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# MILITARY PERSONNEL

## Composition of the Active Duty Forces by Race or National Origin Identification and by Gender





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Dear Mr. Chairman:

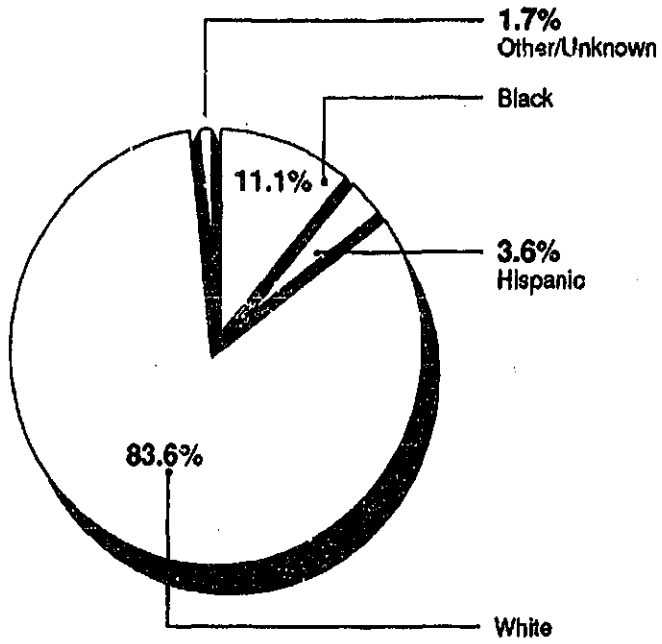
This report is a partial response to your request of December 18, 1990. It contains information on the overall composition of the U.S. military services by race or national origin identification and by gender.

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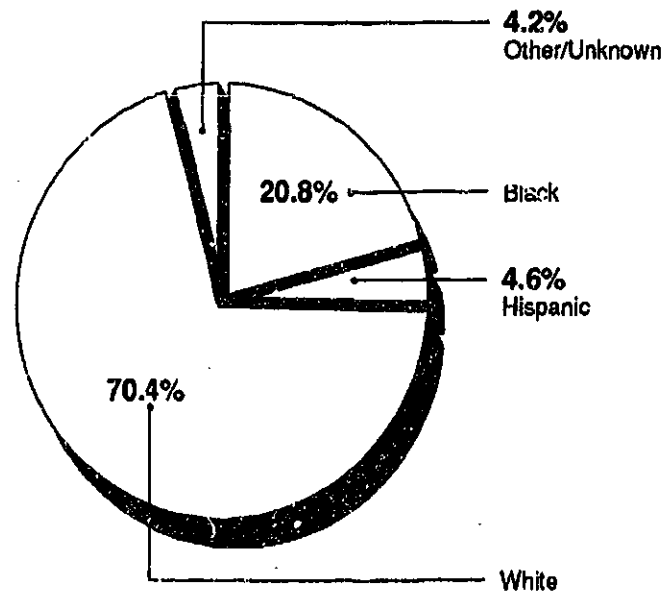
## Results in Brief

In 1972 blacks comprised 11.1 percent of the active duty forces, Hispanics 3.6 percent, whites 83.6 percent, and others 1.7 percent. In 1990 corresponding percentages were 20.8, 4.6, 70.4, and 4.2. In 1972 men comprised 98.1 percent and women 1.9 percent, while in 1990 those proportions were 89.0 and 11.0, respectively. Figures 1 and 2 show these active duty distributions for fiscal years 1972 and 1990.

**Figure 1: Composition of Active Duty Forces for Services Combined by Race or National Origin Identification (Fiscal Years 1972 and 1990)**

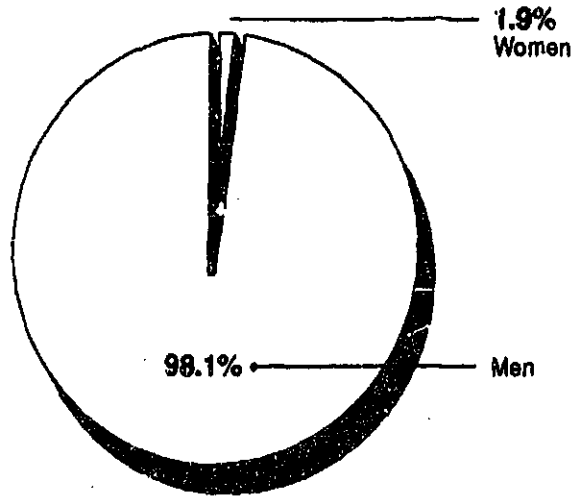


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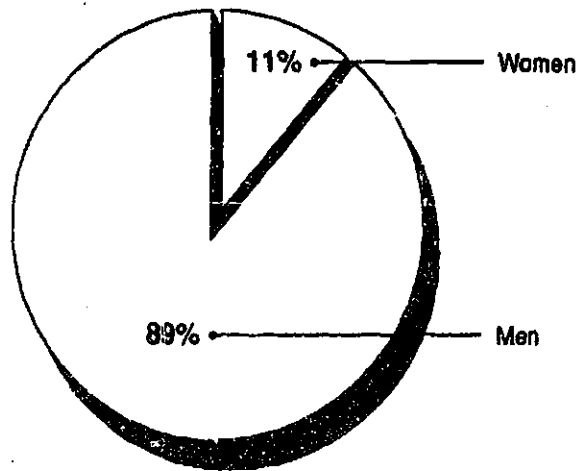


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**Figure 2: Composition of Active Duty Forces for Services Combined by Gender (Fiscal Years 1972 - 1990)**



1972



1990

Table 1 shows the composition of active duty personnel in each of the services as of September 30, 1990. Table 2 provides endstrength for the services combined for fiscal years 1972 and 1990.

**Table 1: Percentages of Active Duty Personnel by Gender and Race or National Origin Identification (Fiscal Year 1990)**

	Services combined	Army	Air Force	Navy	Marine Corps
<b>Black<sup>a</sup></b>					
Men	17.4	24.0	12.3	13.5	17.7
Women	3.4	5.1	3.0	2.4	1.3
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>					
Men	4.2	3.7	3.0	4.9	6.5
Women	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Other</b>					
Men	3.8	3.9	2.8	4.9	2.9
Women	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>White<sup>a</sup></b>					
Men	63.7	56.9	68.0	66.6	68.2
Women	6.7	5.5	9.9	6.6	2.9
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>71.1</b>
<b>All groups</b>					
Men <sup>b</sup>	89.0	88.6	86.1	90.0	95.3
Women <sup>b</sup>	11.0	11.4	13.9	10.0	4.7
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup>Not of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Totals may not appear exact due to rounding.

**Table 2: Composition of Active Duty Forces by Gender and Race or National Origin Identification (Fiscal Years 1972 and 1990)**

	1972 <sup>a</sup>		1990 <sup>b</sup>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Black <sup>c</sup>	257,247	11.1	421,796	20.6
Hispanic	82,908	3.6	93,400	4.6
Other	39,028	1.7	85,787	4.2
White <sup>c</sup>	1,931,317	83.6	1,428,317	70.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,311,300</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,029,300</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Men	2,266,802	98.1	1,806,146	89.0
Women	44,498	1.9	223,154	11.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,311,300</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,029,300</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup>As of June 30, 1972.

<sup>b</sup>As of September 30, 1990.

<sup>c</sup>Not of Hispanic origin.

Appendixes I through VI show endstrength and composition data for fiscal years 1971 through 1990 by race or national origin identification and by gender. This information represents a composition "snapshot" as of June 30 for fiscal years 1971 through 1975, but as of September 30 for fiscal years 1976 through 1990 because of the transition to an October-to-September fiscal year in 1976. Fiscal year 1971 and 1972 data reflect service composition prior to implementation of the All-Volunteer Force in 1973.

As you requested, appendix VII contains a copy of my letter to you on January 29, 1991, forwarding the most currently available data provided by the Department of Defense on the composition of troops deployed for Operation Desert Shield. As noted in my letter, the data were current as of mid-December and apply to a deployed troops population of about 260,000. As I also noted, Department of Defense officials expressed concerns about the preciseness of the proportions presented in appendix VII.

## Scope and Methodology

We obtained endstrength and composition data from the Defense Manpower Data Center, which began maintaining these racial and ethnic statistics in 1971. We did not verify or test the accuracy of that data. We calculated all percentages on the basis of total service endstrength. All percentages have been rounded to a single decimal place. Data for blacks and whites do not include personnel of Hispanic origin.

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We did not obtain formal agency comments on this fact sheet. However, we discussed the information with an official of the Defense Manpower Data Center to ensure that we appropriately presented the data.

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As arranged with your office, unless you publicly announce its contents earlier, we plan no further distribution of this fact sheet until 7 days from its issue date. At that time, we will send copies to the Chairmen, Senate Committee on Armed Services, House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, House Committee on Government Operations, and Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs; the Director, Office of Management and Budget; and the Secretaries of Defense, the Air Force, the Army, and the Navy; and other interested parties. We will also make copies available to others upon request.

If you or your staff have any questions, please call me on (202) 275-3990. Major contributors are listed in appendix VIII.

Sincerely yours,



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Director,  
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# Composition of Active Duty Forces for the Services Combined

Appendix I contains data by race or national origin identification and by gender for active duty personnel in the four military services combined: the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, and the Marine Corps. Tables I.1, I.3, and I.5 provide endstrength data for officers, for enlisted personnel, and for officers and enlisted personnel combined, respectively. Tables I.2, I.4, and I.6 show proportions for each group based on the endstrength data provided. All proportions are percentages of total endstrength data for the service in any given year.

**Table I.1: Active Duty Officers for Services Combined (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	296,886	34,241	262,645	20,968	6,180	8,893	260,845
1989	303,169	33,779	269,390	20,841	5,958	8,513	267,857
1988	304,973	32,651	272,322	20,433	5,605	8,123	270,812
1987	307,795	32,077	275,718	20,147	5,386	9,212	273,050
1986	311,483	31,501	279,982	20,137	5,227	9,098	277,021
1985	309,137	30,321	278,816	19,782	4,768	8,301	276,286
1984	303,625	28,668	274,957	18,786	4,484	8,554	271,801
1983	300,723	27,015	273,708	17,536	4,226	11,308	267,653
1982	292,383	25,322	267,061	16,517	3,864	9,138	262,864
1981	285,505	23,377	262,128	15,207	3,541	8,652	258,105
1980	278,014	21,467	256,547	13,869	3,176	8,970	251,999
1979	273,831	18,916	254,915	12,831	4,529	3,904	252,567
1978	274,012	16,705	257,307	11,734	4,242	3,441	254,595
1977	275,941	15,297	260,644	10,960	4,133	2,977	257,871
1976	279,233	14,180	265,053	9,693	3,899	2,491	263,150
1975	292,062	13,617	278,445	9,047	4,046	1,965	277,004
1974	302,408	13,129	289,279	8,554	4,032	1,669	288,153
1973	321,108	12,792	308,316	8,107	4,012	1,515	307,474
1972	335,651	12,639	323,012	7,851	4,152	1,508	322,140
1971	371,520	12,910	358,610	8,435	4,750	1,632	356,703

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	4,602	16,366	753	5,427	1,367	7,528	27,519	233,326
1989	4,445	16,396	707	5,251	1,270	7,243	27,357	240,500
1988	4,170	16,263	647	4,958	1,187	6,936	26,647	244,165
1987	4,006	16,141	629	4,757	1,254	7,958	26,188	246,862
1986	3,883	16,254	609	4,618	1,227	7,871	25,812	251,209
1985	3,728	16,034	516	4,222	1,084	7,217	24,963	251,323
1984	3,481	15,305	494	3,990	1,136	7,418	23,557	248,244
1983	3,168	14,368	459	3,767	1,450	9,858	21,938	245,715
1982	2,826	13,691	398	3,466	1,216	7,922	20,882	241,982
1981	2,400	12,807	338	3,203	1,089	7,572	19,559	238,546
1980	2,023	11,846	282	2,894	1,141	7,829	18,021	233,978
1979	1,677	11,154	378	4,151	523	3,381	16,338	236,229
1978	1,270	10,464	285	3,957	426	3,015	14,724	239,871
1977	1,055	9,905	259	3,874	328	2,649	13,655	244,216
1976	750	8,943	224	3,675	193	2,298	13,013	250,137
1975	644	8,403	231	3,815	104	1,861	12,638	264,366
1974	532	8,022	210	3,814	87	1,582	12,292	275,861
1973	442	7,665	208	3,804	66	1,449	12,076	285,398
1972	421	7,430	196	3,956	64	1,444	11,958	310,182
1971	431	8,004	216	4,534	67	1,565	12,196	344,507

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**Table I.2: Active Duty Officers for Services Combined, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	296,886	11.5	88.5	7.1	2.1	3.0	87.9
1989	303,169	11.1	88.9	6.9	2.0	2.8	88.4
1988	304,973	10.7	89.3	6.7	1.8	2.7	88.8
1987	307,795	10.4	89.6	6.5	1.7	3.0	88.7
1986	311,483	10.1	89.9	6.5	1.7	2.9	88.9
1985	309,137	9.8	90.2	6.4	1.5	2.7	89.4
1984	303,625	9.4	90.6	6.2	1.5	2.8	89.5
1983	300,723	9.0	91.0	5.8	1.4	3.8	89.0
1982	292,383	8.7	91.3	5.6	1.3	3.1	89.9
1981	285,505	8.2	91.8	5.3	1.2	3.0	90.4
1980	278,014	7.7	92.3	5.0	1.1	3.2	90.6
1979	273,831	6.9	93.1	4.7	1.7	1.4	92.2
1978	274,012	6.1	93.9	4.3	1.5	1.3	92.9
1977	275,941	5.5	94.5	4.0	1.5	1.1	93.5
1976	279,233	5.1	94.9	3.5	1.4	0.9	94.2
1975	292,062	4.7	95.3	3.1	1.4	0.7	94.8
1974	302,408	4.3	95.7	2.8	1.3	0.6	95.3
1973	321,108	4.0	96.0	2.5	1.2	0.5	95.8
1972	335,651	3.9	96.2	2.3	1.2	0.4	96.0
1971	371,520	3.5	96.5	2.3	1.3	0.4	96.0

