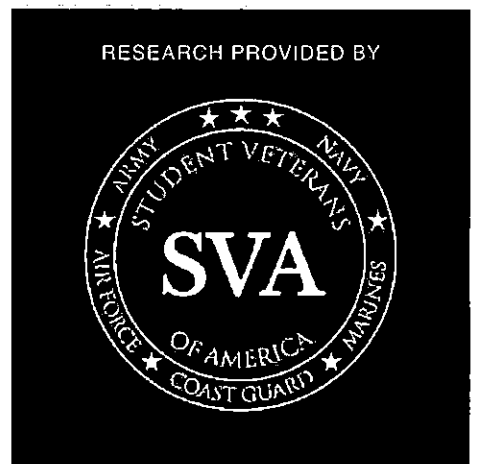


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## **About NVEST**

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Since 1944, Congress enacted six different versions of the GI Bill to help service members pay for their education, the most recent expansion being the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. The Post-9/11 GI Bill represented the largest increase in education benefits since the World War II-era GI Bill, and subjected it to intense scrutiny about its efficacy in producing academic outcomes on par with its predecessors. The National Veteran Education Success Tracker (NVEST) Project is the first comprehensive, in-depth study of the academic success of the contemporary student veteran using the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Here are the most salient findings from Student Veterans of America's first-round of research.

# Demographics

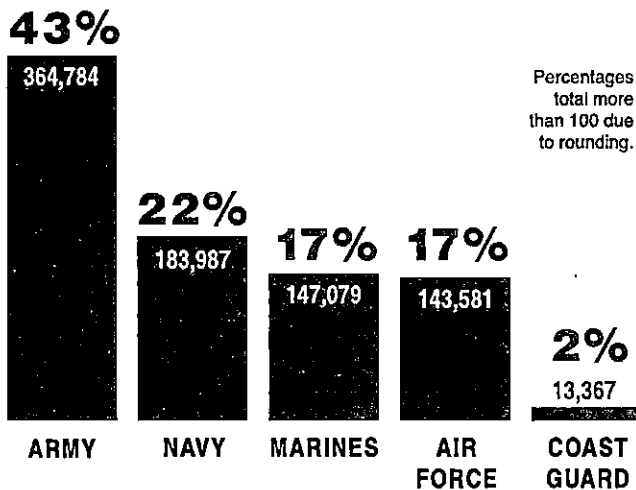


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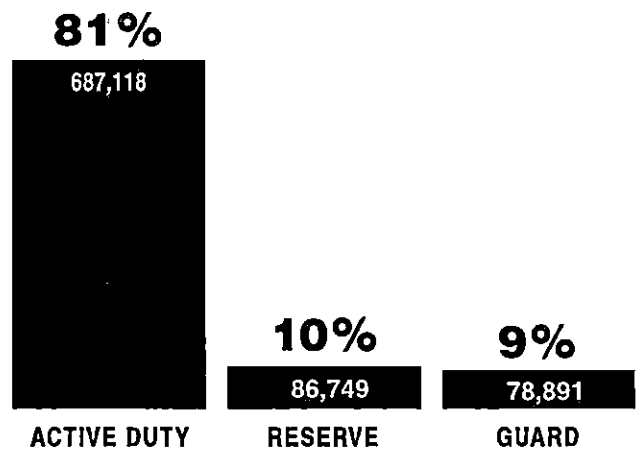
## Women Veterans



## Branch of Service

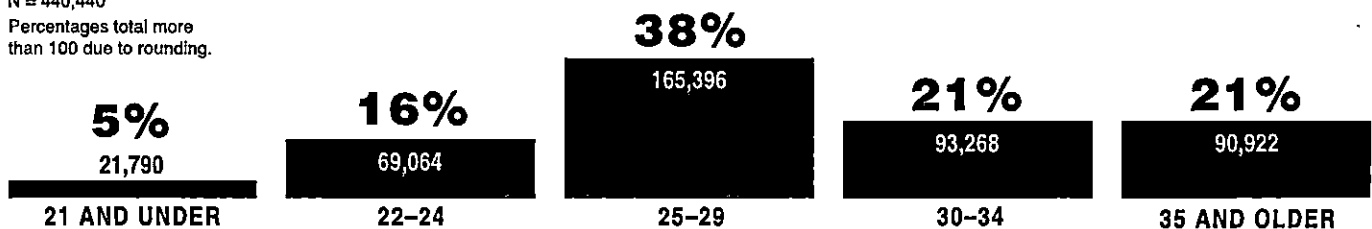


## Active Duty Status



## Age at Completion of Initial Degree

N = 440,440  
Percentages total more than 100 due to rounding.



