



# AGING VETERANS IN THE UNITED STATES

A snapshot of older veterans and  
their social, economic, and  
housing characteristics.



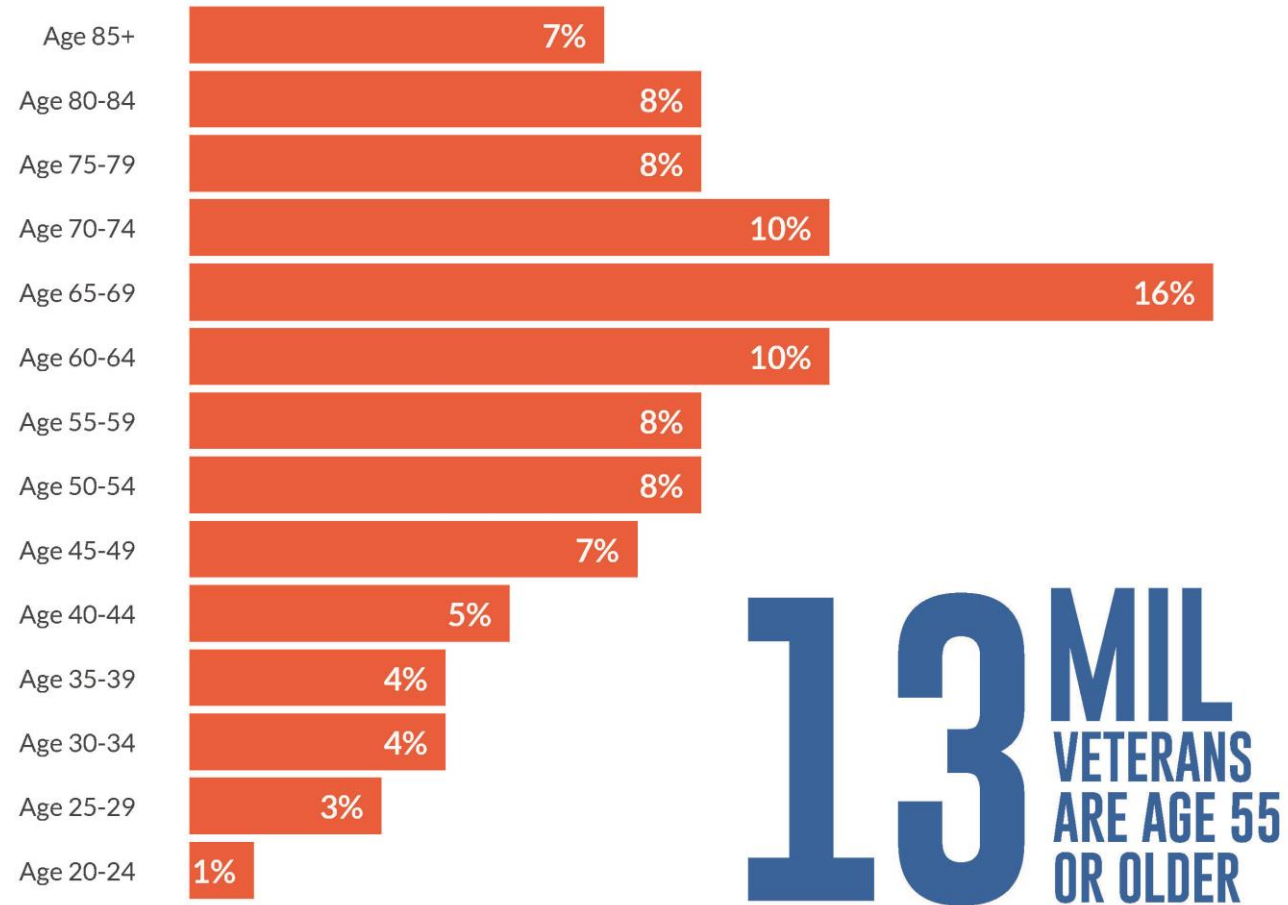


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# VETERANS TRANSITIONING INTO SENIOR CITIZEN STATUS

## > A HIGH PROPORTION OF VETERANS ARE OLDER

### Veteran Population by Age

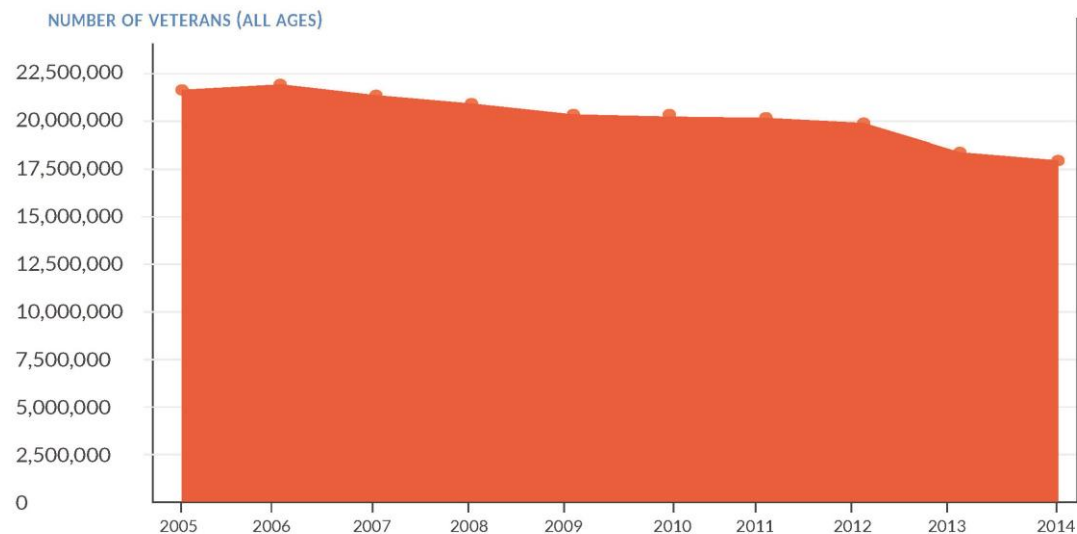