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	1.6	5.5	0.3	1.8	0.5	2.5	9.3	78.6
1989	1.5	5.4	0.2	1.7	0.4	2.4	9.0	79.3
1988	1.4	5.3	0.2	1.6	0.4	2.3	8.7	80.1
1987	1.3	5.2	0.2	1.5	0.4	2.6	8.5	80.2
1986	1.2	5.2	0.2	1.5	0.4	2.5	8.3	80.6
1985	1.2	5.2	0.2	1.4	0.4	2.3	8.1	81.3
1984	1.1	5.0	0.2	1.3	0.4	2.4	7.8	81.8
1983	1.1	4.8	0.2	1.3	0.5	3.3	7.3	81.7
1982	1.0	4.7	0.1	1.2	0.4	2.7	7.1	82.8
1981	0.9	4.5	0.1	1.1	0.4	2.7	6.9	83.6
1980	0.7	4.3	0.1	1.0	0.4	2.8	6.5	84.2
1979	0.6	4.1	0.1	1.5	0.2	1.2	6.0	86.3
1978	0.5	3.8	0.1	1.4	0.2	1.1	5.4	87.5
1977	0.4	3.6	0.1	1.4	0.1	1.0	4.9	88.5
1976	0.3	3.2	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.8	4.7	89.6
1975	0.2	2.9	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.6	4.3	90.5
1974	0.2	2.7	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.5	4.1	91.2
1973	0.1	2.4	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.5	3.8	92.0
1972	0.1	2.2	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.4	3.6	92.4
1971	0.1	2.2	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.4	3.3	92.7



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**Table I.3: Active Duty Enlisted Personnel for Services Combined (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	1,732,414	188,913	1,543,501	400,828	87,220	76,894	1,167,472
1989	1,812,065	195,532	1,616,533	409,317	85,848	79,081	1,237,819
1988	1,818,696	188,998	1,629,698	400,963	81,305	78,686	1,257,742
1987	1,855,783	188,880	1,666,903	399,608	79,114	78,847	1,298,214
1986	1,845,110	185,292	1,659,818	390,764	74,886	77,395	1,302,065
1985	1,828,278	179,049	1,649,229	384,763	72,020	76,090	1,295,405
1984	1,819,803	172,159	1,647,644	384,293	71,877	74,412	1,289,221
1983	1,811,344	169,079	1,642,265	389,210	72,105	74,226	1,275,803
1982	1,804,261	163,223	1,641,038	397,531	72,842	75,873	1,258,015
1981	1,783,380	160,217	1,623,163	394,803	72,376	76,979	1,239,222
1980	1,758,658	148,771	1,609,887	385,860	70,506	76,929	1,225,363
1979	1,739,402	131,021	1,608,381	368,767	75,425	70,316	1,224,894
1978	1,773,868	116,587	1,657,281	341,749	77,654	66,785	1,287,680
1977	1,784,657	103,421	1,681,236	319,205	78,970	60,724	1,325,758
1976	1,790,554	97,426	1,693,128	301,931	80,846	52,149	1,355,628
1975	1,824,219	83,133	1,741,086	2,3324	83,434	46,629	1,400,832
1974	1,848,210	61,328	1,786,882	289,336	81,739	43,180	1,433,955
1973	1,920,122	42,278	1,877,844	269,583	78,135	40,358	1,532,046
1972	1,975,649	31,859	1,943,790	249,396	78,756	38,320	1,609,177
1971	2,329,688	29,413	2,300,275	266,531	78,382	39,594	1,945,181

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	64,677	336,151	8,364	78,856	7,172	69,722	108,700	1,058,772
1989	65,121	344,196	8,153	77,695	7,251	71,830	115,007	1,122,812
1988	61,142	339,821	7,311	73,994	6,748	71,938	113,797	1,143,945
1987	59,166	340,442	6,805	72,309	6,606	72,241	116,303	1,181,911
1986	56,499	334,265	6,224	68,662	6,421	70,974	116,148	1,185,917
1985	53,059	331,704	5,719	66,301	5,966	70,124	114,305	1,181,100
1984	49,764	334,529	5,387	66,490	5,454	68,958	111,554	1,177,667
1983	47,819	341,391	5,301	66,804	5,304	68,862	110,595	1,165,208
1982	45,866	351,665	5,195	67,647	5,465	70,408	106,697	1,151,318
1981	43,973	350,830	5,059	67,317	5,200	71,779	105,985	1,133,237
1980	38,841	347,019	4,495	66,011	4,818	72,111	100,617	1,124,746
1979	31,266	337,501	4,334	71,091	3,635	66,681	91,786	1,133,108
1978	24,247	317,502	3,796	73,858	2,858	63,927	85,686	1,201,994
1977	19,409	299,796	3,379	75,591	2,152	58,572	78,481	1,247,277
1976	17,787	284,144	3,223	77,623	1,665	50,484	74,751	1,280,877
1975	14,425	278,899	2,885	80,549	1,067	45,562	64,756	1,336,076
1974	10,363	278,973	2,102	79,637	700	42,480	48,163	1,385,792
1973	6,633	262,950	1,438	76,697	449	39,909	33,758	1,498,288
1972	4,798	244,598	1,307	77,449	334	37,986	25,420	1,583,757
1971	4,236	262,295	980	77,402	297	39,297	23,900	1,921,281

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**Table I.4: Active Duty Enlisted Personnel for Services Combined, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	1,732,414	10.9	89.1	23.1	5.0	4.4	67.4
1989	1,812,065	10.8	89.2	22.6	4.7	4.4	68.3
1988	1,818,696	10.4	89.6	22.0	4.5	4.3	69.2
1987	1,855,783	10.2	89.8	21.5	4.3	4.2	70.0
1986	1,845,110	10.0	90.0	21.2	4.1	4.2	70.6
1985	1,828,278	9.8	90.2	21.0	3.9	4.2	70.9
1984	1,819,803	9.5	90.5	21.1	3.9	4.1	70.8
1983	1,811,344	9.3	90.7	21.5	4.0	4.1	70.4
1982	1,804,261	9.0	91.0	22.0	4.0	4.2	69.7
1981	1,783,380	9.0	91.0	22.1	4.1	4.3	69.5
1980	1,758,658	8.5	91.5	21.9	4.0	4.4	69.7
1979	1,739,402	7.5	92.5	21.2	4.3	4.0	70.4
1978	1,773,868	6.6	93.4	19.3	4.4	3.8	72.6
1977	1,784,657	5.8	94.2	17.9	4.4	3.4	74.3
1976	1,790,554	5.4	94.6	16.9	4.5	2.9	75.7
1975	1,824,219	4.6	95.4	16.1	4.6	2.6	76.8
1974	1,848,210	3.3	96.7	15.7	4.4	2.3	77.6
1973	1,920,122	2.2	97.8	14.0	4.1	2.1	79.8
1972	1,975,649	1.6	98.4	12.6	4.0	1.9	81.5
1971	2,329,688	1.3	98.7	11.4	3.4	1.7	83.5

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	3.7	19.4	0.5	4.6	0.4	4.0	6.3	61.1
1989	3.6	19.0	0.4	4.3	0.4	4.0	6.3	62.0
1988	3.4	18.7	0.4	4.1	0.4	4.0	6.3	62.9
1987	3.2	18.3	0.4	3.9	0.4	3.9	6.3	63.7
1986	3.1	18.1	0.3	3.7	0.3	3.8	6.3	64.3
1985	2.9	18.1	0.3	3.6	0.3	3.8	6.3	64.6
1984	2.7	18.4	0.3	3.7	0.3	3.8	6.1	64.7
1983	2.6	18.8	0.3	3.7	0.3	3.8	6.1	64.3
1982	2.5	19.5	0.3	3.7	0.3	3.9	5.9	63.8
1981	2.5	19.7	0.3	3.8	0.3	4.0	5.9	63.5
1980	2.2	19.7	0.3	3.8	0.3	4.1	5.7	64.0
1979	1.8	19.4	0.2	4.1	0.2	3.9	5.3	65.1
1978	1.4	17.9	0.2	4.2	0.2	3.6	4.8	67.8
1977	1.1	16.8	0.2	4.2	0.1	3.3	4.4	69.9
1976	1.0	15.9	0.2	4.3	0.1	2.8	4.2	71.5
1975	0.8	15.3	0.2	4.4	0.1	2.5	3.5	73.2
1974	0.6	15.1	0.1	4.3	0.0	2.3	2.6	75.0
1973	0.3	13.7	0.1	4.0	0.0	2.1	1.8	78.0
1972	0.2	12.4	0.1	3.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	80.2
1971	0.2	11.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.7	1.0	82.5

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**Table I.5: Active Duty Personnel for Services Combined (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	2,029,300	223,154	1,806,146	421,796	93,400	85,787	1,428,317
1989	2,115,234	229,311	1,885,923	430,158	91,806	87,594	1,505,676
1988	2,123,669	221,649	1,902,020	421,396	86,910	88,809	1,526,554
1987	2,163,578	220,957	1,942,621	419,755	84,500	88,059	1,571,264
1986	2,156,593	216,823	1,939,770	410,901	80,113	96,493	1,579,086
1985	2,137,415	209,370	1,928,045	404,545	76,788	84,391	1,571,691
1984	2,123,428	200,827	1,922,601	403,079	76,361	82,966	1,561,022
1983	2,112,067	196,094	1,915,973	406,746	76,331	85,534	1,543,456
1982	2,096,644	188,545	1,908,099	414,048	76,706	85,011	1,520,879
1981	2,068,885	183,594	1,885,291	410,010	75,917	85,631	1,497,327
1980	2,036,672	170,238	1,866,434	399,729	73,682	85,899	1,477,362
1979	2,013,233	149,937	1,863,296	381,598	79,954	74,220	1,477,461
1978	2,047,880	133,292	1,914,588	353,483	81,896	70,226	1,542,275
1977	2,060,598	118,718	1,941,880	330,165	83,103	63,701	1,583,629
1976	2,069,787	111,606	1,958,181	311,624	84,745	54,640	1,618,778
1975	2,116,281	96,750	2,019,531	302,371	87,480	48,594	1,677,836
1974	2,150,618	74,457	2,076,161	297,890	85,771	44,849	1,722,108
1973	2,241,230	55,070	2,186,160	277,690	82,147	41,873	1,839,520
1972	2,311,300	44,498	2,266,802	257,247	82,908	39,828	1,931,317
1971	2,701,208	42,323	2,658,885	274,966	83,132	41,226	2,301,884

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	69,279	352,517	9,117	84,283	8,539	77,248	136,219	1,292,098
1989	69,566	360,592	8,860	82,946	8,521	79,073	142,364	1,363,312
1988	65,320	356,076	7,958	78,952	7,935	80,874	140,436	1,386,118
1987	63,172	356,583	7,434	77,066	7,860	80,199	142,491	1,428,773
1986	60,382	350,519	6,833	73,280	7,648	78,845	141,960	1,437,126
1985	56,787	347,758	6,265	70,523	7,050	77,341	139,268	1,432,423
1984	53,245	349,834	5,881	70,480	6,590	76,376	135,111	1,425,911
1983	50,987	355,759	5,760	70,571	6,814	78,720	132,533	1,410,923
1982	48,692	365,356	5,593	71,113	6,681	78,330	127,579	1,393,300
1981	46,373	363,637	5,397	70,520	6,280	79,351	125,544	1,371,783
1980	40,864	358,865	4,777	68,905	5,959	79,940	118,638	1,358,724
1979	32,943	348,655	4,712	75,242	4,158	70,062	108,124	1,369,337
1978	25,517	327,966	4,081	77,815	3,284	66,942	100,410	1,441,865
1977	20,464	309,701	3,638	79,465	2,480	61,221	92,136	1,491,493
1976	18,537	293,087	3,447	81,298	1,858	52,782	87,764	1,531,014
1975	15,069	287,302	3,116	84,364	1,171	47,423	77,394	1,600,442
1974	10,895	286,995	2,320	83,451	787	44,062	60,455	1,661,653
1973	7,075	270,615	1,646	80,501	515	41,358	45,834	1,793,686
1972	5,219	252,028	1,503	81,405	398	39,430	37,378	1,893,939
1971	4,667	270,299	1,196	81,936	364	40,862	36,096	2,265,788

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**Table I.6: Active Duty Personnel for Services Combined, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	2,029,300	11.0	89.0	20.8	4.6	4.2	70.4
1989	2,115,234	10.8	89.2	20.3	4.3	4.1	71.2
1988	2,123,669	10.4	89.6	19.8	4.1	4.2	71.9
1987	2,163,578	10.2	89.8	19.4	3.9	4.1	72.6
1986	2,156,593	10.1	89.9	19.1	3.7	4.0	73.2
1985	2,137,415	9.8	90.2	18.9	3.6	3.9	73.5
1984	2,123,428	9.5	90.5	19.0	3.6	3.9	73.5
1983	2,112,067	9.3	90.7	19.3	3.6	4.0	73.1
1982	2,096,644	9.0	91.0	19.7	3.7	4.1	72.5
1981	2,068,885	8.9	91.1	19.8	3.7	4.1	72.4
1980	2,036,672	8.4	91.6	19.6	3.6	4.2	72.5
1979	2,013,233	7.4	92.6	19.0	4.0	3.7	73.4
1978	2,047,880	6.5	93.5	17.3	4.0	3.4	75.3
1977	2,060,598	5.8	94.2	16.0	4.0	3.1	76.9
1976	2,069,787	5.4	94.6	15.1	4.1	2.6	78.2
1975	2,116,281	4.6	95.4	14.3	4.1	2.3	79.3
1974	2,150,618	3.5	96.5	13.9	4.0	2.1	80.1
1973	2,241,230	2.5	97.5	12.4	3.7	1.9	82.1
1972	2,311,300	1.9	98.1	11.1	3.6	1.7	83.6
1971	2,701,208	1.6	98.4	10.2	3.1	1.5	85.2

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	3.4	17.4	0.4	4.2	0.4	3.8	6.7	63.7
1989	3.3	17.0	0.4	3.9	0.4	3.7	6.7	64.5
1988	3.1	16.8	0.4	3.7	0.4	3.8	6.6	65.3
1987	2.9	16.5	0.3	3.6	0.4	3.7	6.6	66.0
1986	2.8	16.3	0.3	3.4	0.4	3.7	6.6	66.6
1985	2.7	16.3	0.3	3.3	0.3	3.6	6.5	67.0
1984	2.5	16.5	0.3	3.3	0.3	3.6	6.4	67.2
1983	2.4	16.8	0.3	3.3	0.3	3.7	6.3	66.8
1982	2.3	17.4	0.3	3.4	0.3	3.7	6.1	66.5
1981	2.2	17.6	0.3	3.4	0.3	3.8	6.1	66.3
1980	2.0	17.6	0.2	3.4	0.3	3.9	5.8	66.7
1979	1.6	17.3	0.2	3.7	0.2	3.5	5.4	68.0
1978	1.2	16.0	0.2	3.8	0.2	3.3	4.9	70.4
1977	1.0	15.0	0.2	3.9	0.1	3.0	4.5	72.4
1976	0.9	14.2	0.2	3.9	0.1	2.6	4.2	74.0
1975	0.7	13.6	0.1	4.0	0.1	2.2	3.7	75.6
1974	0.5	13.3	0.1	3.9	0.0	2.0	2.8	77.3
1973	0.3	12.1	0.1	3.6	0.0	1.8	2.0	80.0
1972	0.2	10.9	0.1	3.5	0.0	1.7	1.6	81.9
1971	0.2	10.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	1.3	83.9



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Appendix II contains data by race or national origin identification and by gender for active duty personnel in the Army. Tables II.1, II.3, and II.5 provide endstrength data for officers, for enlisted personnel, and for officers and enlisted personnel combined, respectively. Tables II.2, II.4, and II.6 show proportions based on the endstrength data provided. All proportions are percentages of total endstrength data provided.

