

King County Veterans Program & Veteran Levy Services

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in King County

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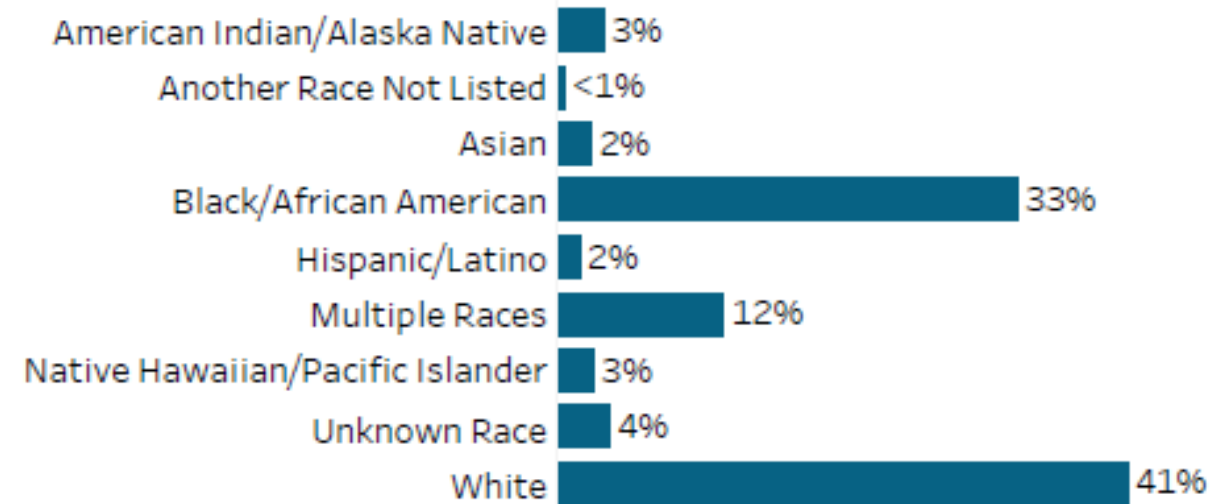
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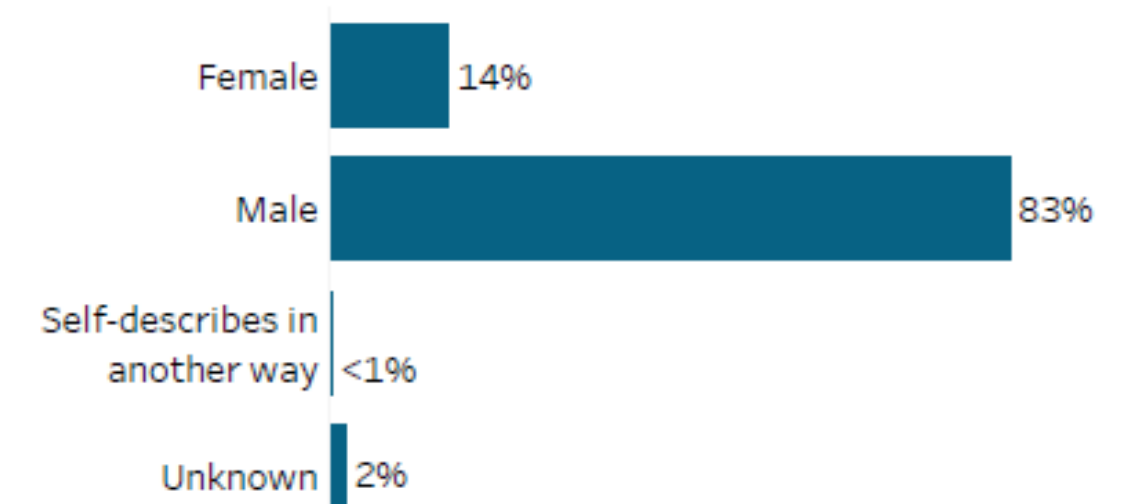
In King County, A Veteran Is...

- A family
- A senior
- A student
- A person living with a disability
- A person experiencing homelessness
- A person living on a fixed income
- A survivor, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic or intimate partner violence