Source: HAC tabulation of PUMS 2014 one-year data

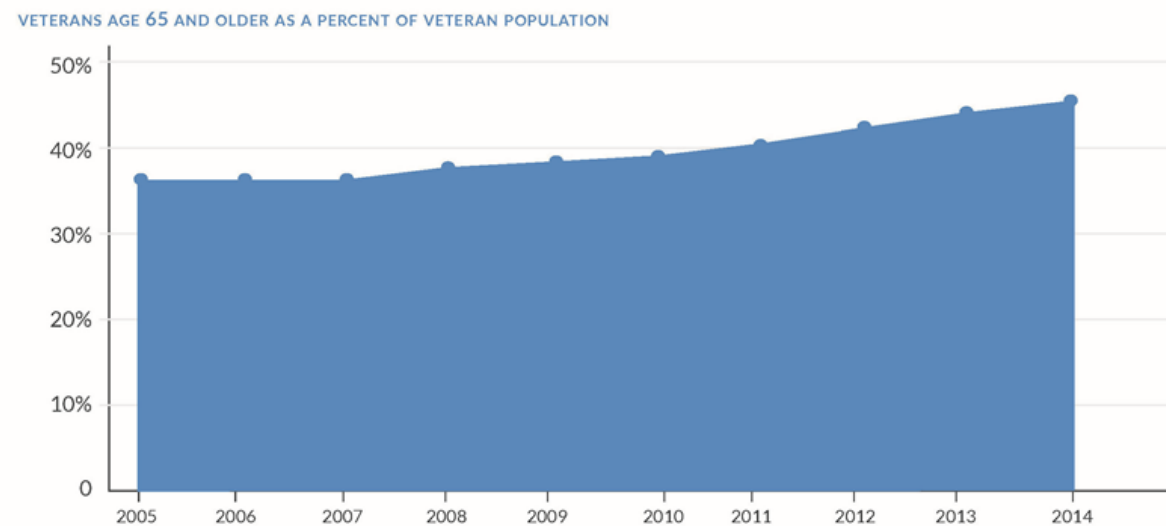


## > VETERAN POPULATION IS DECLINING WHILE OLDER VETERAN POPULATION, SPECIFICALLY SENIORS, IS RISING

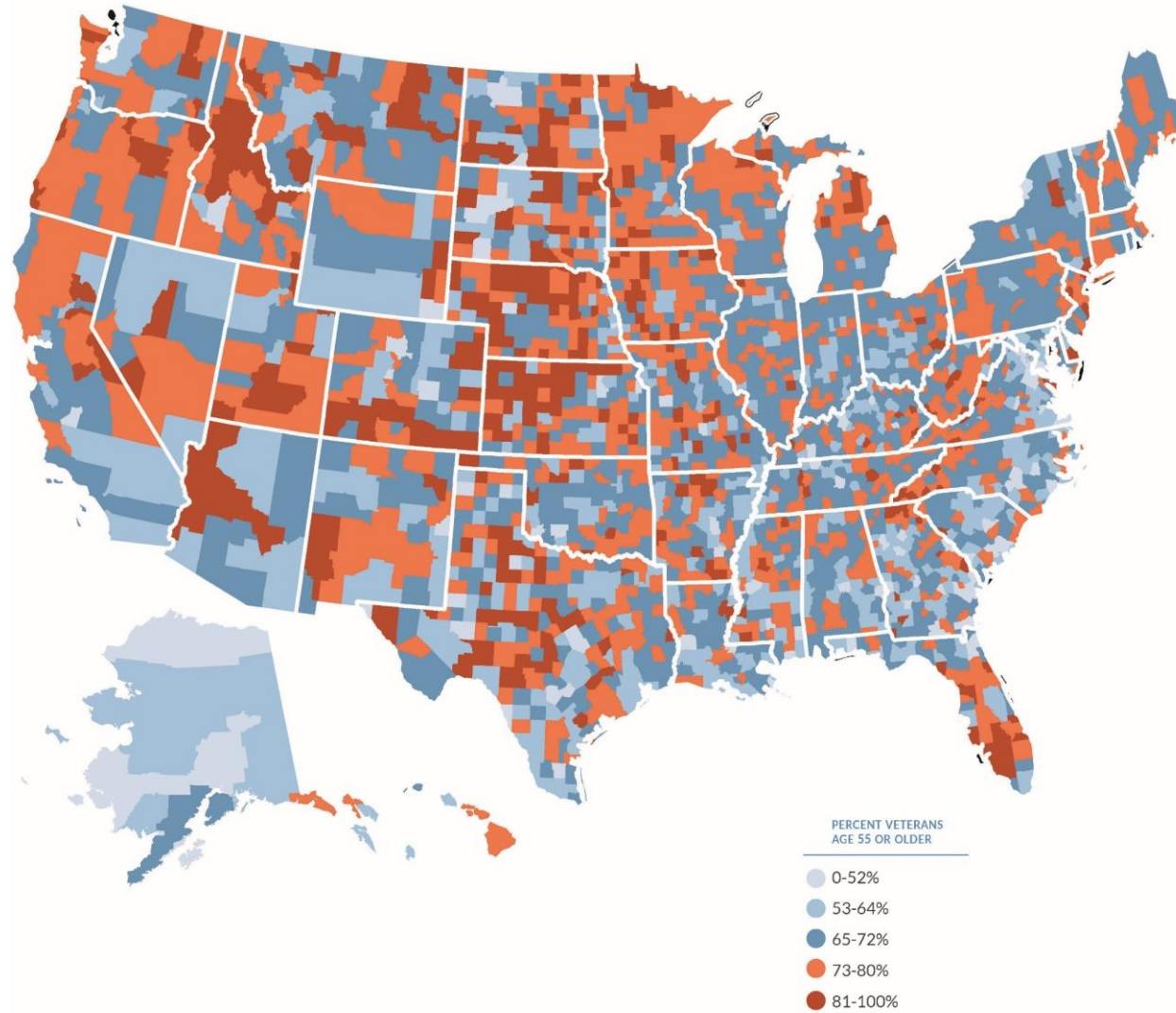
### Veteran Population Trend



### Senior Veteran Population Trend



**> GREAT PLAINS COUNTIES HAVE HIGHER  
PROPORTIONS OF OLDER VETERANS**  