**Table II.1: Active Duty Army Officers (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	104,836	12,411	92,425	11,496	1,962	3,429	87,949
1989	107,168	12,198	94,970	11,430	1,823	3,278	90,637
1988	107,242	11,742	95,500	11,188	1,647	3,119	91,288
1987	108,255	11,564	96,691	11,031	1,563	3,011	92,650
1986	110,194	11,270	98,924	11,004	1,484	2,915	94,791
1985	109,901	10,828	99,073	10,777	1,365	2,805	94,954
1984	108,144	10,232	97,912	10,138	1,331	3,186	93,489
1983	105,948	9,492	96,456	9,127	1,294	5,936	89,591
1982	103,386	9,037	94,349	8,694	1,262	4,292	89,138
1981	101,835	8,389	93,446	7,919	1,155	3,925	88,836
1980	98,660	7,610	91,050	7,045	1,023	4,528	86,064
1979	97,450	6,877	90,573	6,601	1,980	1,504	87,365
1978	97,583	6,282	91,301	6,222	1,861	1,348	88,152
1977	97,711	5,697	92,014	5,971	1,780	1,206	88,754
1976	98,276	5,146	93,130	5,187	1,593	1,016	90,480
1975	102,375	4,630	98,345	4,957	1,750	824	95,444
1974	105,998	4,375	101,623	4,760	1,790	593	98,855
1973	116,205	4,290	111,915	4,882	1,840	457	109,226
1972	121,200	4,425	116,855	4,788	1,936	497	114,059
1971	148,949	5,049	143,900	5,419	2,488	625	140,417

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2,411	9,085	246	1,716	524	2,905	9,230	78,719
1989	2,331	9,099	217	1,606	471	2,807	9,179	81,456
1988	2,176	9,012	182	1,465	441	2,678	8,943	82,345
1987	2,100	8,931	185	1,378	399	2,612	8,880	83,770
1986	2,010	8,994	174	1,310	391	2,524	8,695	86,096
1985	1,915	8,862	151	1,214	376	2,429	8,386	86,568
1984	1,788	8,350	131	1,200	428	2,758	7,885	85,604
1983	1,553	7,574	121	1,173	762	5,174	7,056	82,535
1982	1,408	7,286	111	1,151	627	3,665	6,891	82,247
1981	1,156	6,763	96	1,059	530	3,395	6,607	82,229
1980	886	6,159	72	951	613	3,915	6,039	80,025
1979	718	5,883	155	1,825	199	1,305	5,805	81,560
1978	546	5,676	112	1,749	143	1,205	5,481	82,671
1977	478	5,493	105	1,675	106	1,100	5,008	83,746
1976	270	4,917	78	1,515	53	963	4,745	85,735
1975	228	4,729	91	1,659	31	793	4,280	91,164
1974	183	4,577	84	1,706	29	564	4,079	94,776
1973	158	4,524	80	1,760	18	439	4,034	105,192
1972	168	4,620	78	1,858	23	474	4,156	109,903
1971	192	5,227	98	2,390	26	599	4,733	135,684

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**Table II.2: Active Duty Army Officers, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	104,836	11.8	88.2	11.0	1.9	3.3	83.9
1989	107,168	11.4	88.6	10.7	1.7	3.1	84.6
1988	107,242	10.9	89.1	10.4	1.5	2.9	85.1
1987	108,255	10.7	89.3	10.2	1.4	2.8	85.6
1986	110,194	10.2	89.8	10.0	1.3	2.6	86.0
1985	109,901	9.9	90.1	9.8	1.2	2.6	86.4
1984	108,144	9.5	90.5	9.4	1.2	2.9	86.4
1983	105,948	9.0	91.0	8.6	1.2	5.6	84.6
1982	103,386	8.7	91.3	8.4	1.2	4.2	86.2
1981	101,835	8.2	91.8	7.8	1.1	3.9	87.2
1980	98,660	7.7	92.3	7.1	1.0	4.6	87.2
1979	97,450	7.1	92.9	6.8	2.0	1.5	89.7
1978	97,583	6.4	93.6	6.4	1.9	1.4	90.3
1977	97,711	5.8	94.2	6.1	1.9	1.2	90.8
1976	98,276	5.2	94.8	5.3	1.6	1.0	92.1
1975	102,975	4.5	95.5	4.8	1.7	0.8	92.7
1974	105,998	4.1	95.9	4.5	1.7	0.6	93.3
1973	116,205	3.7	96.3	4.0	1.6	0.4	94.0
1972	121,280	3.6	96.4	3.9	1.6	0.4	94.0
1971	148,949	3.4	96.6	3.6	1.7	0.4	94.3

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2.3	8.7	0.2	1.6	0.5	2.8	8.8	75.1
1989	2.2	8.5	0.2	1.5	0.4	2.6	8.6	76.0
1988	2.0	8.4	0.2	1.4	0.4	2.6	8.3	76.8
1987	1.9	8.2	0.2	1.3	0.4	2.4	8.2	77.4
1986	1.8	8.2	0.2	1.2	0.4	2.3	7.9	78.1
1985	1.7	8.1	0.1	1.1	0.3	2.2	7.6	78.8
1984	1.7	7.7	0.1	1.1	0.4	2.6	7.3	79.2
1983	1.5	7.1	0.1	1.1	0.7	4.9	6.7	77.9
1982	1.4	7.0	0.1	1.1	0.6	3.5	6.7	79.6
1981	1.1	6.6	0.1	1.0	0.5	3.3	6.5	80.7
1980	0.9	6.2	0.1	1.0	0.6	4.0	6.1	81.1
1979	0.7	6.0	0.2	1.9	0.2	1.3	6.0	83.7
1978	0.6	5.8	0.1	1.8	0.1	1.2	5.6	84.7
1977	0.5	5.6	0.1	1.7	0.1	1.1	5.1	85.7
1976	0.3	5.0	0.1	1.5	0.1	1.0	4.8	87.2
1975	0.2	4.6	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.8	4.2	88.5
1974	0.2	4.3	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.5	3.8	89.4
1973	0.1	3.9	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.4	3.5	90.5
1972	0.1	3.8	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.4	3.4	90.6
1971	0.1	3.5	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.4	3.2	91.1

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**Table II.3: Active Duty Army Enlisted Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	623,509	70,741	552,768	200,140	27,546	28,881	366,942
1989	658,119	73,780	584,339	205,640	27,818	29,505	395,156
1988	660,226	71,519	588,707	200,891	27,247	28,268	403,820
1987	668,406	71,136	597,270	200,080	27,054	27,195	414,077
1986	667,402	69,750	597,652	197,647	26,523	26,478	416,754
1985	666,149	67,930	598,219	198,791	25,823	25,901	415,634
1984	667,584	66,664	600,920	203,487	26,704	24,808	412,585
1983	669,312	66,056	603,256	210,144	27,816	24,471	406,881
1982	672,498	64,261	608,237	219,969	30,012	25,356	397,161
1981	674,747	64,877	609,870	223,806	30,118	26,520	394,303
1980	673,716	61,349	612,367	221,431	29,553	27,304	395,428
1979	656,978	54,815	602,163	211,553	35,401	22,686	387,338
1978	669,334	50,288	619,046	195,443	36,473	20,290	417,128
1977	680,033	46,093	633,940	179,115	36,825	18,000	445,493
1976	680,007	44,460	635,547	164,199	37,472	14,929	462,607
1975	678,154	37,703	640,451	150,456	37,151	12,835	477,710
1974	674,346	26,320	648,026	143,449	36,893	10,847	483,157
1973	681,829	16,448	665,381	125,538	33,773	8,198	514,320
1972	686,649	12,345	674,304	116,798	35,252	7,524	527,075
1971	971,864	11,825	960,039	138,693	47,804	9,710	775,657

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	34,428	165,712	2,181	25,365	3,235	25,646	30,897	336,045
1989	34,855	170,785	2,232	25,586	3,235	26,270	33,458	361,698
1988	32,597	168,294	2,031	25,216	2,951	25,317	33,940	369,880
1987	31,494	168,586	1,919	25,135	2,839	24,356	34,884	379,193
1986	30,198	167,449	1,820	24,703	2,780	23,698	34,952	381,802
1985	28,979	160,812	1,699	24,124	2,594	23,307	34,658	380,976
1984	28,019	175,468	1,777	24,927	2,313	22,495	34,555	378,030
1983	27,604	182,540	1,905	25,911	2,278	22,193	34,269	372,612
1982	27,378	192,591	2,029	27,983	2,418	22,938	32,436	364,725
1981	27,185	196,621	2,059	28,059	2,292	24,228	33,341	360,962
1980	23,985	197,446	1,904	27,649	2,239	25,065	33,221	362,207
1979	18,915	192,638	2,011	33,390	1,578	21,108	32,311	355,027
1978	14,412	181,031	1,801	34,672	1,213	19,077	32,862	384,266
1977	11,280	168,435	1,665	35,160	906	17,094	32,242	413,251
1976	10,202	154,797	1,616	35,856	774	14,155	31,868	430,739
1975	8,013	142,445	1,464	35,687	578	12,257	27,648	450,062
1974	5,455	137,994	1,058	35,835	357	10,490	19,450	463,707
1973	3,313	122,225	883	33,090	194	8,004	12,258	502,062
1972	2,394	114,404	586	34,666	140	7,384	9,225	517,850
1971	2,231	136,462	574	47,230	152	9,558	8,868	766,789

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**Table II.4: Active Duty Army Enlisted Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	623,509	11.3	88.7	32.1	4.4	4.6	58.9
1989	658,119	11.2	88.8	31.2	4.2	4.5	60.0
1988	660,226	10.8	89.2	30.4	4.1	4.3	61.2
1987	668,406	10.6	89.4	29.9	4.0	4.1	61.9
1986	667,402	10.5	89.5	29.6	4.0	4.0	62.4
1985	666,149	10.2	89.8	29.8	3.9	3.9	62.4
1984	667,584	10.0	90.0	30.5	4.0	3.7	61.8
1983	669,312	9.9	90.1	31.4	4.2	3.7	60.8
1982	672,498	9.6	90.4	32.7	4.5	3.8	59.1
1981	674,747	9.6	90.4	33.2	4.5	3.9	58.4
1980	673,716	9.1	90.9	32.9	4.4	4.1	58.7
1979	656,978	8.3	91.7	32.2	5.4	3.5	59.0
1978	669,334	7.5	92.5	29.2	5.4	3.0	62.3
1977	680,033	6.8	93.2	26.4	5.4	2.6	65.5
1976	680,007	6.5	93.5	24.3	5.5	2.2	68.0
1975	678,154	5.6	94.4	22.2	5.5	1.9	70.4
1974	674,346	3.9	96.1	21.3	5.5	1.6	71.6
1973	681,829	2.4	97.6	18.4	5.0	1.2	75.4
1972	686,649	1.8	98.2	17.0	5.1	1.1	76.8
1971	971,864	1.2	98.8	14.3	4.9	1.0	79.8

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	5.5	26.6	0.3	4.1	0.5	4.1	5.0	53.9
1989	5.3	26.0	0.3	3.9	0.5	4.0	5.1	55.0
1988	4.9	25.5	0.3	3.8	0.4	3.8	5.1	56.0
1987	4.7	25.2	0.3	3.8	0.4	3.6	5.2	56.7
1986	4.5	25.1	0.3	3.7	0.4	3.6	5.2	57.2
1985	4.4	25.5	0.3	3.6	0.4	3.5	5.2	57.2
1984	4.2	26.3	0.3	3.7	0.3	3.4	5.2	56.6
1983	4.1	27.3	0.3	3.9	0.3	3.3	5.1	55.7
1982	4.1	28.6	0.3	4.2	0.4	3.4	4.8	54.2
1981	4.0	29.1	0.3	4.2	0.3	3.6	4.9	53.5
1980	3.6	29.3	0.3	4.1	0.3	3.7	4.9	53.8
1979	2.9	29.3	0.3	5.1	0.2	3.2	4.9	54.0
1978	2.2	27.0	0.3	5.2	0.2	2.9	4.9	57.4
1977	1.7	24.8	0.2	5.2	0.1	2.5	4.7	60.8
1976	1.5	22.8	0.2	5.3	0.1	2.1	4.7	63.3
1975	1.2	21.0	0.2	5.3	0.1	1.8	4.1	66.4
1974	0.8	20.5	0.2	5.3	0.1	1.6	2.9	68.8
1973	0.5	17.9	0.1	4.9	0.0	1.2	1.8	73.6
1972	0.3	16.7	0.1	5.0	0.0	1.1	1.3	75.4
1971	0.2	14.0	0.1	4.9	0.0	1.0	0.9	78.9



