



U.S. Department of Defense

2023 DEMOGRAPHICS PROFILE

TOTAL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MILITARY COMMUNITY

There are over 4.4 million individuals who make up the Total DOD Force community, including 2,034,426 (45.7%) DOD military personnel and 2,416,781 (54.3%) DOD force family members.

Total DOD Force Military Personnel

Of the 2,034,426 Total DOD Force military personnel, nearly two-thirds are active-duty members.

Selected Reserve Members
37.4%
(N=761,044)



Active-Duty Members
62.6%
(N=1,273,382)

Total DOD Force



81.8% enlisted



18.2% officers



80.7% male



19.3% female

30.4% identify with racial minority groups*

18.3% are Hispanic or Latino

Average age is **28.9** years old

Total DOD Force Family Members

Across the Total DOD Force, **50.6%** of military personnel have family members enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.



Of the **2,416,781** Total DOD Force family members...

60.2% are active-duty family members

N=1,455,869

N=960,912

and **39.8%** are selected reserve family members

Total DOD Force Family Members



37.2% Spouses



62.5% Children



0.3% Adult/Other Dependents**

Active-Duty Members (N=1,273,382)

81.6% enlisted

18.4% officers

82.3% male

17.7% female

32.0% identify with racial minority groups*

19.5% are Hispanic or Latino

Average age is **28.6** years old

Selected Reserve Members (N=761,044)

82.2% enlisted

17.8% officers

78.1% male

21.9% female

27.9% identify with racial minority groups*

16.3% are Hispanic or Latino

Average age is **32.0** years old

Active-Duty Family Members (N=1,455,869)

38.5% Spouses (N=561,008)

61.1% Children (N=888,892)

0.4% Adult/Other Dependents** (N=5,969)

Selected Reserve Family Members (N=960,912)

35.1% Spouses (N=336,908)

64.8% Children (N=622,275)

0.2% Adult/Other Dependents** (N=1,729)

*Racial minority includes Black or African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Multi-racial, or Unknown

**Adult/other dependent refers to a parent, grandparent, former spouse, sibling, disabled older adult, or any other individual over the age of 22 claimed as a dependent in DEERS, as well as dependents under age 21 who are not spouses or children.