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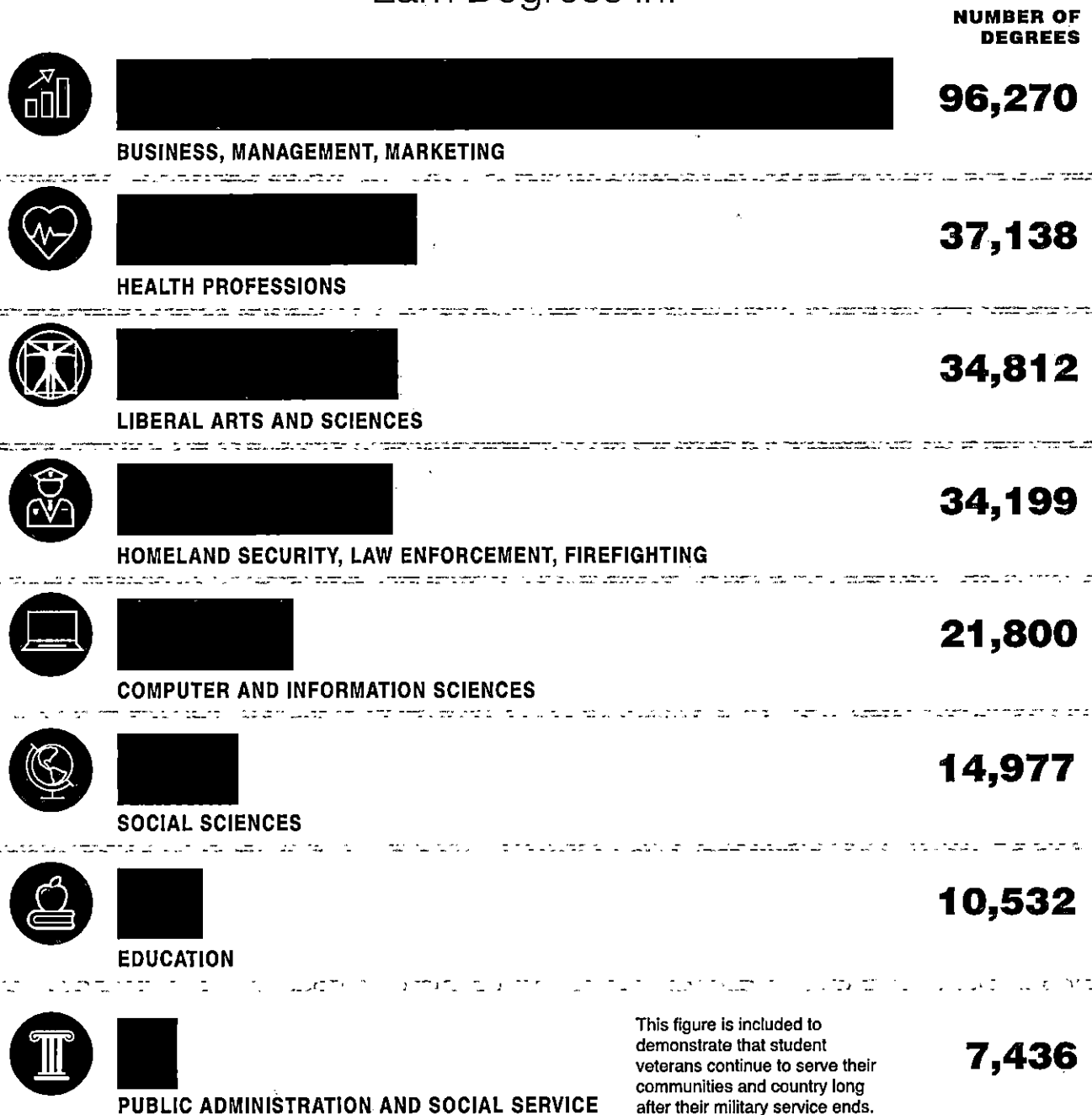


# Degree Fields



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The Post 9/11 GI Bill Has Helped Veterans  
Earn Degrees in:



This figure is included to demonstrate that student veterans continue to serve their communities and country long after their military service ends.

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# DEGREE FIELDS, CONTINUED



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## Number of Degrees by Field



**Blue shading indicates STEM fields.** For NVEST, STEM is defined by the conservative grouping of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math that excludes the social sciences.

