

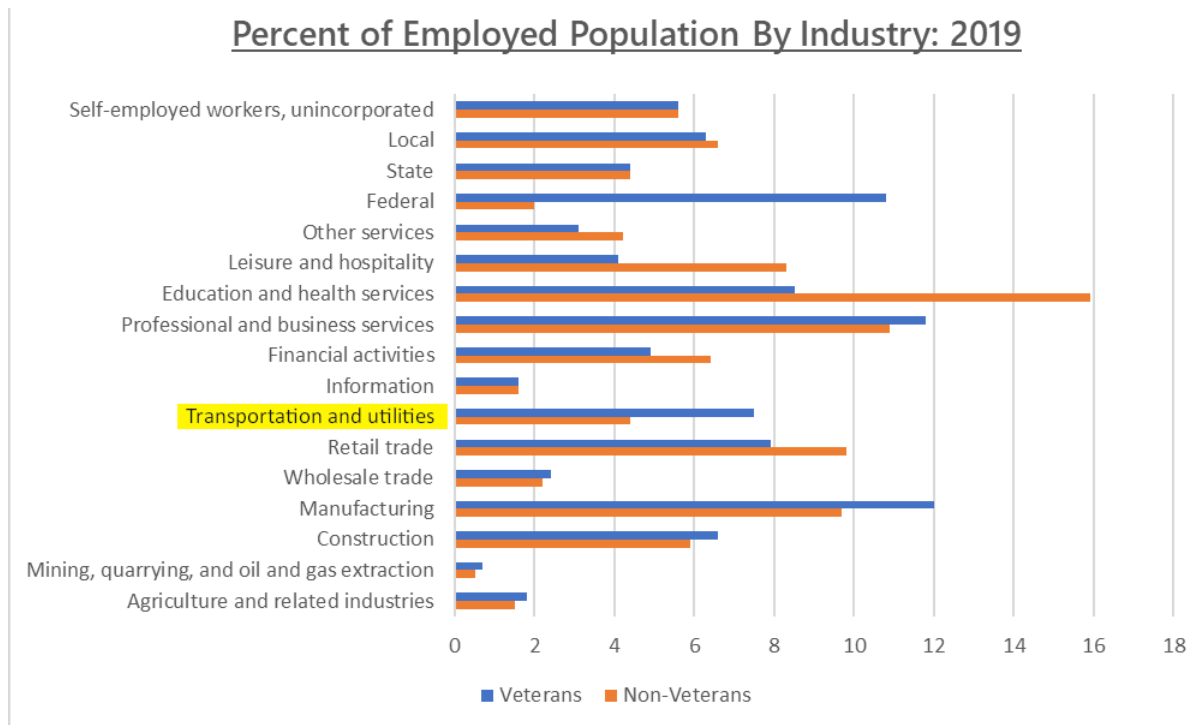
Data Spotlight

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Transportation Puts Veterans in the Driver's Seat...and in the Wheelhouse, the Cockpit, the Railyard, the Transit Garage and the Air Traffic Control Tower

The transportation industry and transportation jobs within other industries provide veterans re-entering civilian life with many career options that leverage the experience they acquired during their military service.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) [reports](#) that 673,950 veterans were employed in the private "Transportation and utilities" sector in 2019. That's about 1 in every 12 employed veterans, and does not include the veterans employed in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and in State, County, and Municipal departments of transportation.

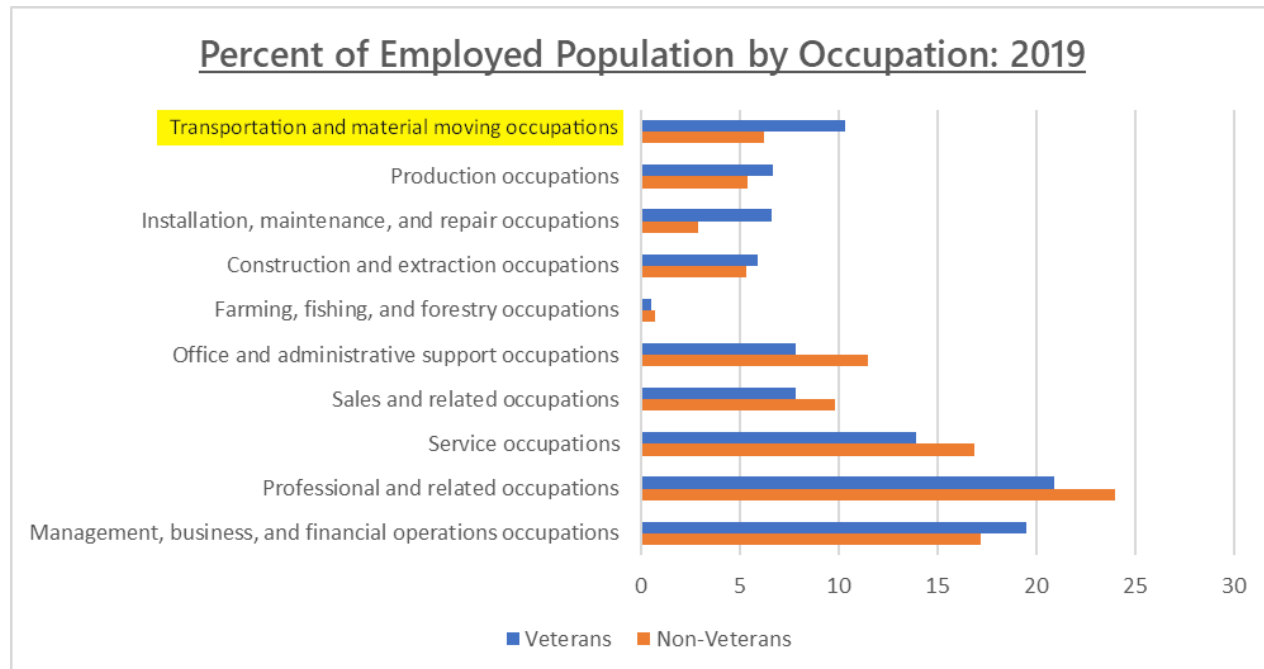


Source: [BLS](#)

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INSIDE THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY AND OUT, VETERANS FIND TRANSPORTATION JOBS

Some jobs [defined by BLS](#) as “Transportation and material moving occupations” are with companies outside the transportation industry. An example is the commercial driver operating a tanker truck for an energy company.



Source: [BLS](#)

Of the approximately 9 million veterans employed across the U.S. economy in 2019, 10.3 percent (about 926,000) were in occupations directly involving transportation. That occupational choice is a significantly greater share than for the employed non-veteran population, of whom only 6.2 percent were involved in transportation occupations.

DOT CAREER SITE OFFERS VETERANS TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

DOT maintains a [Veterans Transportation Career Center](#) with information about veteran credentialing opportunities in a wide range of job specialties from airplane pilot to air traffic controller and from commercial truck driver to merchant mariner. For example, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's [Military Skills Test Waiver program](#) has worked with licensing authorities in every State to allow drivers with two years' experience safely operating heavy military vehicles to obtain a Commercial Driver License without taking the physical driving test (skills test). To date, more than 40,000 veterans have benefited from this program.

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