

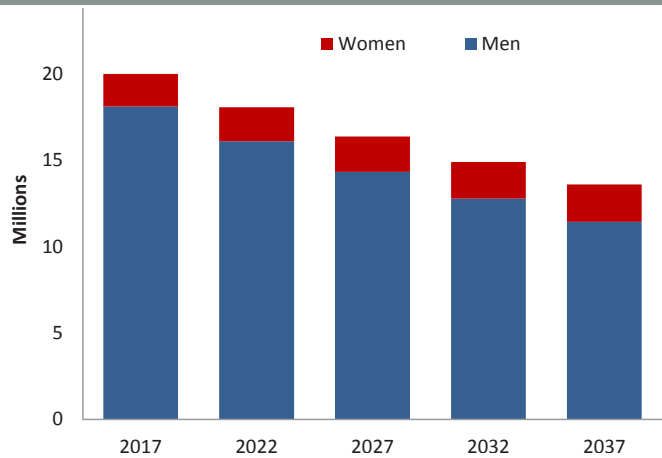


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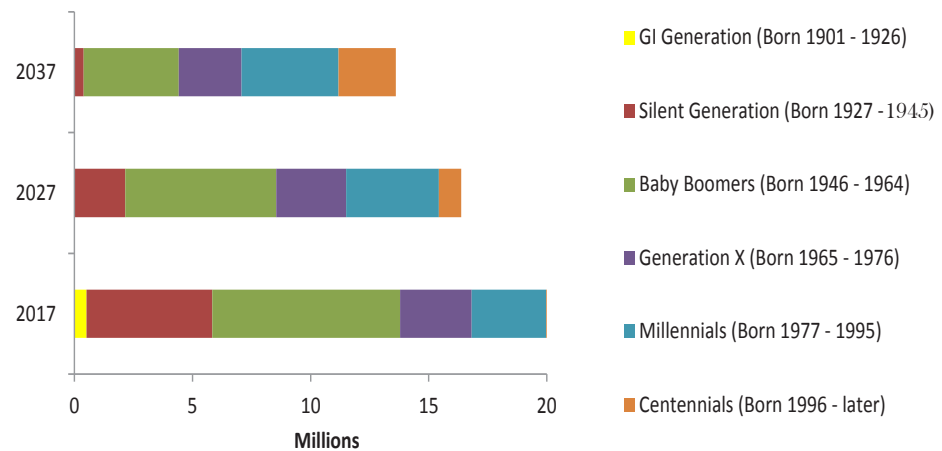
# Veteran Population Projections 2017-2037

The Veteran Population Projection Model 2016 (VetPop2016) provides the latest official Veteran population projection from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VetPop2016 contains projections for each fiscal year from 2015 to 2045.

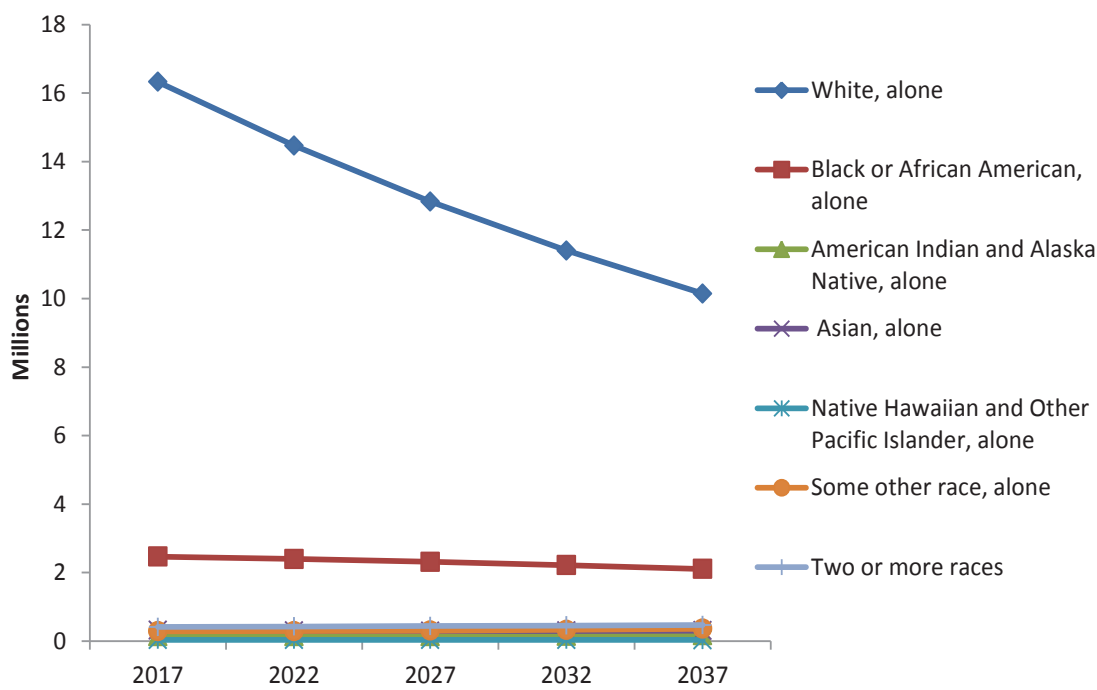
The total Veteran Population is predicted to decline from 20.0 million in 2017 to 13.6 million in 2037