Older Veterans by County



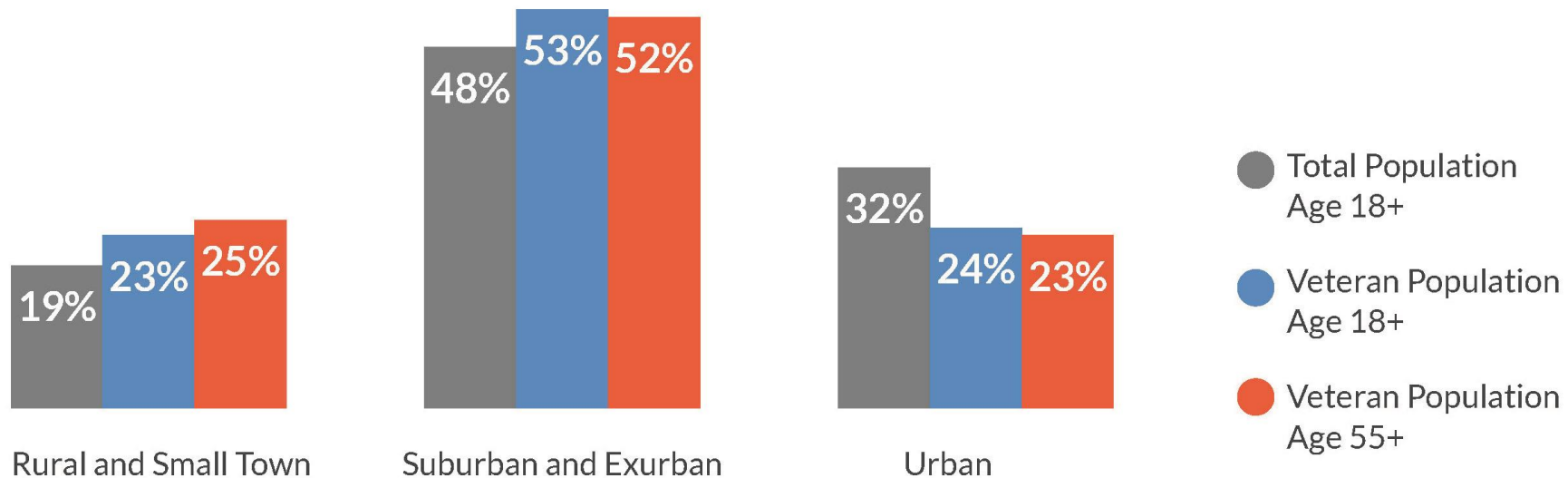
Source: HAC tabulation of ACS 2010-14 five-year data.



**CHANGING LIFE  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
AND NEEDS**

# OLDER VETERANS LIVE DISPROPORTIONATELY IN RURAL AREAS

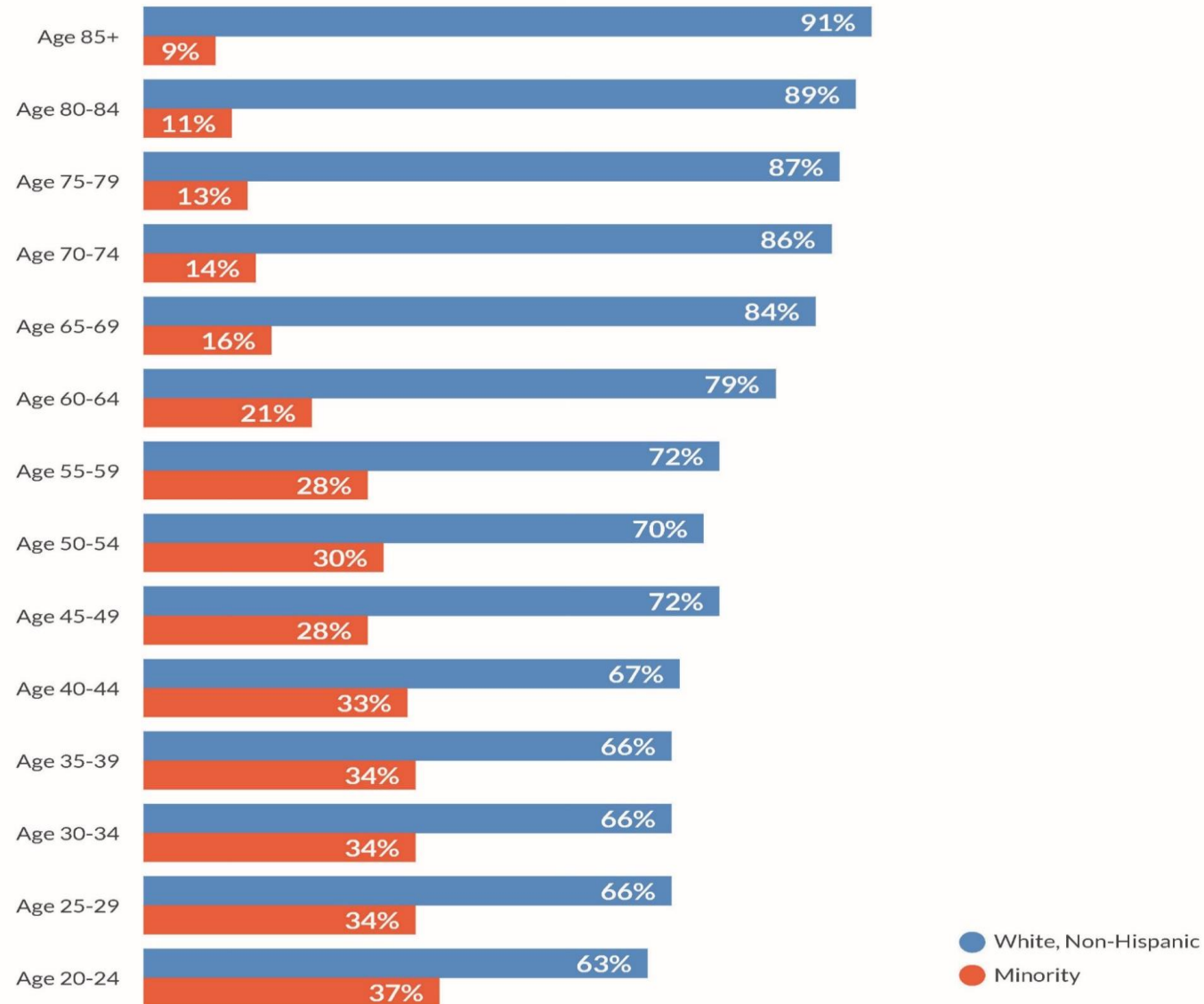
## Population by Veteran Status and Geography



