

Table 5. Select characteristics of veterans and nonveterans: 2024

(Number, percent, and years)

Select characteristics	Veteran	Nonveteran
Employment		
Number	11,286,201	198,171,439
Number of workers	6,623,800	137,480,448
Percent working in STEM occupations	32.6	25.2
Percent working in S&E occupations	9.7	6.9
Percent working in S&E-related occupations	8.4	9.6
Percent working in STEM middle-skill occupations	14.5	8.7
Educational attainment among the employed (%)		
Without a bachelor's degree	63.0	56.8
STEM occupations	32.0	21.3
S&E occupations	5.9	2.4
S&E-related occupations	6.1	5.8
STEM middle-skill occupations	20.0	13.1
With a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree	37.0	43.2
STEM occupations	33.7	30.3
S&E occupations	16.1	12.7
S&E-related occupations	12.4	14.6
STEM middle-skill occupations	5.2	3.0
Median age of the employed (years)		
All occupations	51	44
STEM occupations	50	42
S&E occupations	49	40
S&E-related occupations	50	42
STEM middle-skill occupations	50	44

Note(s):

STEM is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Data include the civilian, noninstitutionalized population ages 25–75 and exclude those with military occupations, those missing occupation data, and those currently enrolled in primary or secondary school. Workforce estimates include those who are currently employed.

Source(s):

Census Bureau, ACS, 2024, 1-Year Public Use Files.

Indicators 2026: State of U.S. S&E