



VETERANS IN CALIFORNIA

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This infographic provides an overview of data on the veteran population in California, covering key aspects such as demographics, behavioral health, and homelessness.

Overview

CALIFORNIA VS. THE NATION

MORE THAN
1.4M
VETERANS REPORTED
IN CALIFORNIA IN
2022

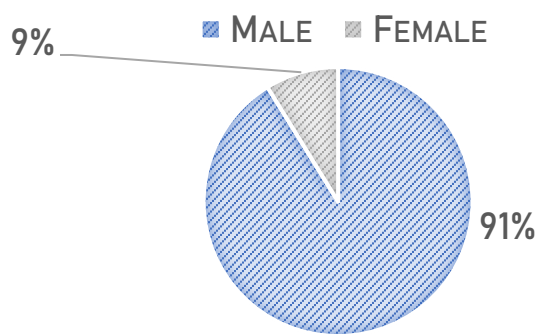
CALIFORNIA
#2
STATE IN COUNTRY
WITH HIGHEST COUNT
OF VETERANS

LESS THAN
5%
OF 18+ POPULATION IN
CALIFORNIA WERE
VETERANS

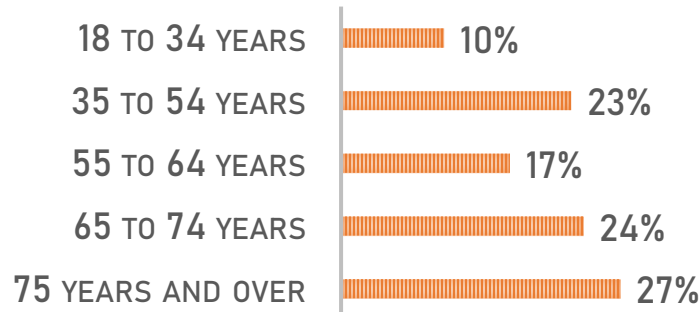
MORE THAN
8%
OF VETERANS
NATIONWIDE WERE
FROM CALIFORNIA

DEMOGRAPHICS

BY SEX



BY AGE



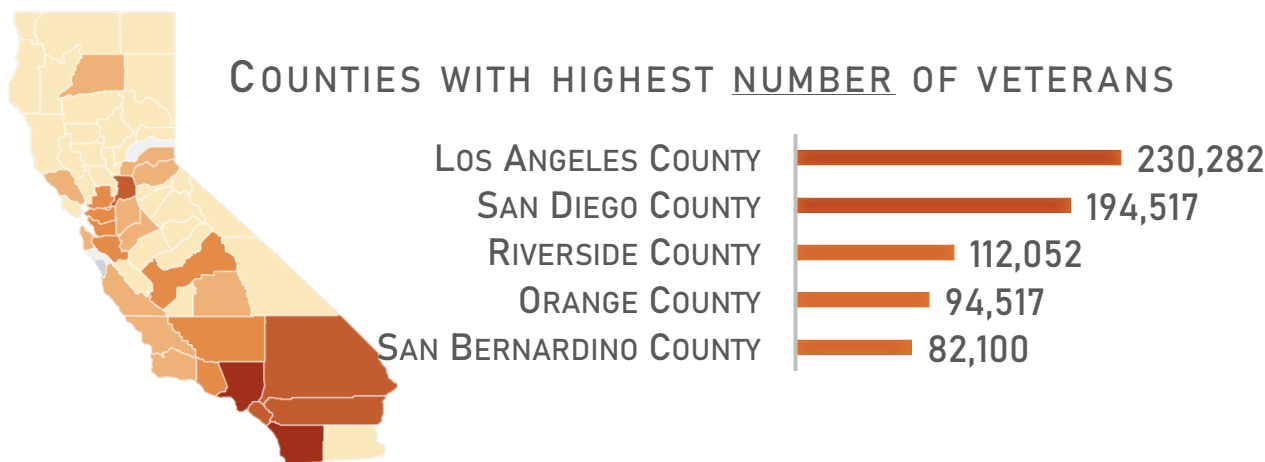
BY RACE



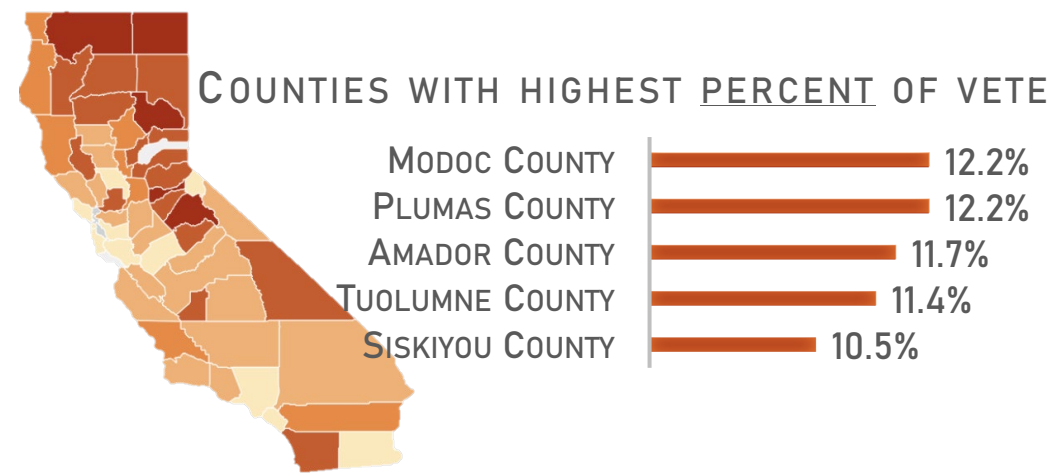
ROUGHLY
20%
HISPANIC OR
LATINO
(OF ANY RACE)

COUNTY SPECIFICS

COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF VETERANS



COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST PERCENT OF VETERANS



Behavioral Health

2021 SUICIDE RATE PER 100,000

CALIFORNIA
VETERANS POPULATION
28.9 vs. 13.2

UNITED STATES
VETERANS POPULATION
33.9 vs. 18

In 2021, the age-adjusted **suicide rate** among veterans in California significantly **exceeded that of the national general population**. However, it was **lower than the national veteran suicide rate**.

Note: Data on the left represents unadjusted rates.

Homelessness (Point-in-Time Estimates)

IN 2023

CALIFORNIA
#1
STATE IN COUNT OF
HOMELESS
VETERANS

MORE THAN
10K
TOTAL
HOMELESS
VETERANS

In 2023, California had **more than 10,000 homeless veterans**, with **70% living unsheltered**. The state had the **highest number of homeless veterans in the country**, both overall and within the unsheltered subgroup. California accounted for **nearly 30% of the nation's total homeless veteran population** and **50% of unsheltered homeless veterans nationwide**.

ROUGHLY
70%
HOMELESS
VETERANS ARE
UNSHELTERED

NEARLY
1 IN 2
UNSHELTERED
VETERANS
NATIONWIDE IN CA

FROM 2013-2023

CALIFORNIA
18%
DROP IN HOMELESS VETERAN
POPULATION IN THE LAST DECADE

UNITED STATES
36%
DROP IN HOMELESS VETERAN
POPULATION IN THE LAST DECADE

From 2013 to 2023, California saw a nearly **20% decrease in its homeless veteran population**, while the national decline was 36%. During the same period, California's **unsheltered homeless veteran population dropped by 7%**, compared to a 25% decline nationwide.