Source: HAC tabulation of ACS 2010-14 five-year estimate data.

# MINORITIES ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN OLDER VETERAN POPULATION

## Veteran Population by Race

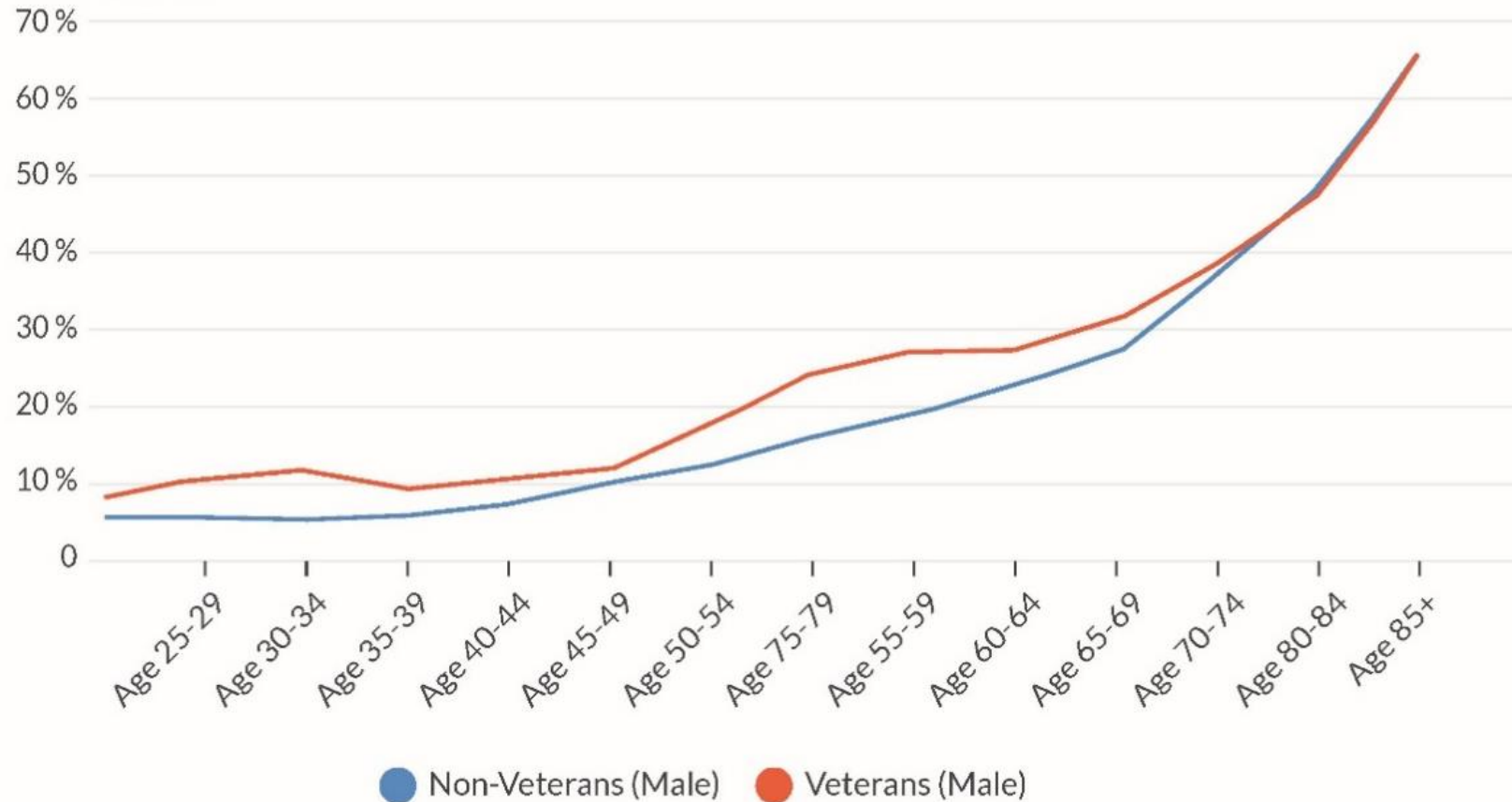




# VETERANS HAVE HIGHER RATES OF DISABILITY THAN NON-VETERANS

## Disability Rates by Veteran Status

PERCENT DISABLED



