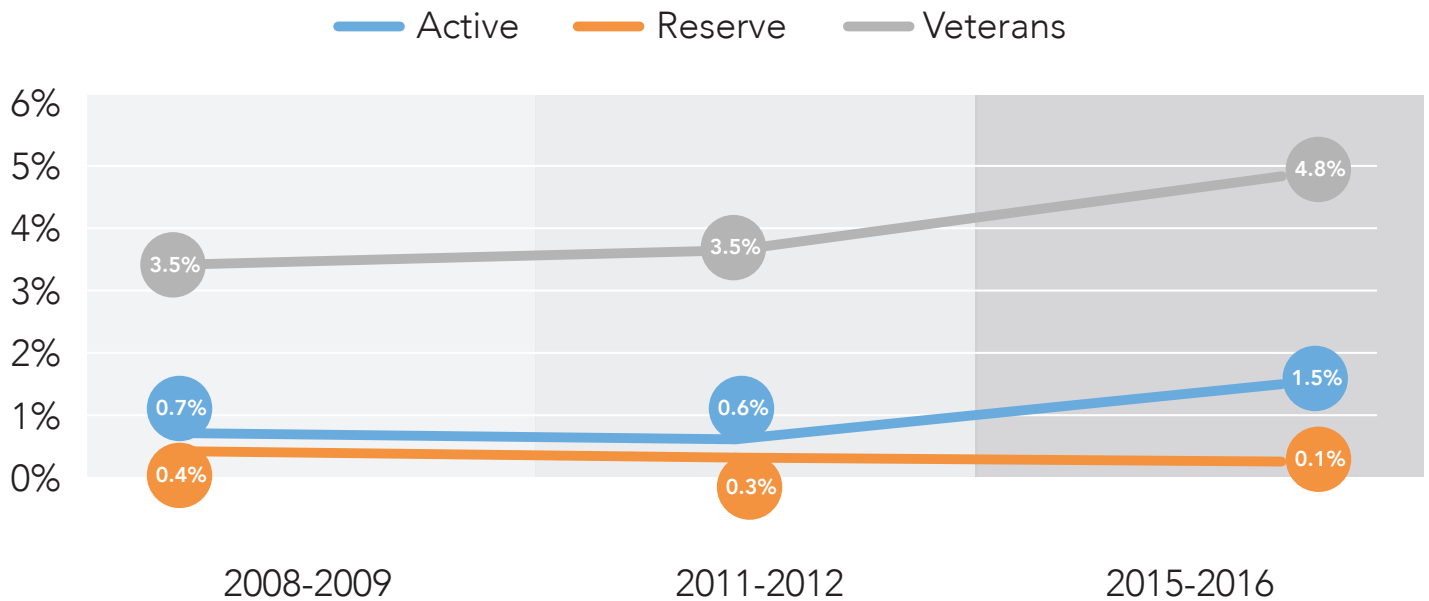


Where military personnel tend to go

Current and former military personnel are more likely to enroll at community colleges than in other higher education sectors.

Military-affiliated students enrolled at community colleges, 2008-2016



Source: AACC analysis of National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 08,12,16) data files, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, November 2018.



Community colleges enroll a diverse population of military-affiliated students, including those still on active duty, reservists and veterans. According to 2015-16 federal data, student veterans accounted for about 4.8 percent of community college students, active-duty military students another 1.5 percent and reservists comprised 0.1 percent, compared to 2008-09 data when the figures were 3.5 percent, 0.7 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively. In 2015-16, public four-year institution enrollment included 2.8 percent comprised by student veterans, 1.1 percent by active-duty military members and 0.2 percent by reservists. Community colleges provide resources and academic and non-academic programs designed to support military-affiliated students. [Click here for more information.](#)

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