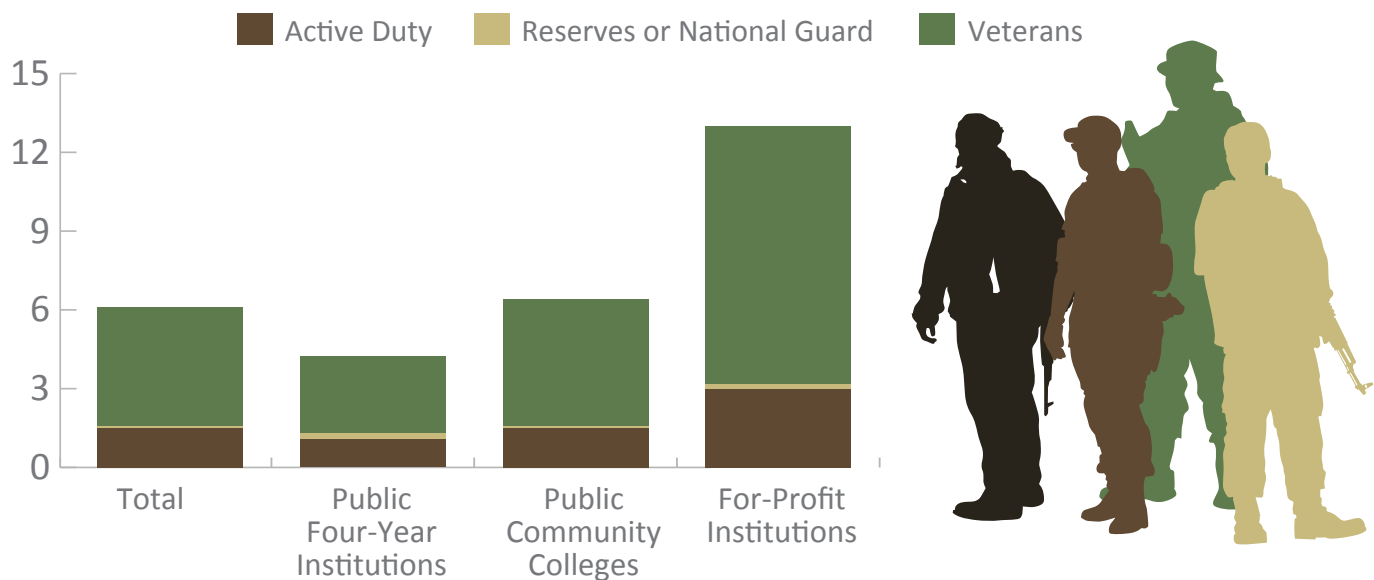


Students serving our country

Nearly 6 percent of U.S. undergraduate students have served in the military.

Student military service by institution type: 2015-16



Source: AACC analysis of “National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 2016) Undergraduates Data Files,” U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, September 2019.



About 6 percent of all undergraduate students indicate that they are currently serving in the military, in the reserves or National Guard, or are a veteran of military service, according to data in the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study of 2015-16. For-profit college students have the highest rate of participation with nearly 14.1 percent being veterans, 3 percent on active duty and 0.2 percent in reserves/National Guard. Compared to for-profit colleges, a smaller percentage of community college students are current or former military (6.5 percent versus 13 percent), however, numerically, many more students with military experience attend community colleges (416,000 versus 147,000). About 4.8 percent of students at public community colleges are veterans, and approximately 1.6 percent are students on active duty or are in the reserves/National Guard. Public four-year institutions have the lowest rate of students with military service, with 2.8 percent being veterans and 1.3 percent of students on active duty or in the reserves/National Guard.

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