



**February 2017 Veteran Employment Update**  
**Veterans' Employment & Training Service**  
**U.S. Department of Labor**

Each month, the Veterans' Employment & Training Service (VETS) reviews data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide this overview of veteran & nonveteran employment statistics.

**Table 1. Unemployment Rates by Cohort<sup>(1)</sup>**

| Cohort   | Unemployment Rate (%) |            |              |
|--|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
|  | Feb-16                | Feb-17     | Change (+/-) |
| <b>Veterans &amp; Nonveterans (16+, seasonally adjusted)</b> | <b>4.9</b>            | <b>4.7</b> | <b>-0.2</b>  |
| <b>All Veterans, ages 18+</b>                                | <b>4.1</b>            | <b>3.9</b> | <b>-0.2</b>  |
| Male   | 4.1                   | 3.9        | -0.2         |
| Female   | 4.2                   | 4.3        | 0.1          |
| <b>All Nonveterans, ages 18+</b>                             | <b>5.1</b>            | <b>4.9</b> | <b>-0.2</b>  |
| <b>Veterans, ages 18-24</b>                                  | <b>7.0</b>            | <b>7.7</b> | <b>0.7</b>   |
| Male   | 8.2                   | 8.3        | 0.1          |
| Female   | NDA                   | NDA        | NDA          |
| <b>Nonveterans, ages 18-24</b>                               | <b>10.0</b>           | <b>9.4</b> | <b>-0.6</b>  |
| <b>Veterans, ages 25-34</b>                                  | <b>6.2</b>            | <b>5.9</b> | <b>-0.3</b>  |
| Male   | 7.1                   | 5.9        | -1.2         |
| Female   | 1.1                   | 6.0        | 4.9          |
| <b>Nonveterans, ages 25-34</b>                               | <b>5.3</b>            | <b>5.1</b> | <b>-0.2</b>  |
| <b>Veterans, ages 35-44</b>                                  | <b>2.8</b>            | <b>4.2</b> | <b>1.4</b>   |
| Male   | 2.7                   | 3.4        | 0.7          |
| Female   | 3.3                   | 8.4        | 5.1          |
| <b>Nonveterans, ages 35-44</b>                               | <b>4.2</b>            | <b>4.5</b> | <b>0.3</b>   |
| <b>Veterans, ages 45-54</b>                                  | <b>3.2</b>            | <b>2.8</b> | <b>-0.4</b>  |
| Male   | 2.9                   | 3.2        | 0.3          |
| Female   | 4.9                   | 0.0        | -4.9         |
| <b>Nonveterans, ages 45-54</b>                               | <b>3.9</b>            | <b>3.5</b> | <b>-0.4</b>  |
| <b>Veterans, ages 55-64</b>                                  | <b>4.9</b>            | <b>3.0</b> | <b>-1.9</b>  |
| Male   | 4.8                   | 3.0        | -1.8         |
| Female   | 5.9                   | 2.5        | -3.4         |
| <b>Nonveterans, ages 55-64</b>                               | <b>4.1</b>            | <b>3.4</b> | <b>-0.7</b>  |
| <b>Post-9/11 Veterans, ages 18+</b>                          | <b>4.7</b>            | <b>4.6</b> | <b>-0.1</b>  |
| Male   | 4.9                   | 4.6        | -0.3         |
| Female   | 3.6                   | 5.0        | 1.4          |

NDA: No Data Available

**Table 2. All Employees by Industry Sector<sup>(2)</sup> from February 16 - February 17(p) (Veterans and Nonveterans)**

| Industry                             | Change (+/-) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Professional and business services   | 598,000      |
| Education and health services        | 559,000      |
| Leisure and hospitality              | 286,000      |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 265,000      |
| Construction                         | 219,000      |
| Government                           | 208,000      |
| Financial activities                 | 187,000      |
| Other services                       | 54,000       |
| Manufacturing                        | 11,000       |
| Information                          | -7,000       |
| Mining and logging                   | -28,000      |

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, data in tables are not seasonally adjusted. Some data points, specifically those related to female veterans, do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics' criteria for publishing. Instead, results should be viewed over a longer period of time to better understand trends in unemployment rates. VETS has provided the 24-month unemployment trends on page 2 of this document.

**Table 3. State Unemployment Rates<sup>(3)</sup>**

(Veterans and Nonveterans) January 2017 data will not be available until March 13, 2017.

