

DOL Employment Status of the Veteran Population Data Dictionary

Data Label	Data Type	Data Description
Year	Text	Survey year
Veteran Service Period	Text	Indicates the period in which an individual served in the military. Veterans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified only in the most recent one. Veterans who served during one of the selected wartime periods and another period are classified only in the wartime period.
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	Numeric	People 18 years of age and older residing in New York State, who are not inmates of institutions, and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.
Civilian Labor Force	Numeric	All persons in the civilian noninstitutional population who are either employed or unemployed.
Civilian Labor Force as a Percent of Population	Numeric	The civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population, also known as the labor force participation rate.
Employed	Numeric	People are considered employed if they did any work at all for pay or profit during the survey reference week. This includes all part-time and temporary work, as well as regular full-time, year-round employment. Individuals also are counted as employed if they have a job at which they did not work during the survey week, whether they were paid or not, because they were: on vacation, ill, experiencing child care problems, on maternity or paternity leave, taking care of some other family or personal obligation, involved in a labor dispute or prevented from working by bad weather.
Employed as a Percent of Population	Numeric	The number employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population.
Unemployed	Numeric	People are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and are currently available for work.
Unemployed as a Percent of Civilian Labor Force	Numeric	The number unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force, also known as the unemployment rate.
Not in Labor Force	Numeric	The labor force is made up of the employed and the unemployed. The remainder—those who have no job and are not looking for one—are counted as not in the labor force. Many who are not in the labor force are going to school or are retired. Family responsibilities keep others out of the labor force. Also included in "not in labor force" are discouraged workers who were not currently looking for work specifically because they believed no jobs were available for them or there were none for which they would qualify.