Source: HAC tabulation of PUMS 2014 one-year data

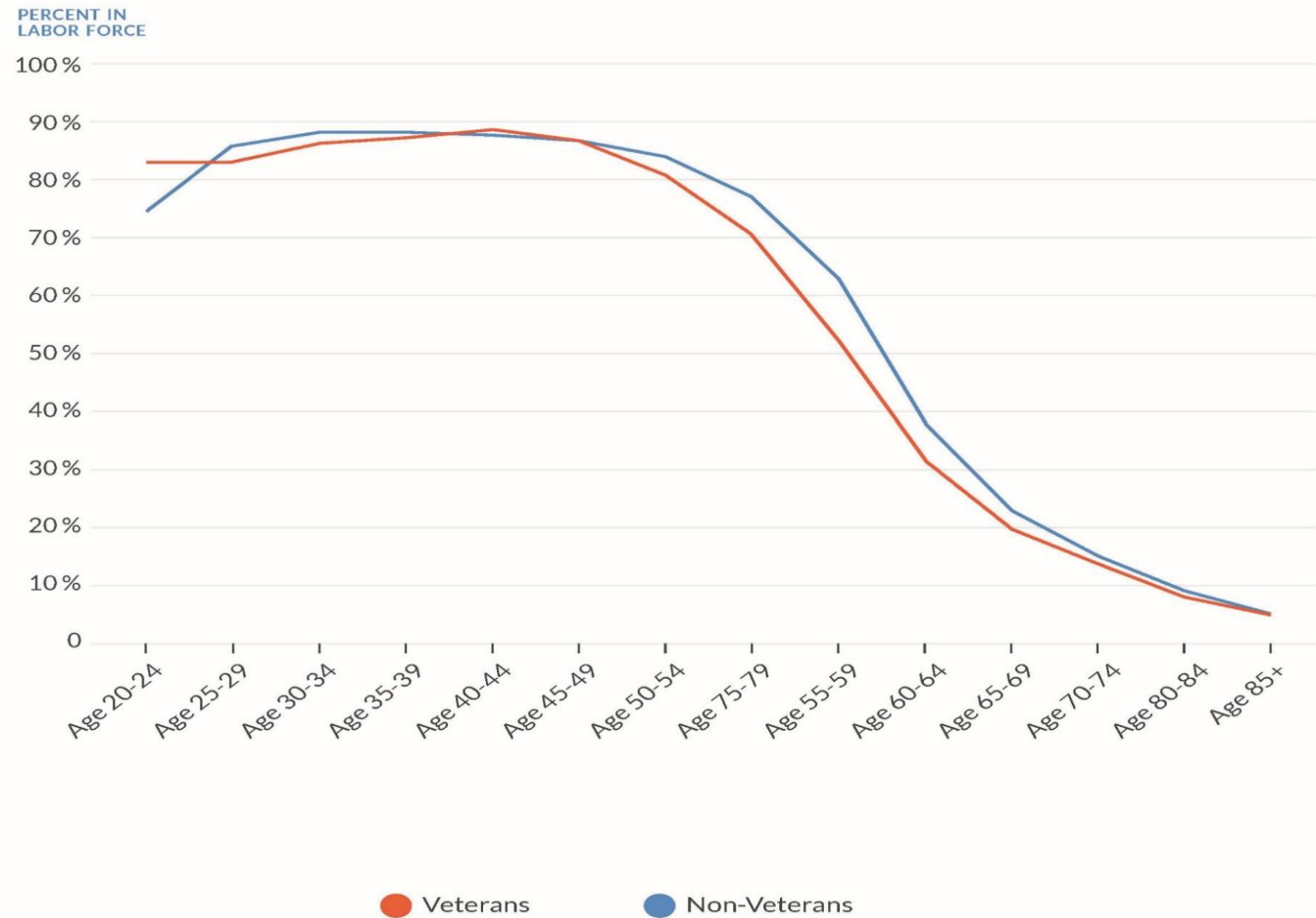


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# MOVING FROM THE WORKFORCE TO RETIREMENT

## OLDER VETERANS LESS LIKELY TO BE IN LABOR FORCE THAN NON-VETERANS

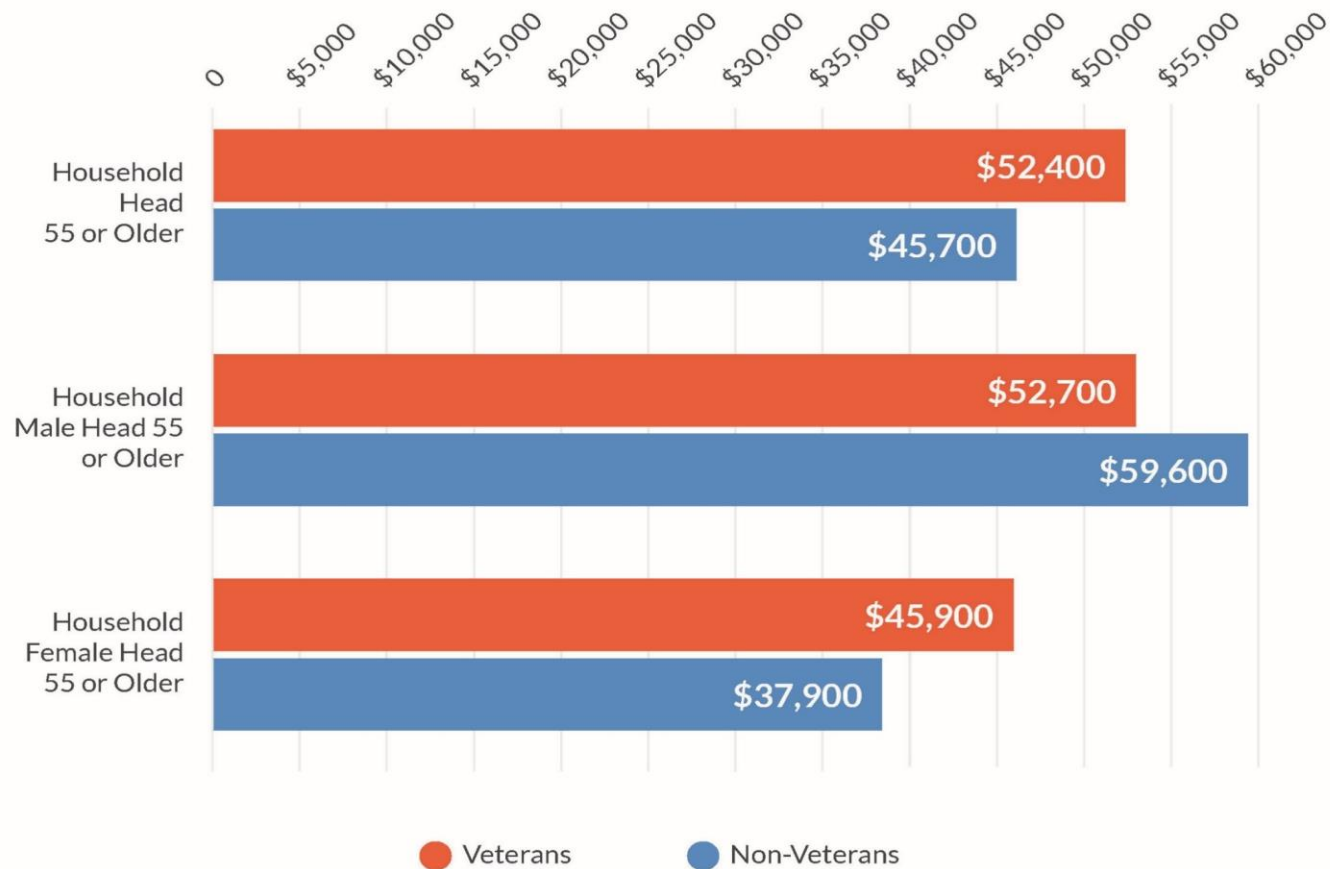
Male Labor Force Participation Rates by Age and Veteran Status



