

Table A-6. Applicants for Active Component Enlistment, FY23: By Education, Service, and Sex with Civilian Comparison Group

SEX	TIER 1		EDUCATIONAL TIER TIER 2		TIER 3		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
ARMY								
Male	46,579	90.80	4,700	9.16	21	0.04	51,300	100
Female	10,748	94.34	642	5.64	3	0.03	11,393	100
TOTAL	57,327	91.44	5,342	8.52	24	0.04	62,693	100
Percent Female	18.75		12.02		12.50		18.17	
NAVY								
Male	28,568	94.83	1,526	5.07	30	0.10	30,124	100
Female	10,065	96.44	359	3.44	12	0.11	10,436	100
TOTAL	38,633	95.25	1,885	4.65	42	0.10	40,560	100
Percent Female	26.05		19.05		28.57		25.73	
MARINE CORPS								
Male	29,831	95.40	1,287	4.12	151	0.48	31,269	100
Female	4,141	97.23	104	2.44	14	0.33	4,259	100
TOTAL	33,972	95.62	1,391	3.92	165	0.46	35,528	100
Percent Female	12.19		7.48		8.48		11.99	
AIR FORCE								
Male	24,477	95.62	1,044	4.08	77	0.30	25,598	100
Female	7,749	96.38	270	3.36	21	0.26	8,040	100
TOTAL	32,226	95.80	1,314	3.91	98	0.29	33,638	100
Percent Female	24.05		20.55		21.43		23.90	
SPACE FORCE								
Male	308	97.47	8	2.53	0	0	316	100
Female	60	96.77	2	3.23	0	0	62	100
TOTAL	368	97.35	10	2.65	0	0	378	100
Percent Female	16.30		20.00		0		16.40	

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TOTAL DOD								
Male	129,763	93.62	8,565	6.18	279	0.20	138,607	100
Female	32,763	95.83	1,377	4.03	50	0.15	34,190	100
TOTAL	162,526	94.06	9,942	5.75	329	0.19	172,797	100
Percent Female	20.16		13.85		15.20		19.79	
CIVILIAN POPULATION								
18-24 YEARS OLD								
Male	12,789,307	85.16			2,228,098	14.84	15,017,405	100
Female	13,096,072	88.59			1,687,060	11.41	14,783,132	100
TOTAL	25,885,379	86.86			3,915,159	13.14	29,800,537	100
Percent Female	50.59				43.09		49.61	

Note. Values may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source. Civilian data from Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, 18-24-year-old noninstitutional civilians, October 2022-September 2023 average. Military data are provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

^aRefers to non-prior service (NPS) individuals whose first formal application (i.e., taking a screening physical exam or the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery [ASVAB]) was in FY23. Does not include participants in the High School Testing Program unless otherwise noted.

^bTier 1 recruits are primarily high school diploma graduates but they also include people with educational backgrounds beyond high school, as well as those who have earned adult education diplomas, those with one semester at college, and those who have attended virtual or distance learning and adult or alternative schools. Tier 2 indicates alternate high school credentials, such as the GED certificate. Tier 3 represents non-high school graduates.

^cCivilian numbers and percentages combine Tiers 1 and 2 and are reported under Tier 1 in the table.