Military Demographics

The following Air Force/Space Force active duty demographics information is current as of 31 March 2023. These statistics are from the current inventory and does not include the Guard, Reserve or AirForce Academy (approx 4,000 cadets).

Snapshot of the Air Force & Space Force
- 325,605 Active Duty
- 64,509 Officers
- 261,096 Enlisted

There are 12,243 pilots, 3,280 navigators and 1,363 air battle managers in the grade of lieutenant colonel and below. There are 26,850 nonrated line officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel and below.

Age
- 35 average age of the officer force
- 29 average age for enlisted force
- 37% are below the age of 26
- 43% of enlisted are below 26
- 13% of officers are below 26

Gender
- 21.4% women
- 23.3% of the officers are women and
- 20.9% of enlisted corps are women
- 61% of the female officers are line officers; 39% are nonline
- 85% of the male officers are line officers; 15% are nonline
- 69,728 total population of women
- 1,025 female pilots; 453 navigators; 291 air battle managers

Race
The following percentages, which are self-reported, cover military members' racial information.
- 70% White
- 15% Black or African American
- 4.9% Asian
- 0.8% American Indian / Native Alaskan
- 1.3% Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- 5.1% Identified more than one race
- 3.3% Declined to respond

Ethnicity
"Hispanic or Latino" is considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately and in addition to the above racial categories.
- 17.0% Hispanic or Latino
- 78.6% Not Hispanic or Latino
- 4.4% Declined to respond

Marital Status
- 54% married, which is 68% of the officers and 50% of enlisted
- 30,490 active duty members married to another active duty member
- 1,630 married to members of other military services
- 138,052 active duty members married to other (non military)
- 68 active duty members married to Reserve/Guard other service
- 4,167 active duty married to USAFR/ANG
- 151,198 active duty members are not married

Family Members
- 369,993 family members are supported by active duty personnel
- 284,750 family members reside in the member's household
- 21.1% of the current force is assigned overseas (including Alaska and Hawaii), which includes 9,382 officers and 59,481 enlisted personnel

Total active federal military service
- 11 years for Officers
- 8 years for Enlisted

Officer Academic Education
- 52.5% of officers have advanced or professional degrees
- 40.4% have master's degrees
- 9.4% have professional degrees
- 2.6% have doctorate degrees
  - Company Grade Officers
    - 26.7% of company grade officers have advanced degrees
    - 19.5% have master's degrees
    - 6.3% have professional degrees
    - 0.8% have doctorate degrees
  - Field Grade Officers
    - 83.3% of field grade officers have advanced degrees
    - 65.6% have master's degrees
    - 12.8% have professional degrees
    - 4.8% have doctorate degrees

Enlisted Academic Education
- 58.1% completed some college
- 19.8% have associate's degrees
- 10.9% have bachelor's degrees
- 2.6% have master's degree
- 0.037% have professional degrees
  - Airmen Tier
    - 77.16% have some college
    - 2.568% have associate's degrees
    - 2.634% have bachelor's degrees
    - 0.185% have master's degree
    - 0.009% have professional degrees
  - NCO Tier
    - 51.15% some college
    - 33.574% have associate's degrees
    - 13.065% have bachelor's degrees
    - 1.844% have master's degree
    - 0.026% have professional degrees
  - Senior NCO Tier
    - 6.20% some college
    - 42.905% have associate's degrees
    - 36.312% have bachelor's degrees
- 14.307% have master's degrees
- 0.179% have professional degrees

Officer Developmental Education
- 29.20% of officers have completed one or more developmental education courses either in residence or by correspondence
- 6,955 have completed at least one senior developmental course
- 11,826 have completed an intermediate course
- 54 have completed basic developmental course

Source of commission
- 42.7% commissioned through Reserve Officer Training Corps
- 21.9% commissioned through the Air Force Academy
- 19.2% commissioned through Officer Training School
- 16.1% commissioned through other sources (direct appointment, etc.)