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**Table II.5: Active Duty Army Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	728,345	83,152	645,193	211,636	29,508	32,310	454,891
1989	765,287	85,978	679,309	217,070	29,641	32,783	485,793
1988	767,468	83,261	684,207	212,079	28,894	31,387	495,108
1987	776,661	82,700	693,961	211,111	28,617	30,206	506,727
1986	777,596	81,020	696,576	208,651	28,007	29,393	511,545
1985	776,050	78,758	697,292	209,568	27,188	28,601	510,693
1984	775,728	76,896	698,832	213,625	28,035	27,994	506,074
1983	775,260	75,548	699,712	219,271	29,110	30,407	496,472
1982	775,884	73,298	702,586	228,663	31,274	29,648	486,299
1981	776,582	73,266	703,316	231,725	31,273	30,445	483,139
1980	772,376	68,959	703,417	228,476	30,576	31,832	481,492
1979	754,428	61,692	692,736	218,154	37,381	24,190	474,703
1978	766,917	56,570	710,347	201,665	38,334	21,638	505,280
1977	777,744	51,790	725,954	185,686	38,605	19,206	534,247
1976	778,283	49,606	728,677	170,186	39,065	15,945	553,087
1975	781,129	42,333	738,796	155,415	38,901	13,659	573,154
1974	780,344	30,695	749,649	148,209	38,683	11,440	582,012
1973	798,034	20,738	777,296	130,220	35,613	8,655	623,546
1972	807,929	16,770	791,159	121,586	37,188	8,021	641,134
1971	1,120,813	16,874	1,103,939	144,112	50,292	10,335	916,074

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	36,839	174,797	2,427	27,081	3,759	28,551	40,127	414,764
1989	37,186	179,884	2,449	27,192	3,706	29,077	42,637	443,156
1988	34,773	177,306	2,213	26,681	3,392	27,995	42,883	452,225
1987	33,594	177,517	2,104	26,513	3,238	26,968	43,764	462,963
1986	32,208	176,443	1,994	26,013	3,171	26,222	43,647	467,898
1985	30,894	178,674	1,850	25,338	2,963	25,638	43,051	467,642
1984	29,807	183,818	1,908	26,127	2,741	25,253	42,440	463,634
1983	29,157	190,114	2,026	27,084	3,040	27,367	41,325	455,147
1982	28,786	199,877	2,140	29,134	3,045	26,603	39,327	446,972
1981	28,341	203,384	2,155	29,118	2,822	27,623	39,948	443,191
1980	24,871	203,605	1,976	28,600	2,852	28,980	39,260	442,232
1979	19,633	198,521	2,166	35,215	1,777	22,413	38,116	436,587
1978	14,958	186,707	1,913	36,421	1,356	20,282	38,343	466,937
1977	11,758	173,928	1,770	36,835	1,012	18,194	37,250	496,997
1976	10,472	159,714	1,694	37,371	827	15,118	36,613	516,474
1975	8,241	147,174	1,555	37,346	609	13,050	31,928	541,226
1974	5,638	142,571	1,142	37,541	386	11,054	23,529	558,483
1973	3,471	126,749	763	34,850	212	8,443	16,292	607,254
1972	2,562	119,024	664	36,524	163	7,858	13,381	627,753
1971	2,423	141,689	672	49,620	178	10,157	13,601	902,473

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**Table II.6: Active Duty Army Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	728,345	11.4	88.6	29.1	4.1	4.4	62.5
1989	765,287	11.2	88.8	28.4	3.9	4.3	63.5
1988	767,468	10.8	89.2	27.6	3.8	4.1	64.5
1987	776,661	10.6	89.4	27.2	3.7	3.9	65.2
1986	777,596	10.4	89.6	26.8	3.6	3.8	65.8
1985	776,050	10.1	89.9	27.0	3.5	3.7	65.8
1984	775,728	9.9	90.1	27.5	3.6	3.6	65.2
1983	775,260	9.7	90.3	28.3	3.8	3.9	64.0
1982	775,884	9.4	90.6	29.5	4.0	3.8	62.7
1981	776,582	9.4	90.6	29.8	4.0	3.9	62.2
1980	772,376	8.9	91.1	29.6	4.0	4.1	62.3
1979	754,428	8.2	91.8	28.9	5.0	3.2	62.9
1978	766,917	7.4	92.6	26.3	5.0	2.8	65.9
1977	777,744	6.7	93.3	23.9	5.0	2.5	68.7
1976	778,283	6.4	93.6	21.9	5.0	2.0	71.1
1975	781,129	5.4	94.6	19.9	5.0	1.7	73.4
1974	780,344	3.9	96.1	19.0	5.0	1.5	74.6
1973	798,034	2.6	97.4	16.3	4.5	1.1	78.1
1972	807,929	2.1	97.9	15.0	4.6	1.0	79.4
1971	1,120,813	1.5	98.5	12.9	4.5	0.9	81.7

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	5.1	24.0	0.3	3.7	0.5	3.9	5.5	56.9
1989	4.9	23.5	0.3	3.6	0.5	3.8	5.6	57.9
1988	4.5	23.1	0.3	3.5	0.4	3.6	5.6	58.9
1987	4.3	22.9	0.3	3.4	0.4	3.5	5.6	59.6
1986	4.1	22.7	0.3	3.3	0.4	3.4	5.6	60.2
1985	4.0	23.0	0.2	3.3	0.4	3.3	5.5	60.3
1984	3.8	23.7	0.2	3.4	0.4	3.3	5.5	59.8
1983	3.8	24.5	0.3	3.5	0.4	3.5	5.3	58.7
1982	3.7	25.8	0.3	3.8	0.4	3.4	5.1	57.6
1981	3.6	26.2	0.3	3.7	0.4	3.6	5.1	57.1
1980	3.2	26.4	0.3	3.7	0.4	3.8	5.1	57.3
1979	2.6	26.3	0.3	4.7	0.2	3.0	5.1	57.9
1978	2.0	24.3	0.2	4.7	0.2	2.6	5.0	60.9
1977	1.5	22.4	0.2	4.7	0.1	2.3	4.8	63.9
1976	1.3	20.5	0.2	4.8	0.1	1.9	4.7	66.4
1975	1.1	18.8	0.2	4.8	0.1	1.7	4.1	69.3
1974	0.7	18.3	0.1	4.8	0.0	1.4	3.0	71.6
1973	0.4	15.9	0.1	4.4	0.0	1.1	2.0	76.1
1972	0.3	14.7	0.1	4.5	0.0	1.0	1.7	77.7
1971	0.2	12.6	0.1	4.4	0.0	0.9	1.2	80.5

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Appendix III contains data by race or national origin identification and by gender for active duty personnel in the Air Force. Tables III.1, III.3, and III.5 provide endstrength data for officers, for enlisted personnel, and for officers and enlisted personnel combined, respectively. Tables III.2, III.4, and III.6 show proportions based on the endstrength data provided. All proportions are percentages of total endstrength data for the service in any given year.

**Table III.1: Active Duty Air Force Officers (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	100,047	13,331	86,716	5,563	2,034	2,941	89,509
1989	103,699	13,403	90,296	5,676	2,105	2,883	93,035
1988	105,127	12,899	92,228	5,665	2,138	2,711	94,613
1987	107,340	12,642	94,698	5,685	2,165	2,690	96,800
1986	109,051	12,377	96,674	5,762	2,157	2,713	98,419
1985	108,400	11,927	96,473	5,770	2,139	2,688	97,803
1984	106,246	11,235	95,011	5,623	2,007	2,572	96,044
1983	104,879	10,578	94,301	5,476	1,966	2,513	94,924
1982	102,188	9,955	92,233	5,103	1,823	2,445	92,817
1981	99,630	9,117	90,513	4,763	1,692	2,390	90,785
1980	97,901	8,493	89,408	4,524	1,525	2,286	89,566
1979	96,130	7,276	88,854	4,088	1,470	1,530	89,042
1978	95,464	6,010	89,454	3,462	1,359	1,318	89,325
1977	96,252	5,383	90,869	3,114	1,348	1,089	90,701
1976	99,244	5,052	94,192	2,826	1,370	868	94,180
1975	105,173	4,981	100,192	2,615	1,397	707	100,454
1974	110,504	4,769	105,735	2,469	1,334	678	105,973
1973	115,076	4,733	110,343	2,248	1,347	683	110,798
1972	121,674	4,766	116,908	2,118	1,406	672	117,478
1971	125,915	4,718	121,197	2,196	1,444	692	121,583

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	1,542	4,021	300	1,734	571	2,370	10,918	78,591
1989	1,521	4,155	308	1,797	548	2,335	11,026	82,009
1988	1,443	4,222	306	1,832	484	2,227	10,666	83,947
1987	1,383	4,302	302	1,863	464	2,226	10,493	86,307
1986	1,352	4,410	296	1,861	441	2,272	10,288	88,131
1985	1,331	4,439	293	1,846	410	2,278	9,893	87,910
1984	1,272	4,351	266	1,741	386	2,186	9,311	86,733
1983	1,235	4,241	250	1,716	364	2,149	8,729	86,195
1982	1,096	4,007	216	1,607	348	2,097	8,295	84,522
1981	965	3,798	184	1,508	323	2,067	7,645	83,140
1980	910	3,614	156	1,369	298	1,988	7,129	82,437
1979	771	3,317	145	1,325	211	1,319	6,149	82,893
1978	549	2,913	108	1,251	172	1,146	5,181	84,144
1977	419	2,695	97	1,251	127	962	4,740	85,961
1976	337	2,489	97	1,273	70	798	4,548	89,632
1975	293	2,322	85	1,312	43	664	4,560	95,894
1974	232	2,237	80	1,304	34	644	4,423	101,550
1973	200	2,048	79	1,268	33	650	4,421	106,377
1972	194	1,924	85	1,321	31	641	4,456	113,022
1971	188	2,008	83	1,361	35	657	4,412	117,171

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**Table III.2: Active Duty Air Force Officers, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	100,047	13.3	86.7	5.6	2.0	2.9	89.5
1989	103,699	12.9	87.1	5.5	2.0	2.8	89.7
1988	105,127	12.3	87.7	5.4	2.0	2.6	90.0
1987	107,340	11.8	88.2	5.3	2.0	2.5	90.2
1986	109,051	11.3	88.7	5.3	2.0	2.5	90.3
1985	108,400	11.0	89.0	5.3	2.0	2.5	90.2
1984	106,246	10.6	89.4	5.3	1.9	2.4	90.4
1983	104,879	10.1	89.9	5.2	1.9	2.4	90.5
1982	102,188	9.7	90.3	5.0	1.8	2.4	90.8
1981	99,630	9.2	90.8	4.8	1.7	2.4	91.1
1980	97,901	8.7	91.3	4.6	1.6	2.3	91.5
1979	96,130	7.6	92.4	4.3	1.5	1.6	92.6
1978	95,464	6.3	93.7	3.6	1.4	1.4	93.6
1977	96,252	5.6	94.4	3.2	1.4	1.1	94.2
1976	99,244	5.1	94.9	2.8	1.4	0.9	94.9
1975	105,173	4.7	95.3	2.5	1.3	0.7	95.5
1974	110,504	4.3	95.7	2.2	1.3	0.6	95.9
1973	115,076	4.1	95.9	2.0	1.2	0.6	96.3
1972	121,674	3.9	96.1	1.7	1.2	0.6	96.6
1971	125,915	3.7	96.3	1.7	1.1	0.5	96.6

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	1.5	4.0	0.3	1.7	0.6	2.4	10.9	78.6
1989	1.5	4.0	0.3	1.7	0.5	2.3	10.6	79.1
1988	1.4	4.0	0.3	1.7	0.5	2.1	10.1	79.9
1987	1.3	4.0	0.3	1.7	0.4	2.1	9.8	80.4
1986	1.2	4.0	0.3	1.7	0.4	2.1	9.4	80.8
1985	1.2	4.1	0.3	1.7	0.4	2.1	9.1	81.1
1984	1.2	4.1	0.3	1.6	0.4	2.1	8.8	81.6
1983	1.2	4.0	0.2	1.6	0.3	2.0	8.3	82.2
1982	1.1	3.9	0.2	1.6	0.3	2.1	8.1	82.7
1981	1.0	3.8	0.2	1.5	0.3	2.1	7.7	83.4
1980	0.9	3.7	0.2	1.4	0.3	2.0	7.3	84.2
1979	0.8	3.5	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.4	6.4	86.2
1978	0.6	3.1	0.1	1.3	0.2	1.2	5.4	88.1
1977	0.4	2.8	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.0	4.9	89.3
1976	0.3	2.5	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.8	4.6	90.3
1975	0.3	2.2	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.6	4.3	91.2
1974	0.2	2.0	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.6	4.0	91.9
1973	0.2	1.8	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.6	3.8	92.4
1972	0.2	1.6	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.5	3.7	92.9
1971	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.5	3.5	93.1



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Table III.3: Active Duty Air Force Enlisted Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	430,818	60,250	370,568	75,637	16,458	14,353	324,370
1989	462,831	63,175	399,656	80,017	17,352	15,465	349,997
1988	466,856	60,981	405,875	81,560	17,546	15,722	352,038
1987	495,244	62,666	432,578	85,217	18,491	16,810	374,726
1986	494,666	60,694	433,972	84,941	18,435	16,788	374,502
1985	488,604	57,586	431,018	83,080	18,745	16,761	370,018
1984	486,425	55,339	431,086	81,672	18,916	16,938	368,899
1983	483,443	54,864	428,579	81,393	19,070	17,177	365,803
1982	476,850	54,064	422,786	80,465	18,861	17,265	360,259
1981	467,209	53,902	413,307	77,006	18,308	17,268	354,627
1980	456,202	51,397	404,805	73,685	17,512	17,096	347,909
1979	458,953	45,954	412,999	72,659	15,884	12,443	357,967
1978	469,847	40,710	429,137	70,027	16,394	11,335	372,091
1977	469,874	34,609	435,265	68,920	16,714	9,761	374,479
1976	479,624	30,631	448,993	70,543	17,926	7,351	383,804
1975	503,176	25,232	477,944	73,492	19,693	5,487	404,504
1974	529,058	19,463	509,595	75,225	19,996	5,169	428,668
1973	571,750	15,022	556,728	76,614	20,635	4,970	469,531
1972	539,734	11,725	588,009	75,630	20,913	4,785	498,406
1971	624,979	10,132	614,847	76,751	20,769	4,791	522,668

