

Service Women

By the Numbers

1. Service Women and Veterans are a fast growing segment of the U.S. military and general population

By 2014, the DoD reported a total force of

355,599

female members, who represent

16.5%

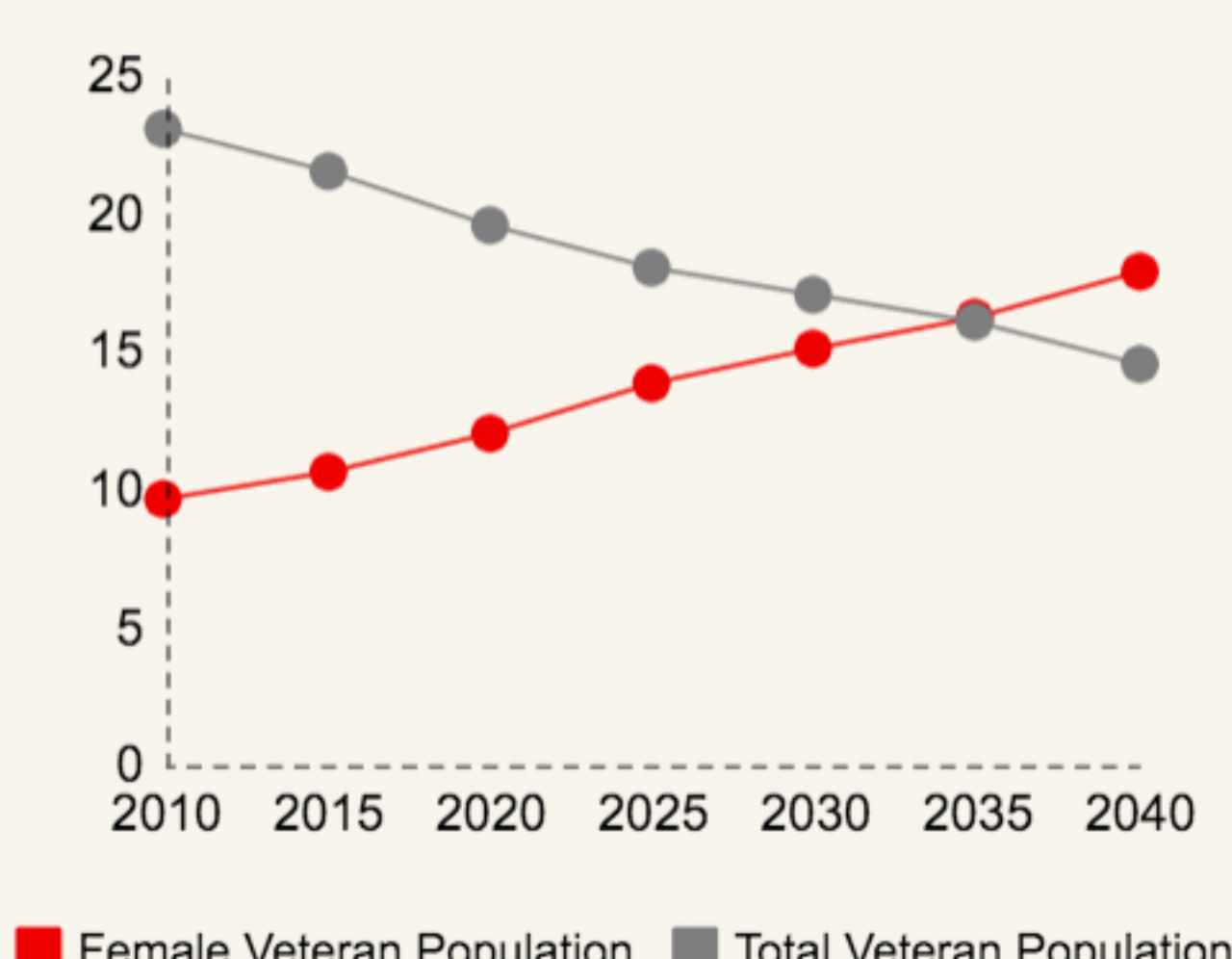
of all Active Duty and Reserve personnel, and will make up