Source: HAC tabulation of PUMS 2014 one-year data

## ➤ MOST OLDER VETERANS HAVE LOWER INCOMES THAN NON-VETERANS

### Median Household Income by Veteran Status and Gender



Source: HAC tabulation of PUMS 2014 one-year data



## > A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OLDER VETERANS HAVE LIMITED INCOMES

Older Veteran-Headed Households With Less Than \$20,000 in Income

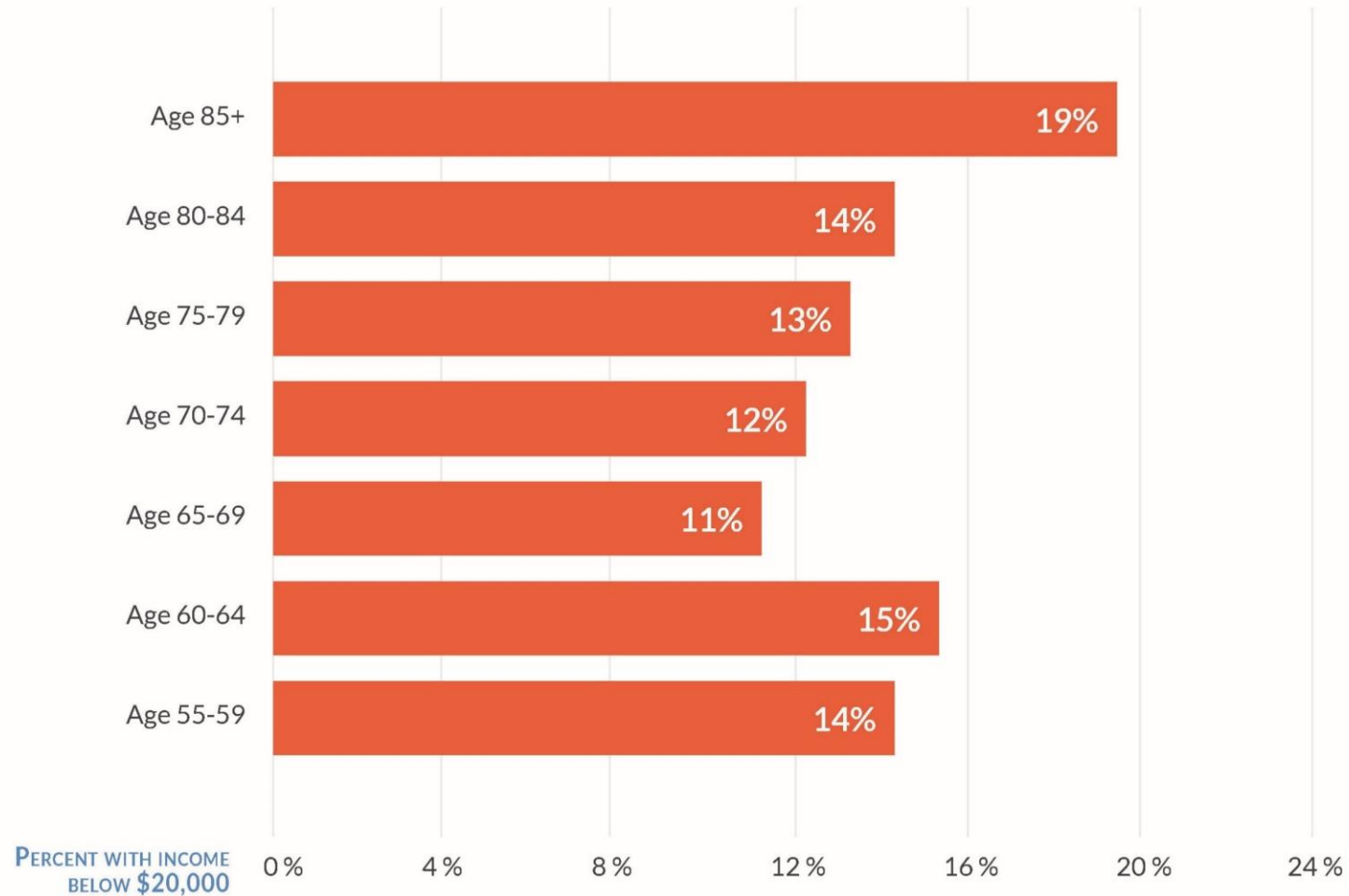
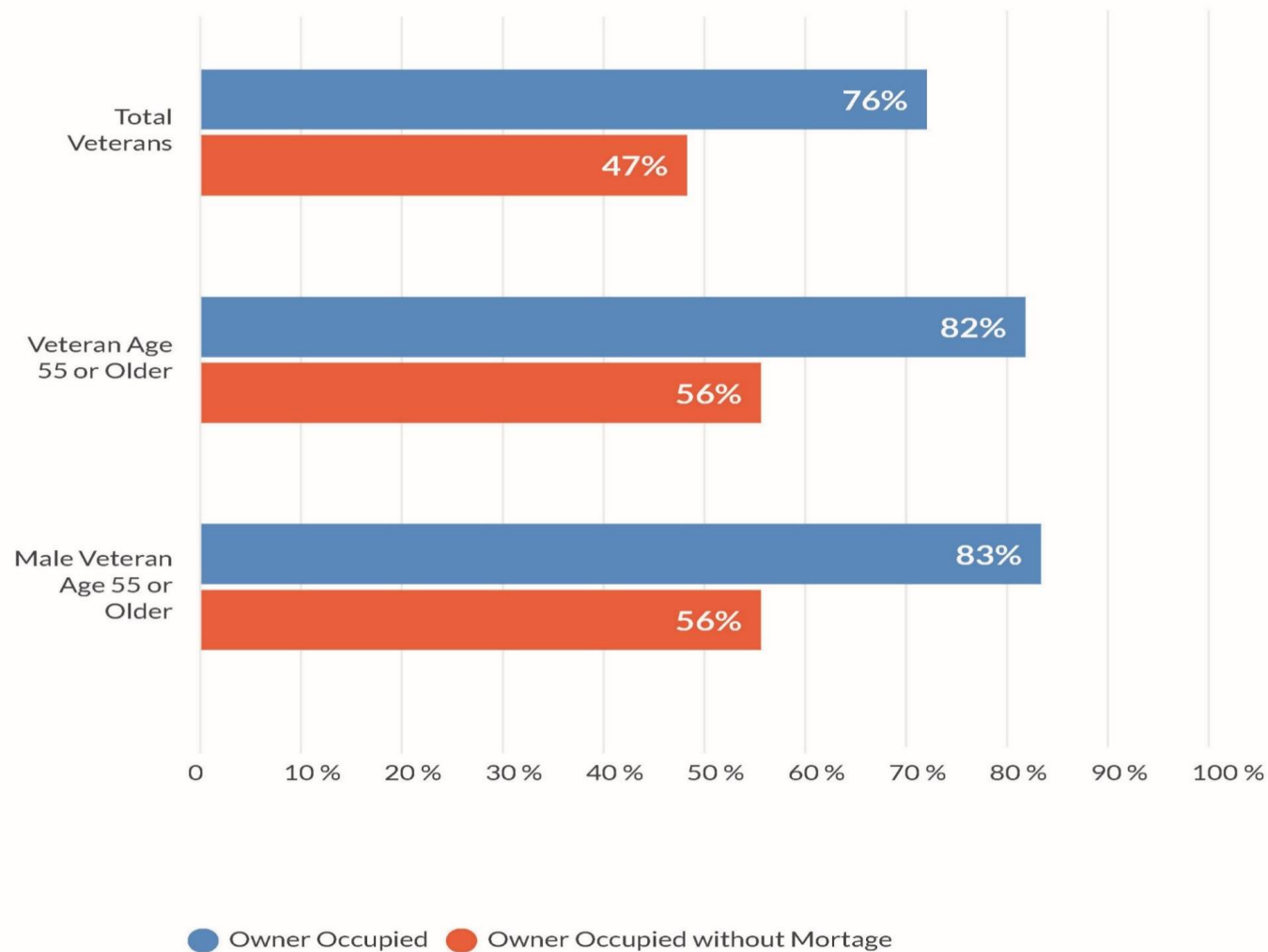




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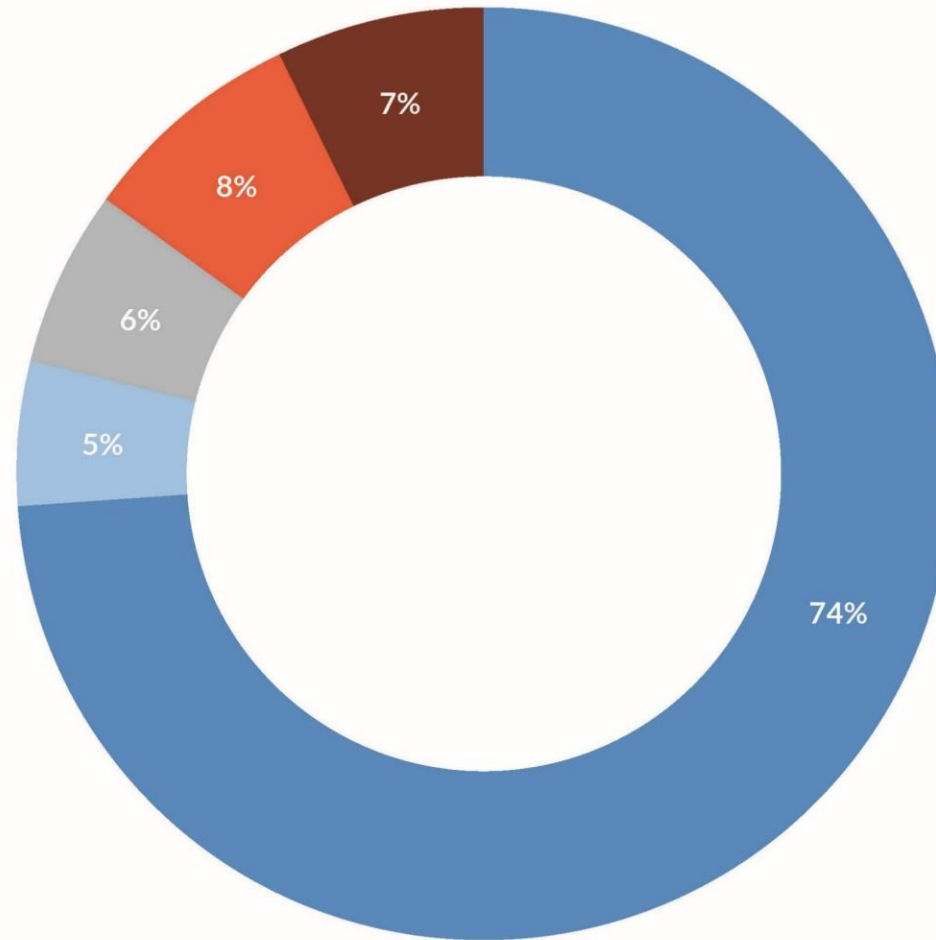
# HOUSING PATTERNS, OPTIONS, AND NEEDS

