

SIPP-EHC 2011 Armed Forces Evaluation

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Armed Forces Topics in 2010 and 2011 SIPP-EHC

- SIPP-EHC 2010
 - No changes to Armed Forces topics compared to SIPP 2008.
- SIPP-EHC 2011
 - Questions about military service were asked of any respondent who was at least 17 years of age at time of interview.
- This evaluation compares the veterans and active duty statuses and periods of service distributions provided by the 2011 SIPP-EHC field tests with the distributions of these variables in the SIPP 2008 survey (waves 5 and 7) and the American Community Survey.

Table 3. Veteran and Active Duty Statuses

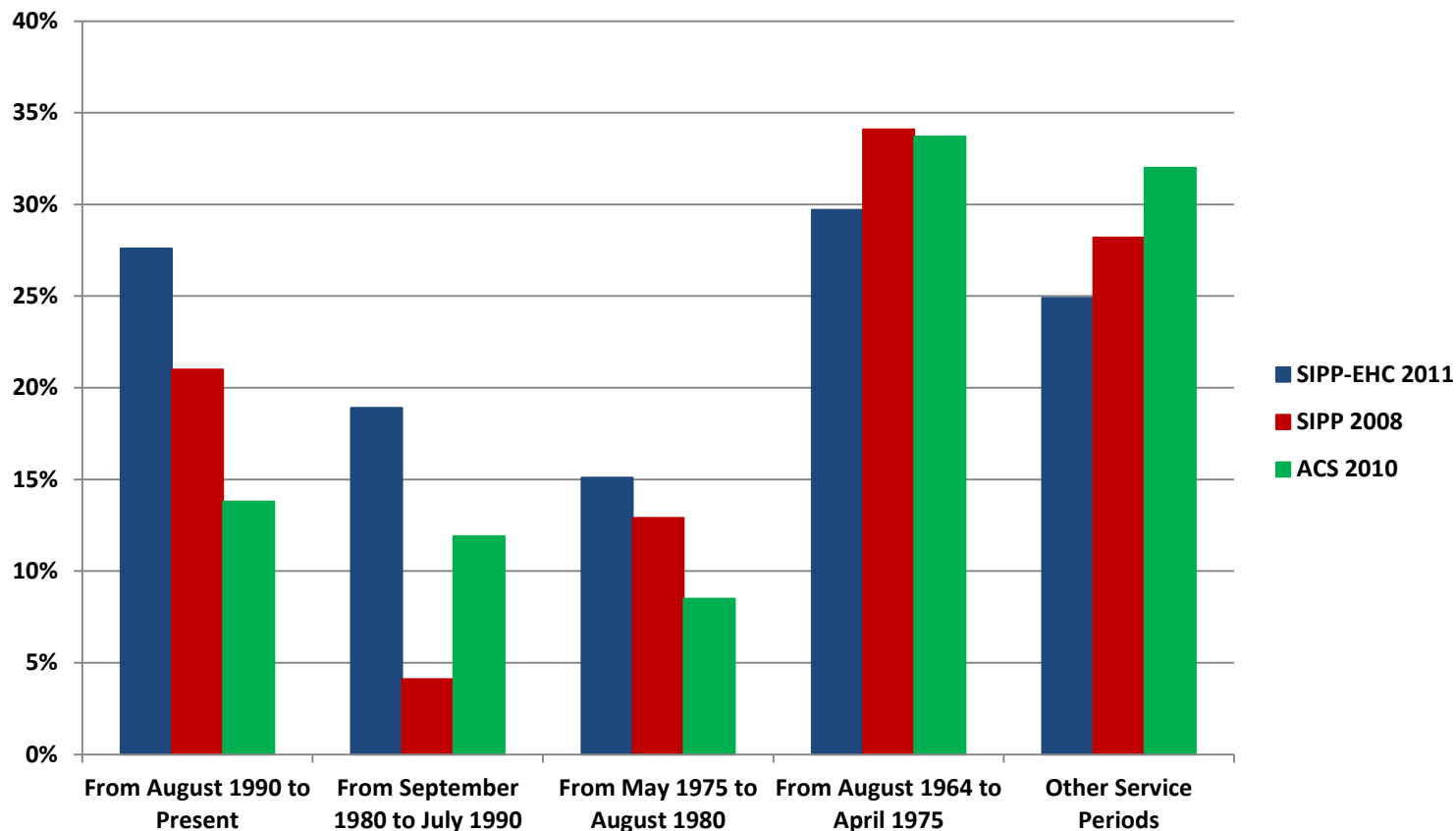
	SIPP- EHC 2011¹	SIPP 2008²	ACS 2010³
Total Respondents 18 Years and Over	4,986	10,604	191,975
Active Duty Military	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Veteran	3.6%	5.0%	7.0%

1. 2011 SIPP-EHC Armed Forces data in this table are edited and unweighted.

2. 2008 SIPP data in this table are edited, weighted for comparability to 2011 SIPP-EHC, for wave 7 only, and taken only from geographies matching the 2011 SIPP-EHC sample.

3. 2010 ACS data in this table are edited, unweighted, and taken only from states, census tracts, and group quarters matching the 2011 SIPP-EHC sample.

Figure 2. Period of Military Service



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Significance tests were not conducted.

Conclusions

- Overall, the percentage of active duty military respondents is very similar between SIPP-EHC and SIPP 2008.
- However, both SIPP 2008 and geo-matched ACS 2010 identify a larger percentage of veterans compared to SIPP-EHC.
- Additionally, both SIPP 2008 and geo-matched ACS 2010 identify larger percentages of respondents with periods of service before May, 1975 compared to SIPP-EHC.
- The respondents in SIPP 2008 and geo-matched ACS 2010 were generally older than the respondents in SIPP-EHC. This age difference may contribute to the larger percentage of veterans and the older periods of service identified in SIPP 2008 and geo-matched ACS 2010.