



AMERICANS' PERSPECTIVES ON VETERANS ISSUES

Key Facts & Findings

Mission Roll Call commissioned a study of Americans' attitudes on veterans issues, including veterans' contribution to the community, what should be included in benefits, care for veterans facing physical and mental health challenges and perspectives on government policy regarding veterans issues and military actions. **Methodology:** In August 2022, Pinkston conducted an online survey of 1,988 U.S. adults, representative of the American population by gender, age, ethnicity, education, and geographic region, with a margin of error of +/-2.2% at the 95% confidence interval.

Most Americans believe veterans deal with PTS and suicide ideation more than the average person.

What proportion of veterans do you believe deal with the following conditions, relative to the average adult?

	Total	Know a Veteran
Post-Traumatic Stress		
A lot more	60%	67%
Somewhat more	22%	21%
Suicide Ideation		
A lot more	40%	41%
Somewhat more	33%	35%

Americans believe the federal government has "not been very effective" in dealing with the following issues that affect the veteran population.

Those who know a veteran or someone currently serving are even more aware of the gap in federal assistance in these areas.

	Total	Know a Veteran	Know Current service member
Suicide	53%	64%	64%
Affordable housing	50%	59%	63%
Transition to civilian life	47%	53%	53%
Healthcare, incl. mental healthcare	46%	56%	60%
Employment	41%	49%	50%

Americans say veterans are contributors within their communities.

"Very true" that they...

Serve and help others	59%
Help take care of each other	59%
Are good employees	56%
Possess relevant civilian job skills	49%
Serve communities in first responder roles	48%
Work well with others	45%
Are good business owners	37%

Americans widely support veterans in government.

"I would be more likely to vote for a veteran for an elected office."

% agree	62%
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They also believe veterans should inform policy.

Members of Congress and congressional committees should hire veterans to craft veteran policy.

% agree	74%
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35% of American civilians* know a veteran, and 13% know someone currently in the military...but younger generations are much less likely to know either.

Do you personally know a living veteran or someone currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces?

	Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Baby Boomers
Veteran	24%	30%	38%	42%
Currently serving	15%	13%	13%	12%
Neither	67%	66%	57%	54%

* includes U.S. civilian adults, n = 1,731