25%

of the military by the year

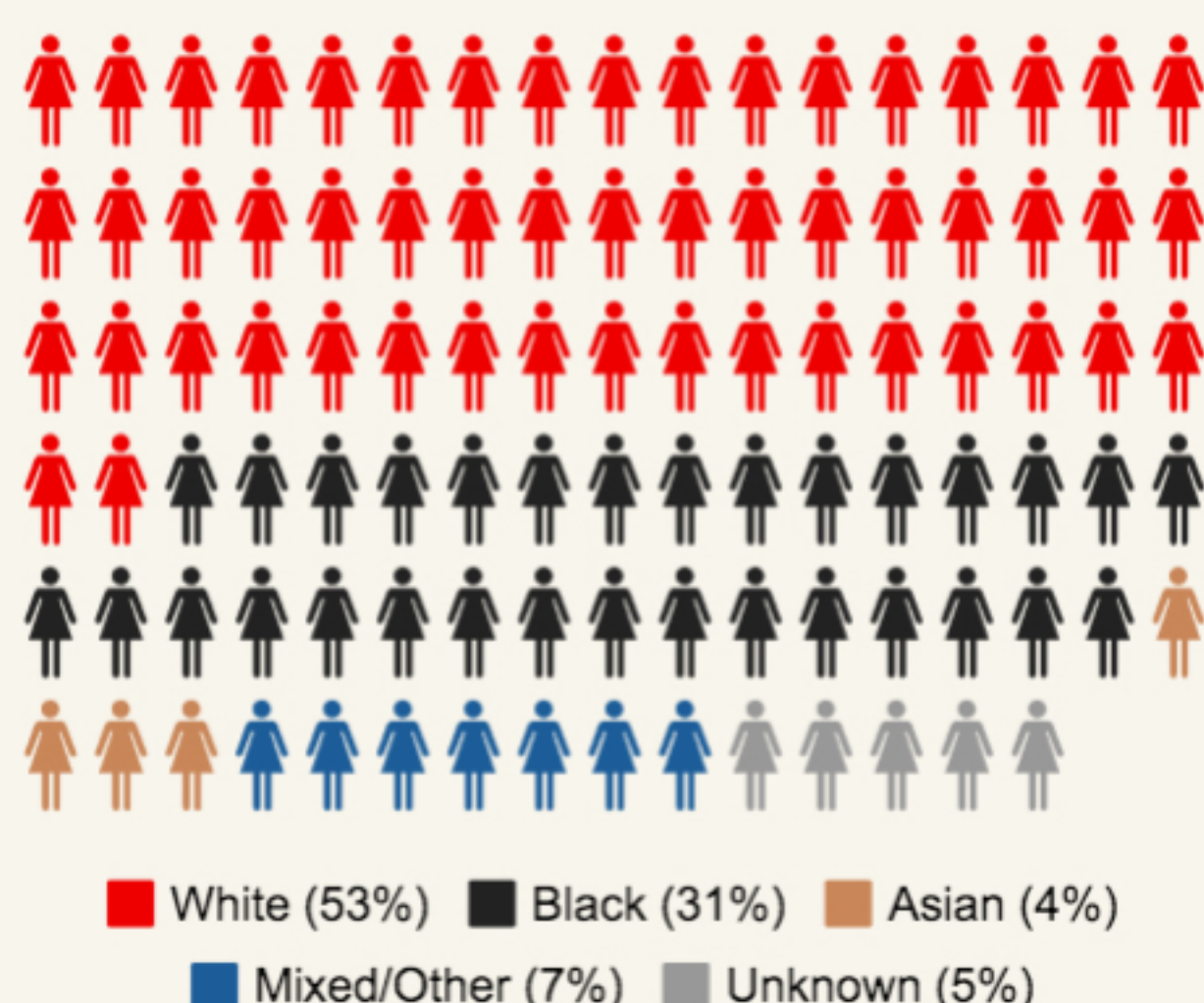
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Veteran Population Projections