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	14,461	61,176	2,049	14,409	1,993	12,360	41,747	282,623
1989	14,871	65,146	2,060	15,292	2,083	13,362	44,161	305,836
1988	14,444	67,106	1,963	15,580	1,982	13,740	42,592	309,446
1987	14,588	70,629	1,970	16,521	2,065	14,745	44,043	330,683
1986	13,914	71,027	1,891	16,544	1,984	14,804	42,905	331,597
1985	12,816	70,264	1,868	16,877	1,865	14,896	41,037	328,981
1984	11,775	69,897	1,824	17,092	1,851	15,087	39,889	329,010
1983	11,172	70,221	1,826	17,244	1,852	15,325	40,014	325,789
1982	10,496	69,969	1,817	17,044	1,879	15,386	39,872	320,387
1981	9,864	67,142	1,765	16,543	1,872	15,396	40,401	314,226
1980	9,141	64,544	1,639	15,873	1,782	15,314	38,835	309,074
1979	7,990	64,669	1,363	14,521	1,389	11,054	35,212	322,755
1978	6,663	63,364	1,220	15,174	1,102	10,233	31,725	340,366
1977	5,586	63,334	1,018	15,696	851	8,910	27,154	347,325
1976	5,105	65,438	926	17,000	601	6,750	23,999	359,805
1975	4,164	69,328	792	18,901	292	5,195	19,984	384,520
1974	3,236	71,989	593	19,403	195	4,974	15,439	413,229
1973	2,267	74,347	467	20,168	146	4,824	12,142	457,389
1972	1,677	73,953	486	20,427	104	4,681	9,458	488,948
1971	1,330	75,421	345	20,424	68	4,723	8,389	514,279

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**Table III.4: Active Duty Air Force Enlisted Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	430,818	14.0	86.0	17.6	3.8	3.3	75.3
1989	462,831	13.6	86.4	17.3	3.7	3.3	75.6
1988	466,856	13.1	86.9	17.5	3.8	3.4	75.4
1987	495,244	12.7	87.3	17.2	3.7	3.4	75.7
1986	494,666	12.3	87.7	17.2	3.7	3.4	75.7
1985	488,604	11.8	88.2	17.0	3.8	3.4	75.7
1984	486,425	11.4	88.6	16.8	3.9	3.5	75.8
1983	483,443	11.3	88.7	16.8	3.9	3.6	75.7
1982	476,850	11.3	88.7	16.9	4.0	3.6	75.5
1981	467,209	11.5	88.5	16.5	3.9	3.7	75.9
1980	456,202	11.3	88.7	16.2	3.8	3.7	76.3
1979	458,953	10.0	90.0	15.8	3.5	2.7	78.0
1978	469,847	8.7	91.3	14.9	3.5	2.4	79.2
1977	469,874	7.4	92.6	14.7	3.6	2.1	79.7
1976	479,624	6.4	93.6	14.7	3.7	1.5	80.0
1975	503,176	5.0	95.0	14.6	3.9	1.1	80.4
1974	529,058	3.7	96.3	14.2	3.8	1.0	81.0
1973	571,750	2.6	97.4	13.4	3.6	0.9	82.1
1972	599,734	2.0	98.0	12.6	3.5	0.8	83.1
1971	624,979	1.6	98.4	12.3	3.3	0.8	83.6

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	3.4	14.2	0.5	3.3	0.5	2.9	9.7	65.6
1989	3.2	14.1	0.4	3.3	0.5	2.9	9.5	66.1
1988	3.1	14.4	0.4	3.3	0.4	2.9	9.1	66.3
1987	2.9	14.3	0.4	3.3	0.4	3.0	8.9	66.8
1986	2.8	14.4	0.4	3.3	0.4	3.0	8.7	67.0
1985	2.6	14.4	0.4	3.5	0.4	3.0	8.4	67.3
1984	2.4	14.4	0.4	3.5	0.4	3.1	8.2	67.6
1983	2.3	14.5	0.4	3.6	0.4	3.2	8.3	67.4
1982	2.2	14.7	0.4	3.6	0.4	3.2	8.4	67.2
1981	2.1	14.4	0.4	3.5	0.4	3.3	8.6	67.3
1980	2.0	14.1	0.4	3.5	0.4	3.4	8.5	67.7
1979	1.7	14.1	0.3	3.2	0.3	2.4	7.7	70.3
1978	1.4	13.5	0.2	3.2	0.2	2.2	6.8	72.4
1977	1.2	13.5	0.2	3.3	0.2	1.9	5.8	73.9
1976	1.1	13.6	0.2	3.5	0.1	1.4	5.0	75.0
1975	0.8	13.8	0.2	3.8	0.1	1.0	4.0	76.4
1974	0.6	13.6	0.1	3.7	0.0	0.9	2.9	78.1
1973	0.4	13.0	0.1	3.5	0.0	0.8	2.1	80.0
1972	0.3	12.3	0.1	3.4	0.0	0.8	1.6	81.5
1971	0.2	12.1	0.1	3.3	0.0	0.8	1.3	82.3

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**Table III.5: Active Duty Air Force Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	530,865	73,581	457,284	81,200	18,492	17,294	413,879
1989	566,530	76,578	489,952	85,693	19,457	18,348	443,032
1988	571,983	73,880	498,103	87,215	19,684	18,433	446,651
1987	602,584	75,308	527,276	90,902	20,655	19,500	471,527
1986	603,717	73,071	530,646	90,703	20,592	19,501	472,921
1985	597,000	69,513	527,487	88,850	20,884	19,434	467,832
1984	592,671	66,574	526,097	87,295	20,923	19,510	464,943
1983	588,322	65,442	522,880	86,869	21,036	19,690	460,727
1982	579,038	64,019	515,019	85,568	20,684	19,710	453,076
1981	566,839	63,019	503,820	81,769	20,000	19,658	445,412
1980	554,103	59,890	494,213	78,209	19,037	19,382	437,475
1979	555,083	53,230	501,853	76,747	17,354	13,973	447,009
1978	565,311	46,720	518,591	73,489	17,753	12,653	461,416
1977	566,126	39,992	526,134	72,034	18,062	10,850	465,180
1976	578,868	35,683	543,185	73,369	19,296	8,219	477,984
1975	603,349	30,213	573,136	76,107	21,090	6,194	499,958
1974	639,562	24,232	615,330	77,694	21,380	5,847	534,641
1973	686,826	19,755	667,071	78,862	21,984	5,653	580,327
1972	721,408	16,491	704,917	77,748	22,319	5,457	615,884
1971	750,894	14,850	736,044	78,947	22,213	5,483	644,251

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	16,003	65,197	2,349	16,143	2,564	14,730	52,665	361,214
1989	16,392	69,301	2,368	17,089	2,631	15,717	55,187	387,845
1988	15,887	71,328	2,269	17,415	2,466	15,967	53,258	393,393
1987	16,971	73,931	2,272	18,383	2,529	16,971	53,536	417,991
1986	15,266	75,437	2,187	18,405	2,425	17,076	53,193	419,728
1985	14,147	74,703	2,161	18,723	2,275	17,159	50,930	416,902
1984	13,047	74,248	2,090	18,833	2,237	17,273	49,200	415,743
1983	12,407	74,462	2,076	18,960	2,216	17,474	48,743	411,984
1982	11,582	73,976	2,033	18,651	2,227	17,483	48,167	404,909
1981	10,829	70,940	1,949	18,051	2,195	17,463	48,046	397,366
1980	10,051	68,158	1,795	17,242	2,080	17,302	45,964	391,511
1979	8,761	67,986	1,508	15,846	1,600	12,373	41,361	405,648
1978	7,212	66,277	1,328	16,425	1,274	11,379	36,906	424,510
1977	6,005	66,029	1,115	16,947	978	9,872	31,894	433,286
1976	5,442	67,927	1,023	18,273	671	7,548	28,547	449,437
1975	4,457	71,650	877	20,213	335	5,859	24,544	475,414
1974	3,468	74,226	673	20,707	229	5,618	19,862	514,779
1973	2,467	76,395	546	21,438	179	5,474	16,563	563,764
1972	1,871	75,877	571	21,748	135	5,322	13,914	601,970
1971	1,518	77,429	428	21,785	103	5,380	12,801	631,450

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**Table III.6: Active Duty Air Force Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	530,865	13.9	86.1	15.3	3.5	3.3	78.0
1989	566,530	13.5	86.5	15.1	3.4	3.2	78.2
1988	571,983	12.9	87.1	15.2	3.4	3.2	78.1
1987	602,584	12.5	87.5	15.1	3.4	3.2	78.3
1986	603,717	12.1	87.9	15.0	3.4	3.2	78.3
1985	597,000	11.6	88.4	14.9	3.5	3.3	78.4
1984	592,671	11.2	88.8	14.7	3.5	3.3	78.4
1983	588,322	11.1	88.9	14.8	3.6	3.3	78.3
1982	579,038	11.1	88.9	14.8	3.6	3.4	78.2
1981	566,839	11.1	88.9	14.4	3.5	3.5	78.6
1980	554,103	10.8	89.2	14.1	3.4	3.5	79.0
1979	555,083	9.6	90.4	13.8	3.1	2.5	80.5
1978	565,311	8.3	91.7	13.0	3.1	2.2	81.6
1977	566,126	7.1	92.9	12.7	3.2	1.9	82.2
1976	578,868	6.2	93.8	12.7	3.3	1.4	82.6
1975	603,349	5.0	95.0	12.6	3.5	1.0	82.9
1974	639,562	3.8	96.2	12.1	3.3	0.9	83.6
1973	686,826	2.9	97.1	11.5	3.2	0.8	84.5
1972	721,408	2.3	97.7	10.8	3.1	0.8	85.4
1971	750,894	2.0	98.0	10.5	3.0	0.7	85.8

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	3.0	12.3	0.4	3.0	0.5	2.8	9.9	68.0
1989	2.9	12.2	0.4	3.0	0.5	2.8	9.7	68.5
1988	2.8	12.5	0.4	3.0	0.4	2.8	9.3	68.8
1987	2.8	12.3	0.4	3.1	0.4	2.8	8.9	69.4
1986	2.5	12.5	0.4	3.0	0.4	2.8	8.8	69.5
1985	2.4	12.5	0.4	3.1	0.4	2.9	8.5	69.8
1984	2.2	12.5	0.4	3.2	0.4	2.9	8.3	70.1
1983	2.1	12.7	0.4	3.2	0.4	3.0	8.3	70.0
1982	2.0	12.8	0.4	3.2	0.4	3.0	8.3	69.9
1981	1.9	12.5	0.3	3.2	0.4	3.1	8.5	70.1
1980	1.8	12.3	0.3	3.1	0.4	3.1	8.3	70.7
1979	1.6	12.2	0.3	2.9	0.3	2.2	7.5	73.1
1978	1.3	11.7	0.2	2.9	0.2	2.0	6.5	75.1
1977	1.1	11.7	0.2	3.0	0.2	1.7	5.6	76.5
1976	0.9	11.7	0.2	3.2	0.1	1.3	4.9	77.6
1975	0.7	11.9	0.1	3.4	0.1	1.0	4.1	78.8
1974	0.5	11.6	0.1	3.2	0.0	0.9	3.1	80.5
1973	0.4	11.1	0.1	3.1	0.0	0.8	2.4	82.1
1972	0.3	10.5	0.1	3.0	0.0	0.7	1.9	83.4
1971	0.2	10.3	0.1	2.9	0.0	0.7	1.7	84.1



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Appendix IV contains data by race or national origin identification and by gender for active duty personnel in the Navy. Tables IV.1, IV.3, and IV.5 provide endstrength data for officers, for enlisted personnel, and for officers and enlisted personnel combined, respectively. Tables IV.2, IV.4, and IV.6 show proportions based on the endstrength data provided. All proportions are percentages of total endstrength data for the service in any given year.

**Table IV.1: Active Duty Navy Officers (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	72,195	7,827	64,368	2,907	1,700	2,115	65,473
1989	72,255	7,487	64,768	2,702	1,581	1,964	66,008
1988	72,532	7,357	65,175	2,606	1,417	1,951	66,558
1987	72,037	7,223	64,814	2,471	1,294	3,204	65,068
1986	72,051	7,242	64,809	2,422	1,236	3,190	65,203
1985	70,682	6,913	63,769	2,305	947	2,671	64,756
1984	68,878	6,553	62,325	2,126	839	2,570	63,343
1983	69,913	6,322	63,591	2,081	697	2,657	64,478
1982	67,777	5,770	62,007	1,951	585	2,220	63,021
1981	65,684	5,345	60,339	1,795	509	2,173	61,207
1980	63,257	4,877	58,380	1,590	438	1,996	59,233
1979	62,127	4,306	57,821	1,437	716	756	59,218
1978	62,639	3,980	58,659	1,371	669	667	59,932
1977	63,312	3,791	59,521	1,203	667	573	60,869
1976	63,046	3,579	59,467	1,026	623	511	60,886
1975	65,173	3,660	61,513	905	604	346	63,318
1974	67,227	3,649	63,578	868	584	322	65,453
1973	70,566	3,454	67,112	805	567	319	68,875
1972	73,155	3,185	69,970	660	569	289	71,637
1971	75,076	2,871	72,205	547	555	260	73,714

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	594	2,313	102	1,508	259	1,856	6,782	58,691
1989	535	2,167	160	1,413	236	1,728	6,548	59,460
1988	509	2,097	148	1,269	248	1,703	6,452	60,106
1987	479	1,992	133	1,161	381	2,823	6,230	58,838
1986	479	1,943	130	1,106	388	2,802	6,245	58,958
1985	438	1,867	91	856	296	2,375	6,088	58,671
1984	383	1,743	86	753	312	2,258	5,772	57,571
1983	351	1,730	77	620	314	2,343	5,580	58,898
1982	296	1,655	65	520	232	1,988	5,177	57,844
1981	255	1,540	54	455	221	1,952	4,815	56,392
1980	208	1,382	49	389	225	1,771	4,395	54,838
1979	173	1,264	69	647	108	648	3,956	55,262
1978	160	1,211	59	610	106	561	3,655	56,277
1977	143	1,060	50	617	91	482	3,507	57,362
1976	125	901	42	581	67	444	3,345	57,541
1975	107	798	47	557	28	318	3,478	59,840
1974	103	765	43	541	22	300	3,481	61,972
1973	73	732	40	527	14	305	3,327	65,548
1972	53	607	28	541	9	280	3,095	68,542
1971	46	501	29	526	5	255	2,791	70,923

