

Table LBR-A

Select characteristics of veterans and nonveterans: 2021

(Number, percent, and years)

Select characteristics	Nonveteran	Veteran
Employment		
Number	179,242,246	9,170,862
Employment rate (%)	81.1	76.5
Number of employed	145,350,651	7,016,924
Percent working in STEM occupations	23.8	32.2
Educational attainment among the employed (%)		
With a bachelor's degree or higher	39.0	35.4
STEM occupations	29.5	33.1
S&E occupations	12.2	15.5
S&E-related occupations	14.4	12.6
STEM middle-skill occupations	2.9	5.0
Without a bachelor's degree	61.0	64.6
STEM occupations	20.1	31.7
S&E occupations	2.1	5.3
S&E-related occupations	5.4	5.9
STEM middle-skill occupations	12.6	20.5
Median age of the employed (years)		
All occupations	41	51
STEM occupations	40	50
S&E occupations	39	49
S&E-related occupations	41	50
STEM middle-skill occupations	41	50

S&E = science and engineering; STEM = science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Note(s):

Data include the civilian, non-institutionalized population ages 16–75 and exclude those with military occupations, those missing occupation data, and those currently enrolled in primary or secondary school. Employment rate is calculated among all eligible persons. Other estimates are calculated only among eligible persons who are currently employed.

Source(s):

Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2021, 1-Year Public-Use File.

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