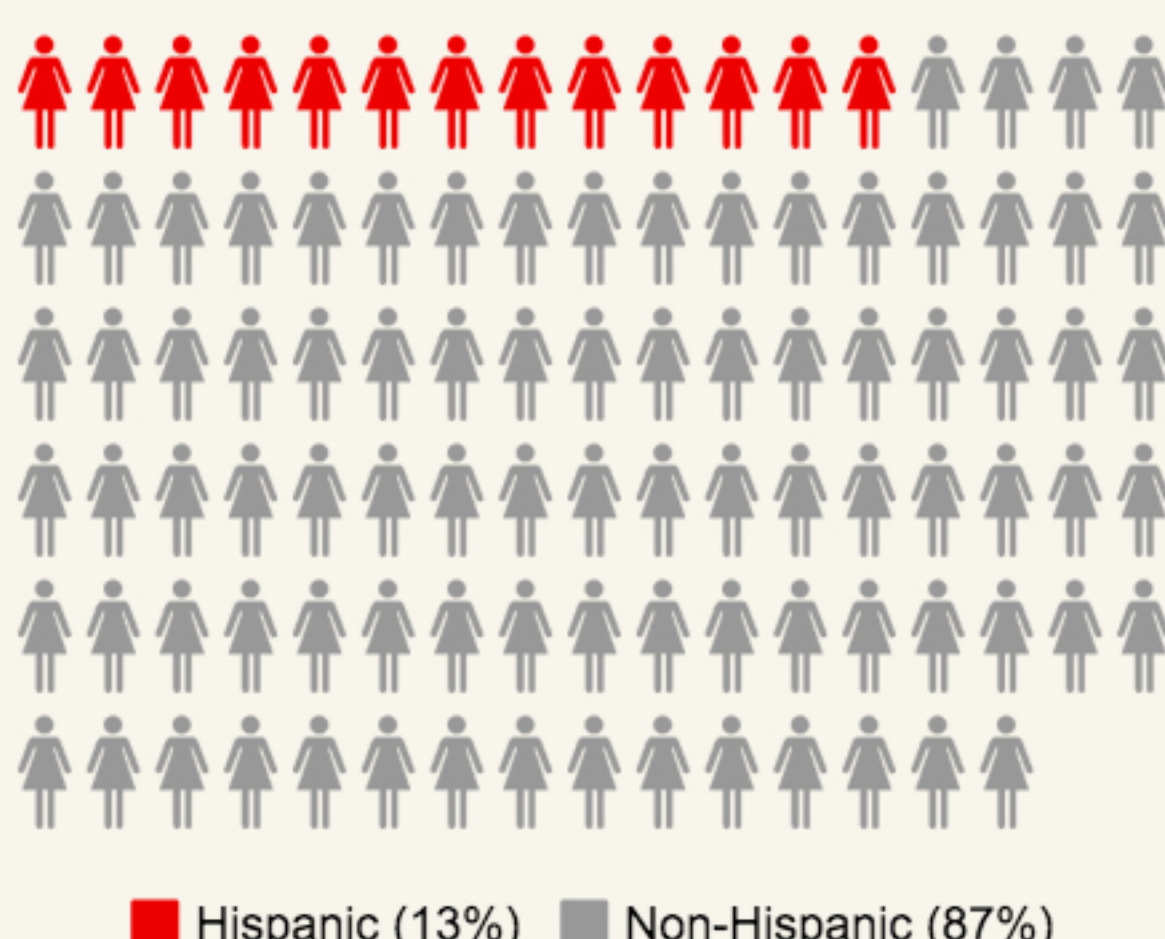


2. Women in the military come from diverse backgrounds

Service Women by Race

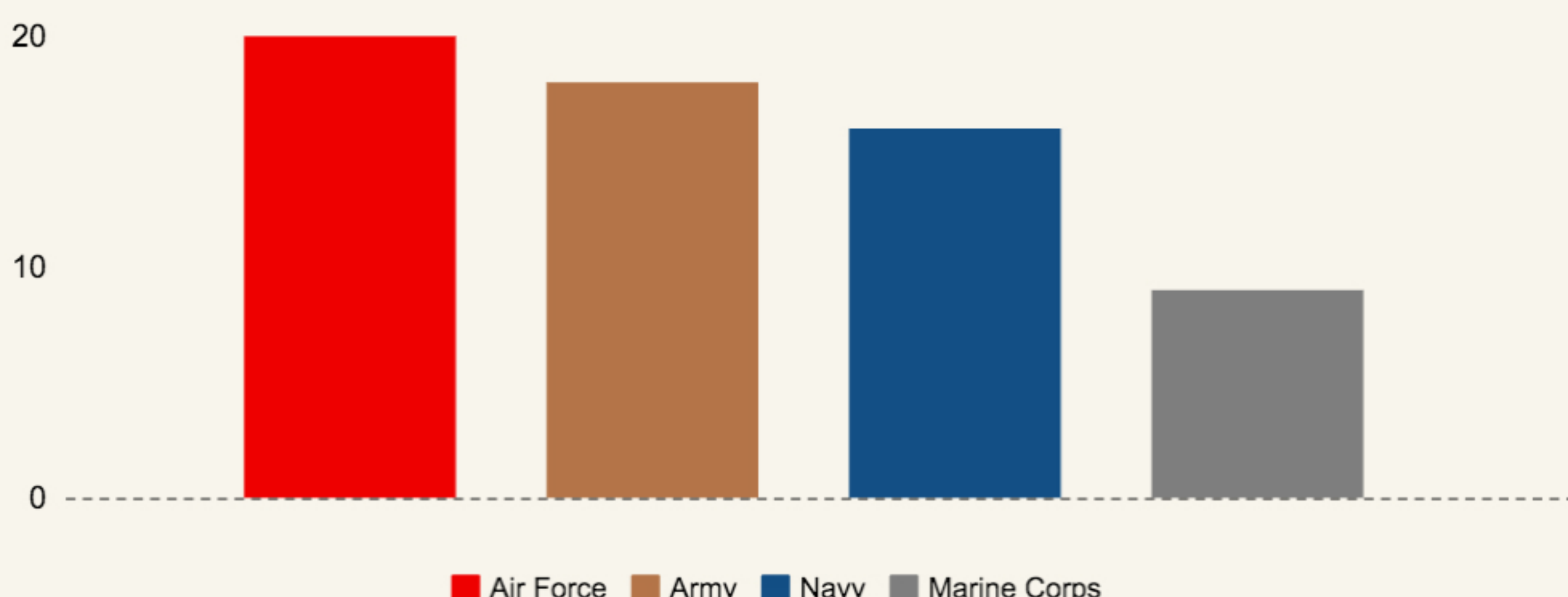


Service Women by Ethnicity



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Percentage Female Commissioned Officers by Branch



3. Women Veterans are a growing, educated, and underappreciated population

Data from Her Mission Continues: Service and Reintegration in the Post-9/11 Era

In April 2015, The Mission Continues launched a qualitative study of 256 Alumni. 71 Alumni shared their perspectives on what it means to be a women veteran in the post-9/11 era. While some Alumni insisted that their gender had no impact on their service or reintegration, a majority reported significant differences.