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Table IV.2: Active Duty Navy Officers, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	72,195	10.8	89.2	4.0	2.4	2.9	90.7
1989	72,255	10.4	89.6	3.7	2.2	2.7	91.4
1988	72,532	10.1	89.9	3.6	2.0	2.7	91.8
1987	72,037	10.0	90.0	3.4	1.8	4.4	90.3
1986	72,051	10.1	89.9	3.4	1.7	4.4	90.5
1985	70,682	9.8	90.2	3.3	1.3	3.8	91.6
1984	68,878	9.5	90.5	3.1	1.2	3.7	92.0
1983	69,913	9.0	91.0	3.0	1.0	3.8	92.2
1982	67,777	8.5	91.5	2.9	0.9	3.3	93.0
1981	65,684	8.1	91.9	2.7	0.8	3.3	93.2
1980	63,257	7.7	92.3	2.5	0.7	3.2	93.6
1979	62,127	6.9	93.1	2.3	1.2	1.2	95.3
1978	62,639	6.4	93.6	2.2	1.1	1.1	95.7
1977	63,312	6.0	94.0	1.9	1.1	0.9	96.1
1976	63,046	5.7	94.3	1.6 <sup>1</sup>	1.0	0.8	96.6
1975	65,173	5.6	94.4	1.4	0.9	0.5	97.2
1974	67,227	5.4	94.6	1.3	0.9	0.5	97.4
1973	70,566	4.9	95.1	1.1	0.8	0.5	97.6
1972	73,155	4.4	95.6	0.9	0.8	0.4	97.9
1971	75,076	3.8	96.2	0.7	0.7	0.3	98.2

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	0.8	3.2	0.3	2.1	0.4	2.6	9.4	81.3
1989	0.7	3.0	0.2	2.0	0.3	2.4	9.1	82.3
1988	0.7	2.9	0.2	1.7	0.3	2.3	8.9	82.9
1987	0.7	2.8	0.2	1.6	0.5	3.9	8.6	81.7
1986	0.7	2.7	0.2	1.5	0.5	3.9	8.7	81.8
1985	0.6	2.6	0.1	1.2	0.4	3.4	8.6	83.0
1984	0.6	2.5	0.1	1.1	0.5	3.3	8.4	83.6
1983	0.5	2.5	0.1	0.9	0.4	3.4	8.0	84.2
1982	0.4	2.4	0.1	0.8	0.3	2.9	7.6	85.3
1981	0.4	2.3	0.1	0.7	0.3	3.0	7.3	85.9
1980	0.3	2.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	2.8	6.9	86.7
1979	0.3	2.0	0.1	1.0	0.2	1.0	6.4	89.0
1978	0.3	1.9	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.9	5.8	89.8
1977	0.2	1.7	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.8	5.5	90.6
1976	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.7	5.3	91.3
1975	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.5	5.3	91.8
1974	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.4	5.2	92.2
1973	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.4	4.7	92.9
1972	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	4.2	93.7
1971	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	3.7	94.5

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**Table IV.3: Active Duty Navy Enlisted Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	501,542	49,275	452,267	88,591	30,326	28,133	354,492
1989	514,345	49,602	464,743	86,982	28,578	28,656	370,129
1988	514,298	47,539	466,759	81,524	25,795	28,851	378,128
1987	512,588	45,938	466,650	77,118	23,616	29,082	362,772
1986	504,367	45,602	458,767	71,490	20,700	28,861	383,318
1985	495,601	44,492	451,109	66,808	18,666	28,819	381,308
1984	489,887	41,579	448,288	64,107	17,641	28,747	379,372
1983	483,525	39,873	443,652	61,857	16,577	28,675	376,416
1982	479,679	37,024	442,655	59,612	15,132	28,863	376,072
1981	469,089	34,348	434,741	56,088	14,497	28,949	369,555
1980	458,453	29,806	428,647	52,599	13,263	28,371	364,220
1979	456,500	24,751	431,749	48,620	14,184	26,089	365,607
1978	462,276	20,937	441,339	43,437	14,100	28,652	376,087
1977	461,571	19,210	442,331	40,120	13,714	28,177	379,560
1976	459,707	19,284	440,423	37,346	13,428	26,533	382,400
1975	465,522	17,357	448,165	37,246	13,876	25,877	388,523
1974	474,736	13,143	461,593	39,905	13,599	24,685	396,547
1973	490,008	8,835	481,173	37,569	12,703	24,692	415,044
1972	510,669	5,723	504,946	32,485	12,239	23,604	442,341
1971	542,241	5,475	536,766	29,389	3	23,603	489,246

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	13,224	75,367	3,500	26,826	1,620	26,513	30,931	323,561
1989	12,843	74,139	3,251	25,327	1,599	27,057	31,909	338,220
1988	11,663	69,861	2,830	22,965	1,452	27,399	31,594	346,534
1987	10,658	66,460	2,486	21,130	1,350	27,732	31,444	351,328
1986	9,948	61,542	2,125	18,575	1,319	27,542	32,210	351,108
1985	8,982	57,826	1,803	16,863	1,217	27,602	32,490	348,818
1984	7,862	56,245	1,469	16,172	1,078	27,669	31,170	348,202
1983	7,077	54,780	1,229	15,348	1,030	27,645	30,537	345,879
1982	6,142	53,470	1,018	14,114	959	27,904	28,905	347,167
1981	5,284	50,804	908	13,589	842	28,107	27,314	342,241
1980	4,205	48,304	660	12,603	649	27,722	24,202	340,018
1979	3,190	45,430	652	13,532	484	27,605	20,425	345,182
1978	2,353	41,084	537	13,563	410	28,242	17,637	358,450
1977	1,991	38,129	518	13,196	324	27,853	16,377	363,183
1976	1,945	35,401	531	12,897	260	26,273	16,548	365,852
1975	1,728	35,518	503	13,373	178	25,699	14,948	373,575
1974	1,261	38,644	364	13,235	129	24,556	11,389	385,158
1973	722	36,847	215	12,488	88	24,604	7,810	407,234
1972	377	32,108	155	12,084	65	23,539	5,126	437,215
1971	346	29,043	0	3	59	23,544	5,070	484,176

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**Table IV.4: Active Duty Navy Enlisted Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	501,542	9.8	90.2	17.7	6.0	5.6	70.7
1989	514,345	9.6	90.4	16.9	5.6	5.6	72.0
1988	514,298	9.2	90.8	15.9	5.0	5.6	73.5
1987	512,588	9.0	91.0	15.0	4.6	5.7	74.7
1986	504,369	9.0	91.0	14.2	4.1	5.7	76.0
1985	495,601	9.0	91.0	13.5	3.8	5.8	76.9
1984	489,867	8.5	91.5	13.1	3.6	5.9	77.4
1983	483,525	8.2	91.8	12.8	3.4	5.9	77.8
1982	479,679	7.7	92.3	12.4	3.2	6.0	78.4
1981	469,089	7.3	92.7	12.0	3.1	6.2	78.8
1980	458,453	6.5	93.5	11.5	2.9	6.2	79.4
1979	456,500	5.4	94.6	10.7	3.1	6.2	80.1
1978	462,276	4.5	95.5	9.4	3.1	6.2	81.4
1977	461,571	4.2	95.8	8.7	3.0	6.1	82.2
1976	459,707	4.2	95.8	8.1	2.9	5.8	83.2
1975	465,522	3.7	96.3	8.0	3.0	5.6	83.5
1974	474,736	2.8	97.2	8.4	2.9	5.2	83.5
1973	490,008	1.8	98.2	7.7	2.6	5.0	84.7
1972	510,669	1.1	98.9	6.4	2.4	4.6	86.6
1971	542,241	1.0	99.0	5.4	0.0	4.4	90.2

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2.6	15.0	0.7	5.3	0.3	5.3	6.2	64.5
1989	2.5	14.4	0.6	4.9	0.3	5.3	6.2	65.8
1988	2.3	13.6	0.6	4.5	0.3	5.3	6.1	67.4
1987	2.1	13.0	0.5	4.1	0.3	5.4	6.1	68.5
1986	2.0	12.2	0.4	3.7	0.3	5.5	6.4	69.6
1985	1.8	11.7	0.4	3.4	0.2	5.6	6.6	70.4
1984	1.6	11.5	0.3	3.3	0.2	5.6	6.4	71.1
1983	1.5	11.3	0.3	3.2	0.2	5.7	6.3	71.5
1982	1.3	11.1	0.2	2.9	0.2	5.8	6.0	72.4
1981	1.1	10.8	0.2	2.9	0.2	6.0	5.8	73.0
1980	0.9	10.5	0.1	2.7	0.1	6.0	5.3	74.2
1979	0.7	10.0	0.1	3.0	0.1	6.0	4.5	75.6
1978	0.5	8.9	0.1	2.9	0.1	6.1	3.8	77.5
1977	0.4	8.3	0.1	2.9	0.1	6.0	3.5	78.7
1976	0.4	7.7	0.1	2.8	0.1	5.7	3.6	79.6
1975	0.4	7.6	0.1	2.9	0.0	5.5	3.2	80.2
1974	0.3	8.1	0.1	2.8	0.0	5.2	2.4	81.1
1973	0.1	7.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	5.0	1.6	83.1
1972	0.1	6.3	0.0	2.4	0.0	4.6	1.0	85.6
1971	0.1	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.9	89.3



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**Table IV.5: Active Duty Navy Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	573,737	57,102	516,635	91,498	32,026	30,248	419,965
1989	586,600	57,089	529,511	89,684	30,159	30,620	436,137
1988	586,830	54,896	531,934	84,130	27,212	30,802	444,686
1987	584,625	53,161	531,464	79,589	24,910	32,286	447,840
1986	576,420	52,844	523,576	73,912	21,936	32,051	448,521
1985	566,283	51,405	514,878	69,113	19,613	31,490	446,067
1984	558,745	48,132	510,613	66,233	18,480	31,317	442,715
1983	553,438	46,195	507,243	63,938	17,274	31,332	440,894
1982	547,456	42,794	504,662	61,563	15,717	31,083	439,093
1981	534,773	39,693	495,080	57,883	15,006	31,122	430,762
1980	521,710	34,683	487,027	54,189	13,701	30,367	423,453
1979	518,627	29,057	489,570	50,057	14,900	28,845	424,825
1978	524,915	24,917	499,998	44,808	14,769	29,319	436,019
1977	524,883	23,001	501,882	41,323	14,381	28,750	440,429
1976	522,753	22,863	499,890	38,372	14,051	27,044	443,286
1975	530,695	21,017	509,678	38,151	14,480	26,223	451,841
1974	541,963	16,792	525,171	40,773	14,183	25,007	462,000
1973	560,574	12,289	548,285	38,374	13,270	25,011	483,919
1972	583,824	8,908	574,916	33,145	12,808	23,893	513,978
1971	617,317	8,346	608,971	29,936	558	23,863	562,960

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	13,818	77,680	3,692	28,334	1,879	28,369	37,713	382,252
1989	13,378	76,306	3,419	26,740	1,635	28,785	38,457	397,680
1988	12,172	71,958	2,978	24,234	1,700	29,102	38,046	406,640
1987	11,137	68,452	2,619	22,291	1,731	30,555	37,674	410,166
1986	10,427	63,485	2,255	19,681	1,707	30,344	38,455	410,066
1985	9,420	59,693	1,894	17,719	1,513	29,977	38,578	407,489
1984	8,245	57,988	1,555	16,925	1,390	29,927	36,942	405,773
1983	7,428	56,510	1,306	15,968	1,344	29,988	36,117	404,777
1982	6,438	55,125	1,083	14,634	1,191	29,892	34,082	405,011
1981	5,539	52,344	962	14,044	1,063	30,059	32,129	398,633
1980	4,503	49,686	709	12,992	874	29,493	28,597	394,856
1979	3,363	46,694	721	14,179	592	28,253	24,381	400,444
1978	2,513	42,295	596	14,173	516	28,803	21,292	414,727
1977	2,134	39,189	568	13,813	415	28,335	19,884	420,546
1976	2,070	36,302	573	13,478	327	26,717	19,893	423,393
1975	1,835	36,316	550	13,930	206	26,017	18,426	433,415
1974	1,364	39,409	407	13,776	151	24,856	14,870	447,130
1973	795	37,579	255	13,015	102	24,909	11,137	472,782
1972	430	32,715	183	12,625	74	23,819	8,221	505,757
1971	392	29,544	29	529	64	23,799	7,861	555,099

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**Table IV.6: Active Duty Navy Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

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Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	573,737	10.0	90.0	15.9	5.6	5.3	73.2
1989	586,600	9.7	90.3	15.3	5.1	5.2	74.3
1988	586,830	9.4	90.6	14.3	4.6	5.2	75.8
1987	584,625	9.1	90.9	13.6	4.3	5.5	76.6
1986	576,420	9.2	90.8	12.8	3.8	5.6	77.8
1985	566,283	9.1	90.9	12.2	3.5	5.6	78.8
1984	558,745	8.6	91.4	11.9	3.3	5.6	79.2
1983	553,438	8.3	91.7	11.6	3.1	5.7	79.7
1982	547,456	7.8	92.2	11.2	2.9	5.7	80.2
1981	534,773	7.4	92.6	10.8	2.8	5.8	80.6
1980	521,710	6.6	93.4	10.4	2.6	5.8	81.2
1979	518,627	5.6	94.4	9.7	2.9	5.6	81.9
1978	524,915	4.7	95.3	8.5	2.8	5.6	83.1
1977	524,883	4.4	95.6	7.9	2.7	5.5	83.9
1976	522,753	4.4	95.6	7.3	2.7	5.2	84.8
1975	530,695	4.0	96.0	7.2	2.7	4.9	85.1
1974	541,963	3.1	96.9	7.5	2.6	4.6	85.2
1973	560,574	2.2	97.8	6.8	2.4	4.5	86.3
1972	583,824	1.5	98.5	5.7	2.2	4.1	88.0
1971	617,317	1.4	98.6	4.8	0.1	3.9	91.2

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2.4	13.5	0.6	4.9	0.3	4.9	6.6	66.6
1989	2.3	13.0	0.6	4.6	0.3	4.9	6.6	67.8
1988	2.1	12.3	0.5	4.1	0.3	5.0	6.5	69.3
1987	1.9	11.7	0.4	3.8	0.3	5.2	6.4	70.2
1986	1.8	11.0	0.4	3.4	0.3	5.3	6.7	71.1
1985	1.7	10.5	0.3	3.1	0.3	5.3	6.8	72.0
1984	1.5	10.4	0.3	3.0	0.2	5.4	6.6	72.6
1983	1.3	10.2	0.2	2.9	0.2	5.4	6.5	73.1
1982	1.2	10.1	0.2	2.7	0.2	5.5	6.2	74.0
1981	1.0	9.8	0.2	2.6	0.2	5.6	6.0	74.5
1980	0.9	9.5	0.1	2.5	0.2	5.7	5.5	75.7
1979	0.6	9.0	0.1	2.7	0.1	5.4	4.7	77.2
1978	0.5	8.1	0.1	2.7	0.1	5.5	4.1	79.0
1977	0.4	7.5	0.1	2.6	0.1	5.4	3.8	80.1
1976	0.4	6.9	0.1	2.6	0.1	5.1	3.8	81.0
1975	0.3	6.8	0.1	2.6	0.0	4.9	3.5	81.7
1974	0.3	7.3	0.1	2.5	0.0	4.6	2.7	82.5
1973	0.1	6.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	4.4	2.0	84.3
1972	0.1	5.6	0.0	2.2	0.0	4.1	1.4	86.6
1971	0.1	4.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	3.9	1.3	89.9

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Appendix V contains data by race or national origin identification and by gender for active duty personnel in the Marine Corps. Tables V.1, V.3, and V.5 provide endstrength data for officers, for enlisted personnel, and for officers and enlisted personnel combined, respectively. Tables V.2, V.4, and V.6 show proportions for each group based on the endstrength data provided. All proportions are percentages of total endstrength data for the service in any given year.