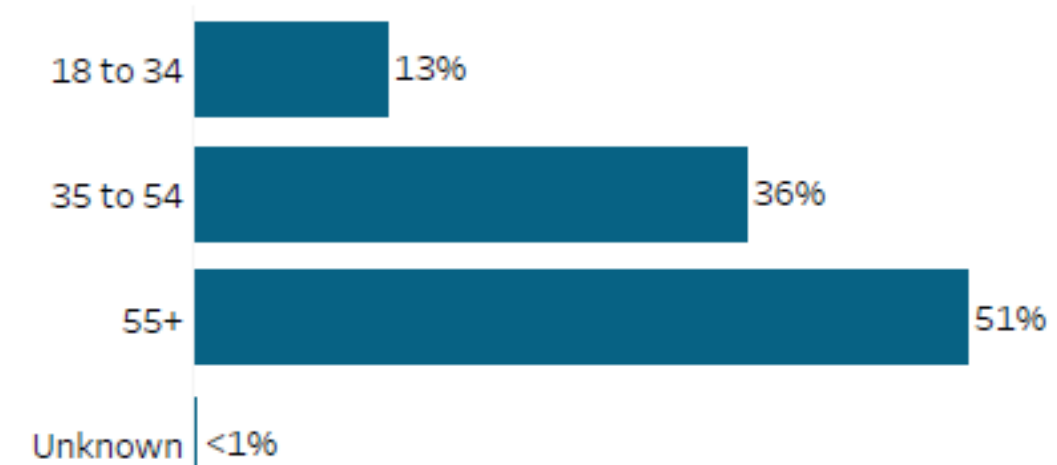
People served by race



People served by gender identity



People served by age



Veteran Landscape in King County

Source: 2024 VSHSL Annual Report

99,376

Veterans in King County

6,612

Veterans Served in 2024 from Veteran Investments

3,100

Veterans and Families served by KCVP in 2024

832

Veterans Experiencing Homelessness (daily)

80-100

Veterans Incarcerated in King County Jails (daily)

3

Military Bases Boardering King County (JBLM, Everett, Bremerton)

2

VA Medical Centers (Seattle & American Lake/Tacoma)

1

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

Resources: Budget & Fund Sources



Veterans Relief Fund (VRF)

The VRF provides roughly \$3 million per year

RCW 73.08, (provides funding to all Washington counties)



Veterans, Seniors, & Human Services Levy (VSHSL)

The VSHSL provides \$18-20 million per year (current
levy expires in 2029)

RCW 84.55.050 (King County only)

The Community: King County VSHSL Funded Programs Eligibility

Current
Resident of
King
County

Served at
Least One
Day in the
US Military

All
Components
(National
Guard,
Reserves,
Active Duty)

Any
Discharge
Status,
Including
Dis-
Honorable

*These eligibility requirements are designed to be low barrier to provide support to the greatest number of Veterans, Servicemembers, & their families throughout King County

Veteran Support at King County

Source: 2024 VSHSL Annual Report

20 FTE
King County Veterans
Program Staff Members

2 FTE
King County Veterans
Re-entry Program Staff
Members

2,900
Veterans Served at
KCVP in 2024

5 FTE
Contract & Initiatives
Team





King County
Department of Community and Human Services

Walk In To King County Veterans Program (KCVP)

- ★ Case management services through a team of Social Service Professionals, in Tukwila and Northgate, who link veterans, servicemembers, and their families to onsite and community based support



Emergency
Financial
Assistance



Employment
Assistance Services



Housing Stability



Health and
Wellness



Applying for State,
Federal, & Local
Resources



Legal Issues



End of Life & Burial
Expenses

*Walk-in services to enroll in the program are available Monday-Friday



Veterans, Seniors, &
Human Services Levy



Veteran Re-Entry Services: KCVRP

- On any given day in King County jails, there are approximately 8000 Veterans incarcerated.
- KCVRP provides outreach to Veterans in King County jails, with a special emphasis on 30-60 days pre- and post-release.
- Targeted outreach to incarcerated Veterans at KCCF, MRJC & Veteran Cohort, SCORE jail, and municipal jails throughout King County.
- ★ Why? Though veterans make up about 6.5% of the U.S. population, 31% of Veterans have been arrested ([Council on Criminal Justice](#)) at some point in their lives compared with 18% of nonveterans.



Investing in Community

Veteran Outreach and Homeless Navigation

10 non-profit partners serving Indigenous, BIPOC, Women, LGBTQ+, and other populations traditionally underserved

Mental Health Counseling

Provided through WDVA and Headstrong, offers trauma and mental health counseling appointments monthly (program -wide).

Shelter Beds and Transitional Housing

Includes Q'mmunity House, Blaine Center, Otto's Place, Porchlight, Angeline's, & Burien House

Legal Aid Services & Benefits

Provided by Northwest Justice Project, Benefits Law Center and Veteran Civil Legal Aid Clinic at UW Law School



Veteran Student Support

Financial Aid and Services for Student Veterans at Shoreline Community College and Bellevue College



Investing in Community

Community Training Support

WDVA and Minority Veterans of America training of King County community providers, veterans, and their support systems

Employment Services

Fellowships, job readiness, job placement, and hands-on skill building provided by 4 organizations across King County

Vets Engaged and Council Awards

Mini-grants to promote social connection between veterans and community (VFWs, American Legion, One-Day Events, etc.)



Thank You!

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