

# Florida Veterans



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### Veterans Fact

Females make up 14-15 % of the US active-duty force & 14% of veterans.

The percentage of women in the military has doubled in the last 30 years.

Florida, with 140,871 women veterans, was one of five states with the highest numbers.

As the female veteran population grows, so will the number that will be at high risk of becoming homeless.

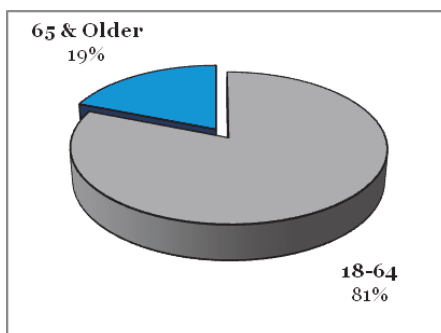
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Florida is one of the states with the largest number of women veterans- home to at least 140,871 women veterans, which is 1.5 percent of the states adult female population. This portion of the population is mainly composed of older, white non-Hispanic women compared to their male counterparts.

The largest group of Florida women Veterans served in Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) operations. They make up at least 11.3 percent of those veterans. Roughly 49.7 percent of female OIE/OEF Veterans have enrolled with Veterans healthcare. In the fiscal year of 2008 and 2009, the top three clinically diagnosed categories that women veterans faced was post-traumatic stress disorder, hypertension, and depression that was treated by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

### Female Veteran's by Age Group



Women veterans are not the only ones that struggle, their dependents experience the hurt of watching their pain. They are also at risk of slipping into homelessness. Common difficulties include: gender discrimination, balancing work and home, traumas, and physical impairments all make it difficult economically. Women veterans sometimes find it difficult to secure jobs that pay as well as the military and therefore need to adjust their lifestyles. Child care is another challenge of its own, with difficulties accessing healthcare, mental health and other needed services.

### Women Veterans Pop. By State & Territory (Abbreviated)

Rank/State	Pop.	Rank/State	Pop.
1. CA	166,110	29. NV	21,699
2. TX	158,350	30. AR	20,080
3. FL	140,871	31. KS	18,331
4. VA	93,637	32. MS	18,042
5. GA	78,150	33. NM	16,700
6. NC	70,729	34. CT	15,114
7. NY	63,899	35. IA	15,084
8. PA	63,537	36. WV	12,015
9. OH	61,039	37. HI	11,744
10. IL	57,479	38. NE	11,405
11. WA	56,204	39. UT	11,160
12. MD	49,562	40. ID	10,792
13. AZ	48,112	41. ME	10,368
14. MI	45,417	42. NH	8,853
15. TN	39,694	43. Terr.	8,846
16. CO	38,444	44. AK	8,672
17. MO	38,206	45. MT	8,138
18. SC	36,092	46. PR	7,241
19. AL	36,082	47. DE	6,485
20. IN	33,622	48. SD	6,082
21. WI	28,374	49. RI	4,959
22. NJ	27,707	50. ND	4,712
23. LA	27,284	51. WY	4,578
24. OK	27,099	52. DC	3,890
25. MA	25,687	53. VT	3,660
26. OR	25,337		
27. KY	25,197	TOTAL	1,853,690
28. MN	23,213		

Source: Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc. Data Reported as of November, 2011