**Table V.1: Active Duty Marine Corps Officers (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	19,808	672	19,136	1,002	484	408	17,914
1989	20,047	691	19,356	1,033	449	388	18,177
1988	20,072	653	19,419	974	403	342	18,353
1987	20,163	648	19,515	960	364	307	18,532
1986	20,187	642	19,545	949	350	280	18,608
1985	20,154	653	19,501	930	317	253	18,654
1984	20,357	648	19,709	899	307	226	18,925
1983	19,983	623	19,360	852	269	202	18,660
1982	19,032	560	18,472	769	194	181	17,888
1981	18,356	526	17,830	730	185	164	17,277
1980	18,196	487	17,709	710	190	160	17,136
1979	18,124	457	17,667	705	363	114	16,942
1978	18,326	433	17,893	679	353	108	17,186
1977	18,666	426	18,240	672	338	109	17,547
1976	18,667	403	18,264	654	313	96	17,604
1975	18,741	346	18,395	570	295	88	17,788
1974	18,679	336	18,343	457	274	76	17,872
1973	19,261	315	18,946	372	256	56	18,577
1972	19,542	263	19,279	285	241	50	18,966
1971	21,580	272	21,308	273	263	55	20,989

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	55	947	15	469	13	395	589	17,325
1989	58	975	14	435	15	373	604	17,573
1988	50	924	11	392	14	328	578	17,775
1987	44	916	9	355	10	297	585	17,947
1986	42	907	9	341	7	273	584	18,024
1985	44	886	11	306	9	244	589	18,065
1984	38	861	11	296	10	216	589	18,336
1983	29	823	11	258	10	192	573	18,087
1982	26	743	6	188	9	172	519	17,369
1981	24	706	4	181	6	158	492	16,785
1980	19	691	5	185	5	155	458	16,678
1979	15	690	9	354	5	109	428	16,514
1978	15	664	6	347	5	103	407	16,779
1977	15	657	7	331	4	105	400	17,147
1976	18	636	7	306	3	93	375	17,229
1975	16	554	8	287	2	86	320	17,468
1974	14	443	11	263	2	74	309	17,563
1973	11	361	9	247	1	55	294	18,283
1972	6	279	5	236	1	49	251	18,715
1971	5	268	6	257	1	54	260	20,729

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**Table V.2: Active Duty Marine Corps Officers, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	19,808	3.4	96.6	5.1	2.4	2.1	90.4
1989	20,047	3.4	96.6	5.2	2.2	1.9	90.7
1988	20,072	3.3	96.7	4.9	2.0	1.7	91.4
1987	20,163	3.2	96.8	4.8	1.8	1.5	91.9
1986	20,187	3.2	96.8	4.7	1.7	1.4	92.2
1985	20,154	3.2	96.8	4.6	1.6	1.3	92.6
1984	20,357	3.2	96.8	4.4	1.5	1.1	93.0
1983	19,983	3.1	96.9	4.3	1.3	1.0	93.4
1982	19,032	2.9	97.1	4.0	1.0	1.0	94.0
1981	18,356	2.9	97.1	4.0	1.0	0.9	94.1
1980	18,196	2.7	97.3	3.9	1.0	0.9	94.2
1979	18,124	2.5	97.5	3.9	2.0	0.6	93.5
1978	18,326	2.4	97.6	3.7	1.9	0.6	93.8
1977	18,666	2.3	97.7	3.6	1.8	0.6	94.0
1976	18,667	2.2	97.8	3.5	1.7	0.5	94.3
1975	18,741	1.8	98.2	3.0	1.6	0.5	94.9
1974	18,679	1.8	98.2	2.4	1.5	0.4	95.7
1973	19,261	1.6	98.4	1.9	1.3	0.3	96.4
1972	19,542	1.3	98.7	1.5	1.2	0.3	97.1
1971	21,580	1.3	98.7	1.3	1.2	0.3	97.3

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	0.3	4.8	0.1	2.4	0.1	2.0	3.0	87.5
1989	0.3	4.9	0.1	2.2	0.1	1.9	3.0	87.7
1988	0.2	4.6	0.1	2.0	0.1	1.6	2.9	88.6
1987	0.2	4.5	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.5	2.9	89.0
1986	0.2	4.5	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.4	2.9	89.3
1985	0.2	4.4	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.2	2.9	89.6
1984	0.2	4.2	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.1	2.9	90.1
1983	0.1	4.1	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.0	2.9	90.5
1982	0.1	3.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.9	2.7	91.3
1981	0.1	3.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.9	2.7	91.4
1980	0.1	3.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.9	2.5	91.7
1979	0.1	3.8	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.6	2.4	91.1
1978	0.1	3.6	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.6	2.2	91.6
1977	0.1	3.5	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.6	2.1	91.9
1976	0.1	3.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.5	2.0	92.3
1975	0.1	3.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	1.7	93.2
1974	0.1	2.4	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.4	1.7	94.0
1973	0.1	1.9	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.3	1.5	94.9
1972	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	1.3	95.8
1971	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	1.2	96.1



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**Table V.3: Active Duty Marine Corps Enlisted Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	176,545	8,647	167,898	36,460	12,890	5,527	121,668
1989	176,770	8,975	167,795	36,678	12,100	5,455	122,537
1988	177,316	8,959	168,357	36,998	10,717	5,845	123,756
1987	179,545	9,140	170,405	37,193	9,953	5,760	126,639
1986	178,673	9,246	169,427	36,686	9,228	5,268	127,491
1985	177,928	9,041	168,887	36,084	8,786	4,613	128,445
1984	175,927	8,577	167,350	35,027	8,616	3,919	128,365
1983	175,064	8,286	166,778	35,816	8,642	3,903	126,703
1982	175,234	7,874	167,360	37,485	8,837	4,389	124,523
1981	172,335	7,090	165,245	37,903	9,453	4,242	120,737
1980	170,287	6,219	164,068	38,145	10,178	4,158	117,806
1979	166,971	5,501	161,470	35,935	9,956	7,098	113,982
1978	172,411	4,652	167,759	32,842	10,687	6,508	122,374
1977	173,179	3,509	169,670	30,450	11,717	4,786	126,226
1976	171,216	3,051	168,165	29,043	12,020	3,336	126,317
1975	177,367	2,841	174,526	32,128	12,714	2,430	130,095
1974	170,070	2,402	167,668	30,757	11,251	2,479	125,583
1973	176,535	1,973	174,562	29,862	11,024	2,498	133,151
1972	178,597	2,066	176,531	24,483	10,352	2,407	141,355
1971	190,604	1,981	188,623	21,698	9,806	1,490	157,610

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2,564	33,896	634	12,256	324	5,203	5,125	116,543
1989	2,552	34,126	610	11,490	334	5,121	5,479	117,058
1988	2,438	34,560	487	10,230	363	5,482	5,671	118,085
1987	2,426	34,767	430	9,523	352	5,408	5,932	120,707
1986	2,439	34,247	388	8,840	338	4,930	6,081	121,410
1985	2,282	33,802	349	8,437	290	4,323	6,120	122,325
1984	2,108	32,919	317	8,299	212	3,707	5,940	122,425
1983	1,966	33,850	341	8,301	204	3,699	5,775	120,928
1982	1,850	35,635	331	8,506	209	4,180	5,484	119,039
1981	1,640	36,263	327	9,126	194	4,048	4,929	115,808
1980	1,420	36,725	292	9,886	148	4,010	4,359	113,447
1979	1,171	34,764	308	9,648	184	6,914	3,838	110,144
1978	819	32,023	238	10,449	133	6,375	3,462	118,912
1977	552	29,898	178	11,539	71	4,715	2,708	123,518
1976	535	28,503	150	11,870	30	3,306	2,336	124,481
1975	520	31,608	126	12,588	19	2,400	2,176	127,919
1974	411	30,346	87	11,164	19	2,460	1,885	123,698
1973	331	29,531	73	10,951	21	2,477	1,548	131,603
1972	350	24,133	80	10,272	25	2,382	1,611	139,744
1971	329	21,369	61	9,745	18	1,472	1,573	156,037

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**Table V.4: Active Duty Marine Corps Enlisted Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	176,545	4.9	95.1	20.7	7.3	3.1	68.9
1989	176,770	5.1	94.9	20.7	6.8	3.1	69.3
1988	177,316	5.1	94.9	20.9	6.0	3.3	69.8
1987	179,545	5.1	94.9	20.7	5.5	3.2	70.5
1986	178,673	5.2	94.8	20.5	5.2	2.9	71.4
1985	177,928	5.1	94.9	20.3	4.9	2.6	72.2
1984	175,927	4.9	95.1	19.9	4.9	2.2	73.0
1983	175,064	4.7	95.3	20.5	4.9	2.2	72.4
1982	175,234	4.5	95.5	21.4	5.0	2.5	71.1
1981	172,335	4.1	95.9	22.0	5.5	2.5	70.1
1980	170,287	3.7	96.3	22.4	6.0	2.4	69.2
1979	166,971	3.3	96.7	21.5	6.0	4.3	68.3
1978	172,411	2.7	97.3	19.0	6.2	3.8	71.0
1977	173,179	2.0	98.0	17.6	6.8	2.8	72.9
1976	171,216	1.8	98.2	17.0	7.0	1.9	74.1
1975	177,367	1.6	98.4	18.1	7.2	1.4	73.3
1974	170,070	1.4	98.6	18.1	6.6	1.5	73.8
1973	176,535	1.1	98.9	16.9	6.2	1.4	75.4
1972	178,597	1.2	98.8	13.7	5.8	1.3	79.1
1971	190,604	1.0	99.0	11.4	5.1	0.8	82.7

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	1.5	19.2	0.4	6.9	0.2	2.9	2.9	66.0
1989	1.4	19.3	0.3	6.5	0.2	2.9	3.1	66.2
1988	1.4	19.5	0.3	5.8	0.2	3.1	3.2	66.6
1987	1.4	19.4	0.2	5.3	0.2	3.0	3.3	67.2
1986	1.4	19.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	2.8	3.4	68.0
1985	1.3	19.0	0.2	4.7	0.2	2.4	3.4	68.7
1984	1.2	18.7	0.2	4.7	0.1	2.1	3.4	69.0
1983	1.1	19.3	0.2	4.7	0.1	2.1	3.3	69.1
1982	1.1	20.3	0.2	4.9	0.1	2.4	3.1	67.9
1981	1.0	21.0	0.2	5.3	0.1	2.3	2.9	67.2
1980	0.8	21.6	0.2	5.8	0.1	2.4	2.6	66.8
1979	0.7	20.8	0.2	5.8	0.1	4.1	2.3	66.0
1978	0.5	18.6	0.1	6.1	0.1	3.7	2.0	69.0
1977	0.3	17.3	0.1	6.7	0.0	2.7	1.6	71.3
1976	0.3	16.7	0.1	6.9	0.0	1.9	1.4	72.7
1975	0.3	17.8	0.1	7.1	0.0	1.4	1.2	72.1
1974	0.2	17.8	0.1	6.6	0.0	1.4	1.1	72.7
1973	0.2	16.7	0.0	6.2	0.0	1.4	0.9	74.5
1972	0.2	13.5	0.0	5.8	0.0	1.3	0.9	78.2
1971	0.2	11.2	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	81.9

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**Table V.5: Active Duty Marine Corps Personnel (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)**

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	196,353	9,319	187,034	37,462	13,374	5,935	139,582
1989	196,817	9,666	187,151	37,711	12,549	5,843	140,714
1988	197,368	9,612	187,756	37,972	11,120	6,187	142,089
1987	199,708	9,788	199,920	38,153	10,317	6,067	145,171
1986	198,660	9,888	188,772	37,635	9,578	5,548	146,099
1985	198,082	9,694	188,388	37,014	9,103	4,866	147,099
1984	196,284	9,225	187,059	35,926	8,923	4,145	147,290
1983	195,047	8,909	186,138	36,668	8,511	4,105	145,363
1982	194,266	8,434	185,832	36,254	9,031	4,570	142,411
1981	190,691	7,616	183,075	38,033	9,638	4,406	138,014
1980	188,483	6,706	181,777	38,855	10,368	4,318	134,942
1979	185,095	5,958	179,137	36,640	10,319	7,212	130,924
1978	190,737	5,085	185,652	33,521	11,040	6,616	139,560
1977	191,845	3,935	187,910	31,122	12,055	4,895	143,773
1976	189,833	3,454	186,429	29,677	12,333	3,432	144,421
1975	196,108	3,187	192,921	32,698	13,009	2,518	147,883
1974	188,749	2,738	186,011	31,214	11,525	2,555	143,455
1973	195,796	2,288	193,508	30,234	11,280	2,554	151,728
1972	198,139	2,329	195,810	24,768	10,593	2,457	160,321
1971	212,184	2,253	209,931	21,971	10,069	1,545	178,599