**> MORE THAN HALF OF OLDER VETERANS  
OWN A HOME WITHOUT A MORTGAGE**  
Veteran-Headed Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status



# MAJORITY OF OLDER VETERANS LIVE IN SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSES

## Housing Units for Older Veterans by Structure Type



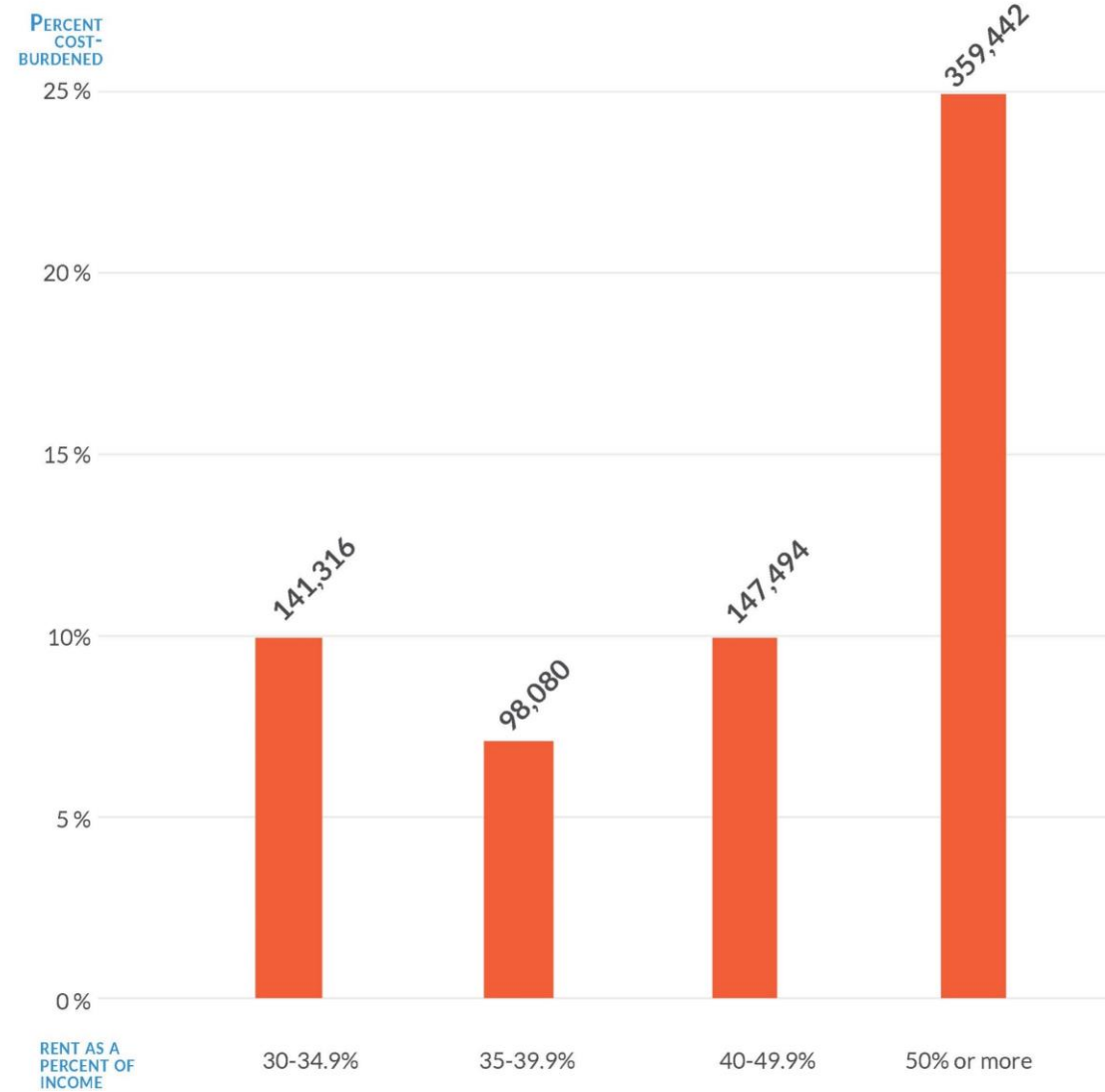
- Single-Family house, detached
- Single-Family house, attached
- Small Multi-Family (Less Than 10 Units)
- Large Multi-Family (10 Units or More)
- Manufactured Home

Source: HAC tabulation of PUMS 2014 one-year data



## > OVER HALF OF OLDER VETERAN RENTERS ARE HOUSING COST-BURDENED

Older Veteran-Headed Renter Households by Housing Affordability





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