**Annual % Change 2017 - 2037**  
 Total: -1.9%  
 Male: -2.3%  
 Female: +0.7%



## Race and Ethnicity

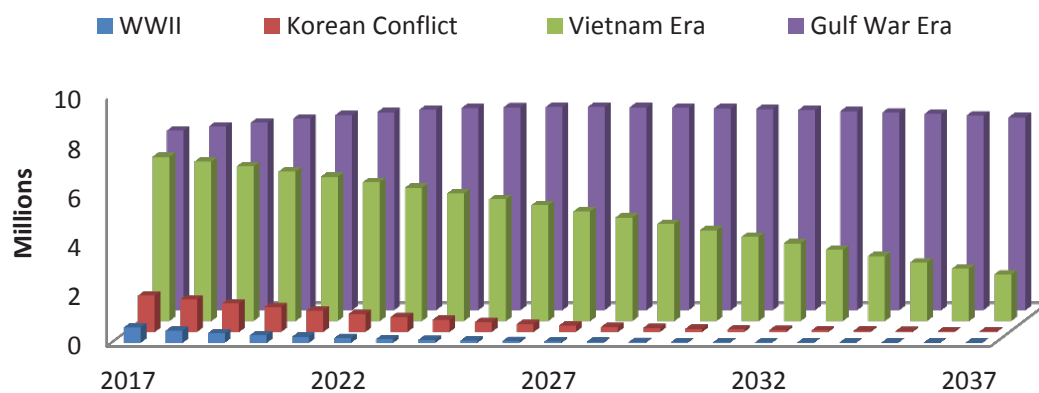


Minority Veterans are predicted to increase from 23.2 percent of the total Veteran population in 2017 to 32.8 percent in 2037. Hispanic Veterans will increase from 7.4 percent in 2017 to 11.2 percent in 2037. Minorities are all races/ethnicities except non-Hispanic White Veterans.



## Beginning in 2016 Gulf War Era Veterans became the largest Veteran Cohort

2017	
Gulf War	7,271,000
World War II	624,000
Korean Conflict	1,475,000
Vietnam Era	6,651,000



## Where Veterans Live

Rank	2017	2027	2037
1	CALIFORNIA	TEXAS	TEXAS
2	TEXAS	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA
3	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	CALIFORNIA
4	PENNSYLVANIA	N. CAROLINA	N. CAROLINA
5	NEW YORK	VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA
6	OHIO	GEORGIA	GEORGIA
7	N. CAROLINA	PENNSYLVANIA	OHIO
8	VIRGINIA	OHIO	PENNSYLVANIA
9	GEORGIA	NEW YORK	WASHINGTON
10	ILLINOIS	WASHINGTON	NEW YORK

**50%** of Veterans reside in the top 10 states. Veterans are moving to the West and South.