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Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	2,619	34,843	649	12,725	337	5,598	5,714	133,868
1989	2,610	35,101	624	11,925	349	5,494	6,083	134,631
1988	2,488	35,484	496	10,622	377	5,810	6,249	135,840
1987	2,470	35,683	439	9,878	362	5,705	6,517	138,654
1986	2,481	35,154	397	9,181	345	5,203	6,665	139,434
1985	2,326	34,688	360	8,743	299	4,567	6,709	140,390
1984	2,146	33,780	328	8,595	222	3,923	6,529	140,761
1983	1,995	34,673	352	8,559	214	3,891	6,348	139,015
1982	1,876	36,378	337	8,694	218	4,352	6,003	136,408
1981	1,664	36,969	331	9,307	200	4,206	5,421	132,593
1980	1,439	37,416	297	10,071	153	4,165	4,817	130,125
1979	1,186	35,454	317	10,002	189	7,023	4,266	126,658
1978	834	32,687	244	10,796	138	6,478	3,869	135,691
1977	567	30,555	185	11,870	75	4,820	3,108	140,665
1976	553	29,144	157	12,176	33	3,399	2,711	141,710
1975	536	32,162	134	12,875	21	2,497	2,496	145,387
1974	425	30,789	98	11,427	21	2,534	2,194	141,261
1973	342	29,892	82	11,198	22	2,532	1,842	149,836
1972	356	24,412	85	10,508	26	2,431	1,862	158,459
1971	334	21,637	67	10,002	19	1,526	1,833	176,766

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Table V.6: Active Duty Marine Corps Personnel, Percentages (Fiscal Years 1971 Through 1990)

Figures in percent

Fiscal year	Total number	Gender		Race or national origin identification			
		Women	Men	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
1990	196,353	4.7	95.3	19.1	6.8	3.0	71.1
1989	196,817	4.9	95.1	19.2	6.4	3.0	71.5
1988	197,368	4.9	95.1	19.2	5.6	3.1	72.0
1987	199,708	4.9	95.1	19.1	5.2	3.0	72.7
1986	198,860	5.0	95.0	18.9	4.8	2.8	73.5
1985	198,082	4.9	95.1	18.7	4.6	2.5	74.3
1984	196,284	4.7	95.3	18.3	4.5	2.1	75.0
1983	195,047	4.6	95.4	18.8	4.6	2.1	74.5
1982	194,266	4.3	95.7	19.7	4.6	2.4	73.3
1981	190,691	4.0	96.0	20.3	5.1	2.3	72.4
1980	188,483	3.6	96.4	20.6	5.5	2.3	71.6
1979	185,095	3.2	96.8	19.8	5.6	3.9	70.7
1978	190,737	2.7	97.3	17.6	5.8	3.5	73.2
1977	191,845	2.1	97.9	16.2	6.3	2.6	74.9
1976	189,883	1.8	98.2	15.6	6.5	1.8	76.1
1975	196,108	1.6	98.4	16.7	6.6	1.3	75.4
1974	188,749	1.5	98.5	16.5	6.1	1.4	76.0
1973	195,796	1.2	98.8	15.4	5.8	1.3	77.5
1972	198,139	1.2	98.8	12.5	5.3	1.2	80.9
1971	212,184	1.1	98.9	10.4	4.7	0.7	84.2

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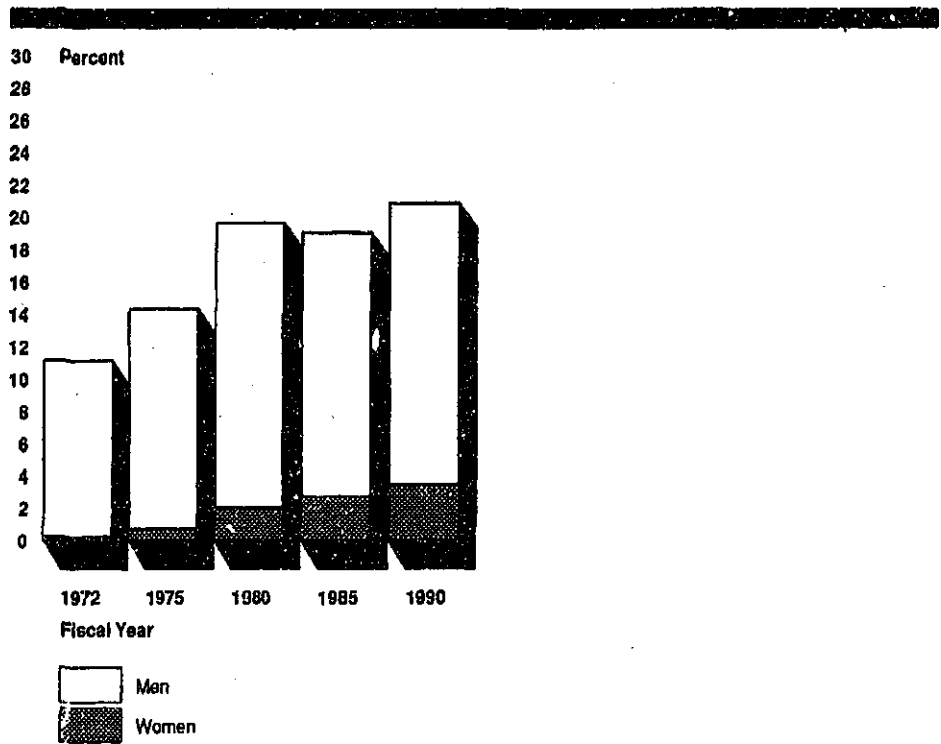
Fiscal year	Race or national origin identification by gender							
	Black		Hispanic		Other		White	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1990	1.3	17.7	0.3	6.5	0.2	2.9	2.9	68.2
1989	1.3	17.8	0.3	6.1	0.2	2.8	3.1	68.4
1988	1.3	18.0	0.3	5.4	0.2	2.9	3.2	68.8
1987	1.2	17.9	0.2	4.9	0.2	2.9	3.3	69.4
1986	1.2	17.7	0.2	4.6	0.2	2.6	3.4	70.1
1985	1.2	17.5	0.2	4.4	0.2	2.3	3.4	70.9
1984	1.1	17.2	0.2	4.4	0.1	2.0	3.3	71.7
1983	1.0	17.8	0.2	4.4	0.1	2.0	3.3	71.3
1982	1.0	18.7	0.2	4.5	0.1	2.2	3.1	70.2
1981	0.9	19.4	0.2	4.9	0.1	2.2	2.8	69.5
1980	0.8	19.9	0.2	5.3	0.1	2.2	2.6	69.0
1979	0.6	19.2	0.2	5.4	0.1	3.8	2.3	68.4
1978	0.4	17.1	0.1	5.7	0.1	3.4	2.0	71.1
1977	0.3	15.9	0.1	6.2	0.0	2.5	1.6	73.3
1976	0.3	15.3	0.1	6.4	0.0	1.8	1.4	74.7
1975	0.3	16.4	0.1	6.6	0.0	1.3	1.3	74.1
1974	0.2	16.3	0.1	6.1	0.0	1.3	1.2	74.8
1973	0.2	15.3	0.0	5.7	0.0	1.3	0.9	76.6
1972	0.2	12.3	0.0	5.3	0.0	1.2	0.9	80.0
1971	0.2	10.2	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.7	0.9	83.3



# Composition of the Services Combined by Gender (Fiscal Years 1972 to 1990)

Appendix VI contains stacked bar charts showing service composition by gender and by race or national origin identification for the services combined.

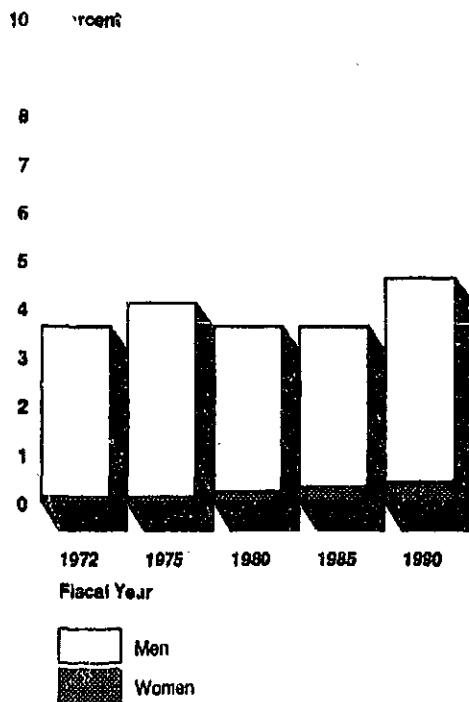
**Figure VI.1: Black Personnel by Gender for Services Combined**



Note. Figures exclude black personnel of Hispanic origin.

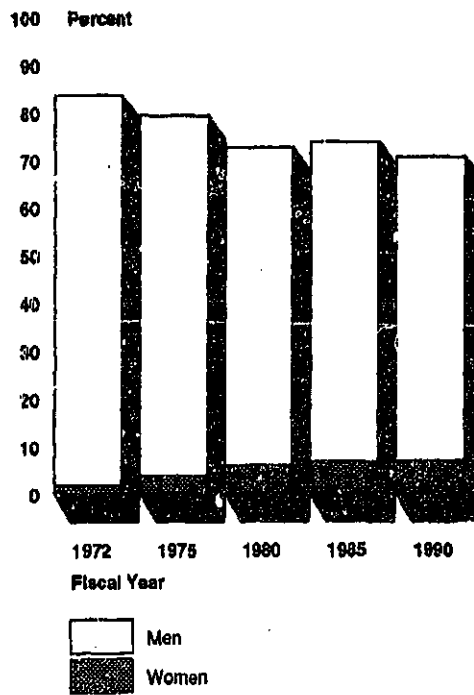
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Figure VI.2: Hispanic Personnel by  
Gender for Services Combined



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Composition of the Services Combined by  
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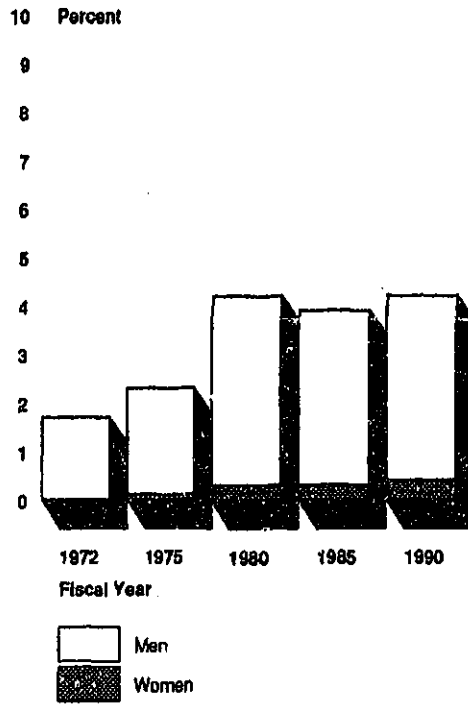
Figure VI.3: White Personnel by Gender  
for Services Combined



Note: Figures exclude white personnel of Hispanic origin.

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Figure VI.4: Other Personnel by Gender  
for Services Combined



# Conveyance of Department of Defense Information on U.S. Forces Deployed in Operation Desert Shield

Appendix VII contains a copy of correspondence forwarding data provided by the Department of Defense in response to inquiries about the composition of U.S. forces deployed in Operation Desert Shield as of mid-December 1990.

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman, Legislation and National  
Security Subcommittee  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
B-373 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your inquiry regarding the racial and ethnic composition of troops deployed in Desert Shield, and after discussion with Mr. Thorson of your staff, I am forwarding to you data that the Department of Defense has provided in response to inquiries.

According to the Defense Department, the data were current as of mid-December 1990 and referred to an Operation Desert Shield population of about 260,000 deployed forces. The Defense Department noted that the Air Force and Navy were unable to provide separate distributions by "combat arms" occupations deployed to the Persian Gulf. The data include a combat arms breakout for the Army and the Marine Corps which, according to the Department, comprised the largest portion of the combat forces deployed at that time.

According to the Defense Department, the data enclosed showed that minorities were represented in Operation Desert Shield in about the same proportions as their representation in the total force. However, the Department noted that minority representation in the combat arms occupations was somewhat less than the minority representation in the total force.

Officials at the Defense Manpower Data Center and at the Department of Defense told us today that no new compilations of the composition of deployed troops have been prepared since the enclosed data was released. According to the focal point in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel, for inquiries regarding the deployed troops, the Defense Manpower Data Center is working on establishing an information system that will be able to provide updated information on the composition of deployed troops on a regular basis.

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However, as we noted when we forwarded this data to your staff on January 8, 1991, and as a Defense Department official reiterated in discussions today, Department of Defense officials have concerns about the preciseness of the proportions presented in the enclosed data. For example, a Department of Defense official explained that definitions used by the services for "deployed" and "in-theater" may not be consistent.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 275-3990.

Sincerely yours,



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Data Provided by the Department of Defense

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION  
 MILITARY POPULATION VERSUS DESERT SHIELD DEPLOYED POPULATION  
 AS OF MID-DECEMBER 1990

Ethnic/Minority Classification	ARMY <sup>1</sup>		NAVY <sup>1</sup>	
	TOTAL	D.S.	TOTAL	D.S.
AFRICAN AMERICAN	28.9	29.8	14.8	21.3
HISPANIC	4.1	4.2	5.3	6.0
NATIVE AMERICAN	.4	.5	.5	.4
ASIAN AMERICAN	1.3	1.0	3.8	3.9

	MARINE CORPS <sup>2</sup>		AIR FORCE <sup>2</sup>	
	TOTAL	D.S.	TOTAL	D.S.
AFRICAN AMERICAN	19.0	16.9	15.2	13.5
HISPANIC	6.9	7.9	3.5	3.1
NATIVE AMERICAN	.7	1.0	.7	.6
ASIAN AMERICAN	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.1

	COMBAT ARMS <sup>3</sup>			
	ARMY TOTAL	D.S.	MARINE CORPS <sup>2</sup> TOTAL	D.S.
AFRICAN AMERICAN	22.1	22.1	16.2	15.2
HISPANIC	4.5	4.8	6.9	8.2
NATIVE AMERICAN	.5	.5	.8	1.3
ASIAN AMERICAN	1.3	1.1	2.6	1.6

<sup>1</sup>Numbers include both Active, Reserve, and National Guard members called to Active duty.

<sup>2</sup>Numbers reflect Active duty population only.

<sup>3</sup>Operation Desert Shield deployments for combat arms occupations were not separately available for Navy and Air Force.

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