

Military Demographics

The following Air Force/Space Force active duty demographics information is current as of 31 March 2024. 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

- 321,103 Active Duty
- 64,255 Officers
- 256,848 Enlisted

The Air Force has 11,921 pilots, 3,153 navigators and 1,348 air battle managers in the grade of lieutenant colonel and below. The Air Force has 26,981 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
- 36% are below the age of 26
- 42% of enlisted are below 26
- 14% of officers are below 26

Gender

Women first entered pilot training in 1976, navigator training in 1977 and fighter pilot training in 1993.

- 21.5% women
- 24.0% of the officers are women and
- 20.9% of enlisted corps are women
- 62% of the female officers are line officers; 38% are nonline
- 85% of the male officers are line officers; 15% are nonline
- 68,961 total population of women
- 1,089 female pilots; 458 navigators; 303 air battle managers

Race

The following percentages, which are self-reported, cover Air Force military members' racial information.

- 69% White
- 15% Black or African American
- 5.2% Asian
- 0.9% American Indian / Native Alaskan
- 1.3% Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- 5.4% Identified more than one race
- 3.2% 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.

- 17.8% Hispanic or Latino
- 77.8% Not Hispanic or Latino
- 4.4% Declined to respond

Marital Status

- 53% married, which is 68% of the officers and 49% of enlisted
- 29,734 active duty members married to another active duty member

- 1,651 married to members of other military services
- 135,182 active duty members married to other (non military)
- 55 active duty members married to Reserve/Guard other service
- 4,014 active duty married to USAFR/ANG
- 150,467 active duty members are not married

Family Members

- 322,554 family members are supported by active duty personnel
- 249,359 family members reside in an Airman's household
- 21.3% of the current force is assigned overseas (including Alaska and Hawaii), which includes 9,399 officers and 59,041 enlisted personnel

Total active federal military service

- 10 years for Officers
- 8 years for Enlisted

Officer Academic Education

- 52.5% of officers have advanced or professional degrees
- 40.2% have master's degrees
- 9.6% have professional degrees
- 2.7% have doctorate degrees

Company Grade Officers

- 27.7% of company grade officers have advanced degrees
- 20.4% have master's degrees
- 6.4% have professional degrees
- 0.8% have doctorate degrees

Field Grade Officers

- 82.4% of field grade officers have advanced degrees
- 64.1% have master's degrees
- 13.1% have professional degrees
- 5.1% have doctorate degrees

Enlisted Academic Education

- 51.7% completed some college
- 17.8% have associate's degrees
- 11.3% have bachelor's degrees
- 2.9% have master's degree
- 0.042% have professional degrees

Airmen Tier

- 62.40% have some college
- 2.493% have associate's degrees
- 2.923% have bachelor's degrees
- 0.234% have master's degree
- 0.014% have professional degrees

NCO Tier

- 52.04% some college
- 31.184% have associate's degrees
- 13.995% have bachelor's degrees
- 2.174% have master's degree
- 0.028% have professional degrees

Senior NCO Tier

- 6.54% some college
- 40.159% have associate's degrees
- 37.267% have bachelor's degrees

- 15.689% have master's degrees
- 0.196% have professional degrees

Officer Developmental Education

- 29.32% of officers have completed one or more developmental education courses either in residence or by correspondence
- 6,858 have completed at least one senior developmental course
- 11,930 have completed an intermediate course
- 51 have completed basic developmental course

Source of commission

- 43.3% commissioned through Reserve Officer Training Corps
- 21.8% commissioned through the Air Force Academy
- 18.8% commissioned through Officer Training School
- 16.1% commissioned through other sources (direct appointment, etc.)