



# THE VETERANS METRICS INITIATIVE (TVMI)

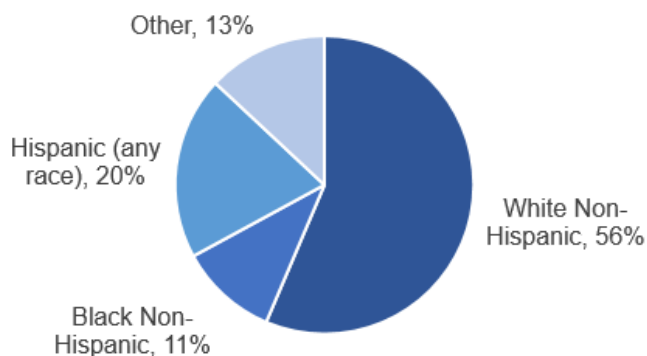
## EXPERIENCES OF JUNIOR ENLISTED VETERANS

Data collected from study participants with E1-E4 paygrade

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### DEMOGRAPHICS

- The TVMI study had 2,704 veterans who separated with a paygrade of E1 to E4. They were 80% male.



- 40% separated from the Army, 17% Navy, 12% Air Force, 21% Marine Corps, and 9% deactivated from the National Guard or Reserves.

### FINANCES

- One-third reported problematic financial status (i.e., not being able to pay all necessary expenses each month).
- 44% were at-risk financially (e.g., difficulty paying bills but not yet contacted by credit card company).
- Only 23% reported secure financial status (e.g., having money set aside for unexpected financial events and retirement).



### MENTAL HEALTH

40% experienced at least one criteria for a mental health condition and 11% reported having very little social support, but 22% rated themselves as highly resilient.

- 34% screened for alcohol misuse
- 30% probable anxiety
- 25% probable PTSD
- 21% probable depression
- 10% screened for self-harm



### RELOCATION

In wave 5, 60% of the E1-E4 veterans were asked where they moved after separation.

- Nearly half (48%) moved back to the area where they grew up.
- 19% stayed near their last installation.



### EMPLOYMENT COMPONENTS

At Wave 1, 48% were working for pay and 35% were not working but actively looking for paid work. 53% found a job in Wave 2.

- 43% used any employment program (51% if in full-time employment)
- 42% career planning/exploration (48%)
- 40% resume writing (46%)
- 40% job board (45%)
- 20% translating military to civilian skills (27%)
- 19% interviewing components (21%)
- 13% job training and certification (18%)
- 9% entrepreneurship (10%)



### EDUCATION

At separation, 38% of E1-E4 veterans had attained a high school diploma or GED and 42% had some college credit but no degree. 37% of veterans were pursuing additional education or training (31% full-time, 5% part-time) at Wave 1.

- About 70% reported using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- 55% were enrolled in a bachelor's degree program.

By Wave 6, 44% completed their education/training.