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| <b>96,270</b> Business, Management, Marketing                  | <b>1,972</b> Natural Resources and Conservation              |
| <b>37,138</b> Health Professions and Related Programs          | <b>1,869</b> Physical Sciences                               |
| <b>34,812</b> Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies       | <b>1,534</b> Theology and Religious Vocations                |
| <b>34,199</b> Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting | <b>1,215</b> Philosophy and Religious Studies                |
| <b>21,800</b> Computer and Information Sciences                | <b>1,130</b> Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences     |
| <b>14,977</b> Social Sciences                                  | <b>1,121</b> Agriculture, Agriculture Operations             |
| <b>10,532</b> Education  | <b>1,075</b> Mathematics and Statistics                      |
| <b>10,153</b> Engineering Technologies                         | <b>959</b> Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics   |
| <b>9,769</b> Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians      | <b>732</b> Architecture and Related Services                 |
| <b>8,798</b> Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies                   | <b>694</b> Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies |
| <b>8,510</b> Psychology  | <b>619</b> Science Technologies/Technicians                  |
| <b>8,057</b> Engineering                                       | <b>616</b> Military Technologies and Applied Sciences        |
| <b>7,436</b> Public Administration and Social Service          | <b>509</b> Communications Technologies/Technicians           |
| <b>5,621</b> Transportation and Materials Moving               | <b>156</b> Library Science                                   |
| <b>4,311</b> Biological and Biomedical Sciences                | <b>62</b> Leisure and Recreational Activities                |
| <b>4,268</b> History   | <b>58</b> Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art   |
| <b>4,266</b> Legal Professions and Studies                     | <b>33</b> Basic Skills and Developmental/Remedial Education  |
| <b>4,013</b> Personal and Culinary Services                    | <b>31</b> Residency Programs                                 |
| <b>3,787</b> Visual and Performing Arts                        | <b>3</b> Health-Related Knowledge and Skills                 |
| <b>3,656</b> Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies   | <b>3</b> High School/Secondary Diplomas and Certificates     |
| <b>3,123</b> Communication, Journalism                         | <b>1</b> Citizenship Activities                              |
| <b>2,342</b> English Language and Literature/Letters           |  |
| <b>2,340</b> Precision Production                              |  |
| <b>2,072</b> Construction Trades                               |  |

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# Academic Outcomes



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## Post-secondary Student Outcomes

SUCCESS RATE **72%**

COMPLETED  
**54%**

PERSISTING  
**18%**

ATTRITION  
**28%**

Students were counted as persisting if enrolled between January 1st and September 1st, 2015.

## By Type of Institution

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

enroll **56%** of GI Bill students, take in **34%** of the total GI Bill funds, and account for **64%** of the total degree completions.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

enroll **17%** of GI Bill students, take in **25%** of the total GI Bill funds, and account for **16%** of the total degree completions.

### PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

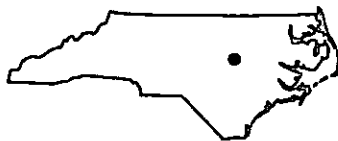
enroll **27%** of GI Bill students, take in **40%** of the total GI Bill funds, and account for **19%** of the total degree completions.

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. Enrollment and funding data is calculated from the VA Comparison Tool data.

Since 2009, students have earned

# 453,000

**degrees and certificates**  
using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



That's equivalent to about one degree for each resident of **Raleigh, North Carolina.**

In ten years, we expect student veterans will have earned

# 1.4 million

**degrees.**




That's equivalent to about one degree for each resident of **Dallas, Texas.**

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# ACADEMIC OUTCOMES, CONTINUED



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## What the Post-9/11 GI Bill Has Accomplished in the First Six Years



helped **347,564** student veterans earn

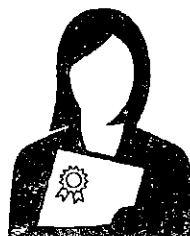
# 453,508

post-secondary certificates or degrees



## 25%

of these student veterans  
earned **multiple**  
certificates or degrees



## 23%

of these certificate  
or degree holders  
are **female**

Student veterans  
earned at least

# 51,486

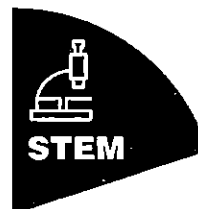
STEM degrees

Most  
popular  
majors:



HEALTH

## 10%



STEM

## 14%



BUSINESS

## 27%

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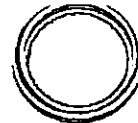
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