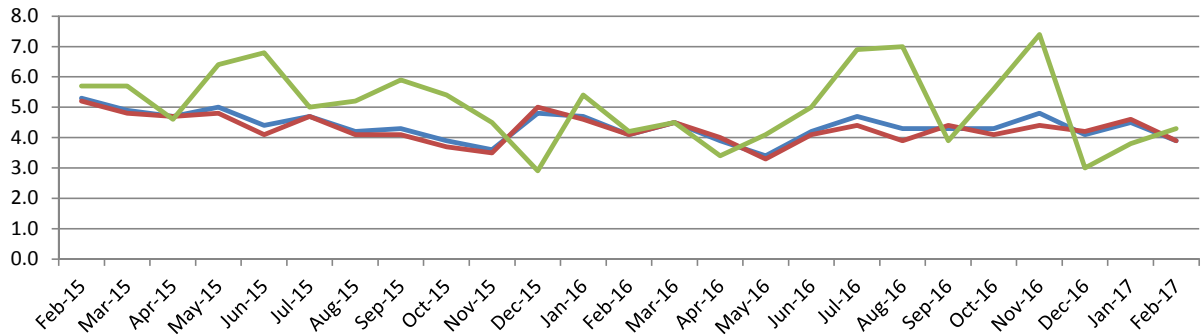
| State                | Dec 2015 | Dec 2016 | Change (+/-) |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Alabama              | 5.9      | 5.9      | 0.0          |
| Alaska               | 6.7      | 6.5      | -0.2         |
| Arizona              | 5.5      | 4.7      | -0.8         |
| Arkansas             | 4.6      | 3.8      | -0.8         |
| California           | 5.7      | 5.0      | -0.7         |
| Colorado             | 3.3      | 2.7      | -0.6         |
| Connecticut          | 4.9      | 3.9      | -1.0         |
| Delaware             | 4.3      | 3.9      | -0.4         |
| District of Columbia | 6.3      | 5.4      | -0.9         |
| Florida              | 4.8      | 4.7      | -0.1         |
| Georgia              | 5.1      | 5.2      | 0.1          |
| Hawaii               | 2.9      | 2.6      | -0.3         |
| Idaho                | 3.9      | 3.6      | -0.3         |
| Illinois             | 6.0      | 5.6      | -0.4         |
| Indiana              | 4.5      | 4.0      | -0.5         |
| Iowa                 | 3.6      | 3.6      | 0.0          |
| Kansas               | 3.6      | 3.8      | 0.2          |
| Kentucky             | 5.5      | 4.5      | -1.0         |
| Louisiana            | 5.0      | 5.4      | 0.4          |
| Maine                | 3.9      | 3.5      | -0.4         |
| Maryland             | 4.7      | 3.8      | -0.9         |
| Massachusetts        | 4.6      | 2.8      | -1.8         |
| Michigan             | 4.5      | 4.4      | -0.1         |
| Minnesota            | 3.7      | 4.0      | 0.3          |
| Mississippi          | 7.1      | 5.7      | -1.4         |
| Missouri             | 3.9      | 4.0      | 0.1          |
| Montana              | 4.3      | 4.2      | -0.1         |
| Nebraska             | 2.9      | 3.1      | 0.2          |
| Nevada               | 6.1      | 4.9      | -1.2         |
| New Hampshire        | 2.9      | 2.5      | -0.4         |
| New Jersey           | 4.3      | 4.1      | -0.2         |
| New Mexico           | 6.2      | 6.3      | 0.1          |
| New York             | 4.7      | 4.5      | -0.2         |
| North Carolina       | 5.3      | 4.9      | -0.4         |
| North Dakota         | 2.8      | 3.0      | 0.2          |
| Ohio                 | 4.6      | 4.7      | 0.1          |
| Oklahoma             | 4.0      | 4.6      | 0.6          |
| Oregon               | 5.2      | 4.1      | -1.1         |
| Pennsylvania         | 4.1      | 4.9      | 0.8          |
| Rhode Island         | 5.1      | 4.5      | -0.6         |
| South Carolina       | 5.4      | 4.1      | -1.3         |
| South Dakota         | 3.0      | 3.0      | 0.0          |
| Tennessee            | 5.3      | 4.9      | -0.4         |
| Texas                | 4.2      | 4.6      | 0.4          |
| Utah                 | 3.1      | 2.9      | -0.2         |
| Vermont              | 3.1      | 2.8      | -0.3         |
| Virginia             | 3.9      | 3.8      | -0.1         |
| Washington           | 5.9      | 5.3      | -0.6         |
| West Virginia        | 5.9      | 5.1      | -0.8         |
| Wisconsin            | 4.2      | 3.7      | -0.5         |
| Wyoming              | 4.6      | 4.9      | 0.3          |

**Sources:**

- (1) Current Population Survey (CPS)
- (2) Current Employment Statistics (CES) program
- (3) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program
- (p) Preliminary

