

Population Representation in the Military Services Fiscal Year 2009 Report

Summary

Introduction

This is the 37th annual Department of Defense (DoD) report on social representation in the U.S. military services and the Coast Guard. The fiscal year (FY) 2009 technical appendixes (A–E) provide current data on the demographic, educational, and aptitude characteristics of applicants, new recruits, enlisted personnel, and officers of the active and reserve components (AC and RC), as well as time-series information on selected variables. Except where otherwise noted, data are provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). Due to slight differences in definitions among the services, data provided may not match statistics reported by the Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, other DOD agencies, or the individual military services.

This summary provides an overview of recent personnel trends for the DoD AC and RC, and for the U.S. Coast Guard. It references data from the tables in the technical appendixes. Also included is a discussion of the 2009 economic recession and the recession's impact on some DoD personnel trends. That discussion features a review of recent studies and a presentation of some new research findings.

Section I presents an overall summary, Sections II and III cover the DoD AC and RC, respectively. Section IV discusses the US Coast Guard, while Section V provides a discussion of the relationship between labor market conditions and accession quality.