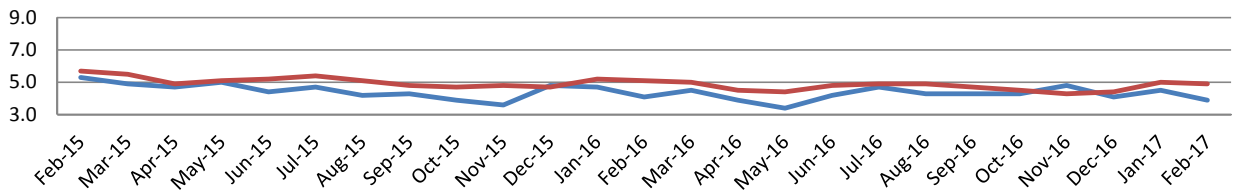
## 24-Month Unemployment Trends by Veteran Status, Gender, and Post-9/11 Era of Service (Non-seasonally adjusted)

### Unemployment Rate for Veterans by Gender



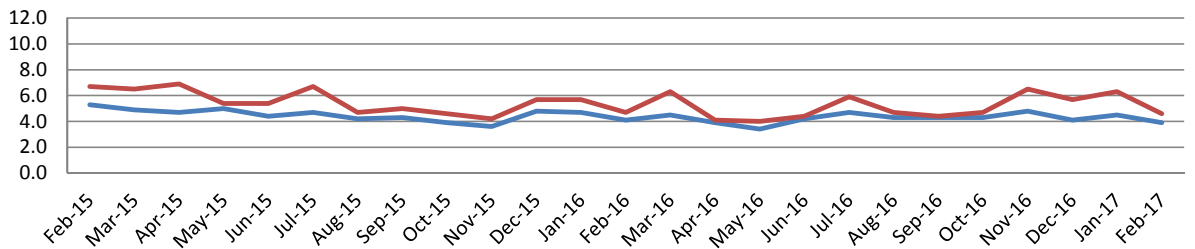
|                   | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | May-15 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Jan-16 | Feb-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| — Veterans        | 5.3    | 4.9    | 4.7    | 5.0    | 4.4    | 4.7    | 4.2    | 4.3    | 3.9    | 3.6    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    | 3.4    | 4.2    | 4.7    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.8    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    |
| — Male Veterans   | 5.2    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 4.8    | 4.1    | 4.7    | 4.1    | 4.1    | 3.7    | 3.5    | 5.0    | 4.6    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 4.0    | 3.3    | 4.1    | 4.4    | 3.9    | 4.4    | 4.1    | 4.4    | 4.2    | 4.6    | 3.9    |
| — Female Veterans | 5.7    | 5.7    | 4.6    | 6.4    | 6.8    | 5.0    | 5.2    | 5.9    | 5.4    | 4.5    | 2.9    | 5.4    | 4.2    | 4.5    | 3.4    | 4.1    | 5.0    | 6.9    | 7.0    | 3.9    | 5.6    | 7.4    | 3.0    | 3.8    | 4.3    |

### Unemployment Rate, Veterans and Nonveterans



|               | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | May-15 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Jan-16 | Feb-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| — Veterans    | 5.3    | 4.9    | 4.7    | 5.0    | 4.4    | 4.7    | 4.2    | 4.3    | 3.9    | 3.6    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    | 3.4    | 4.2    | 4.7    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.8    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    |
| — Nonveterans | 5.7    | 5.5    | 4.9    | 5.1    | 5.2    | 5.4    | 5.1    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 5.2    | 5.1    | 5.0    | 4.5    | 4.4    | 4.8    | 4.9    | 4.9    | 4.7    | 4.5    | 4.3    | 4.4    | 5.0    | 4.9    |

### Unemployment Rate, All Veterans and Post-9/11 Era Veterans



|                      | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | May-15 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Jan-16 | Feb-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| — Veterans           | 5.3    | 4.9    | 4.7    | 5.0    | 4.4    | 4.7    | 4.2    | 4.3    | 3.9    | 3.6    | 4.8    | 4.7    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    | 3.4    | 4.2    | 4.7    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.3    | 4.8    | 4.1    | 4.5    | 3.9    |
| — Post-9/11 Veterans | 6.7    | 6.5    | 6.9    | 5.4    | 5.4    | 6.7    | 4.7    | 5.0    | 4.6    | 4.2    | 5.7    | 5.7    | 4.7    | 6.3    | 4.1    | 4.0    | 4.4    | 5.9    | 4.7    | 4.4    | 4.7    | 6.5    | 5.7    | 6.3    | 4.6    |