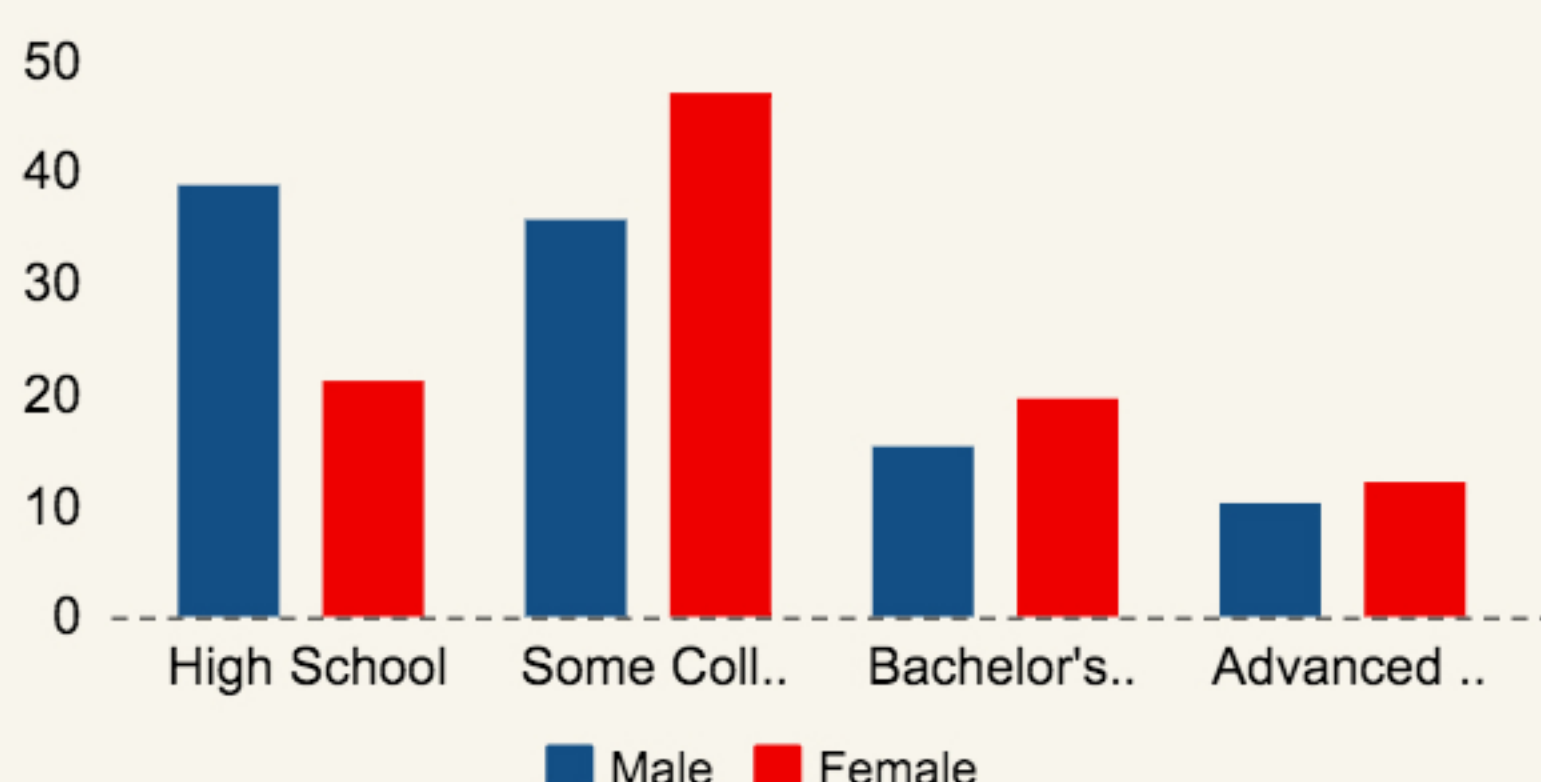
72% Nearly three-fourths of female Alumni from The Mission Continues felt they had fewer career opportunities in the military

50% At least half of Alumni experienced harassment, discrimination, or marginalization

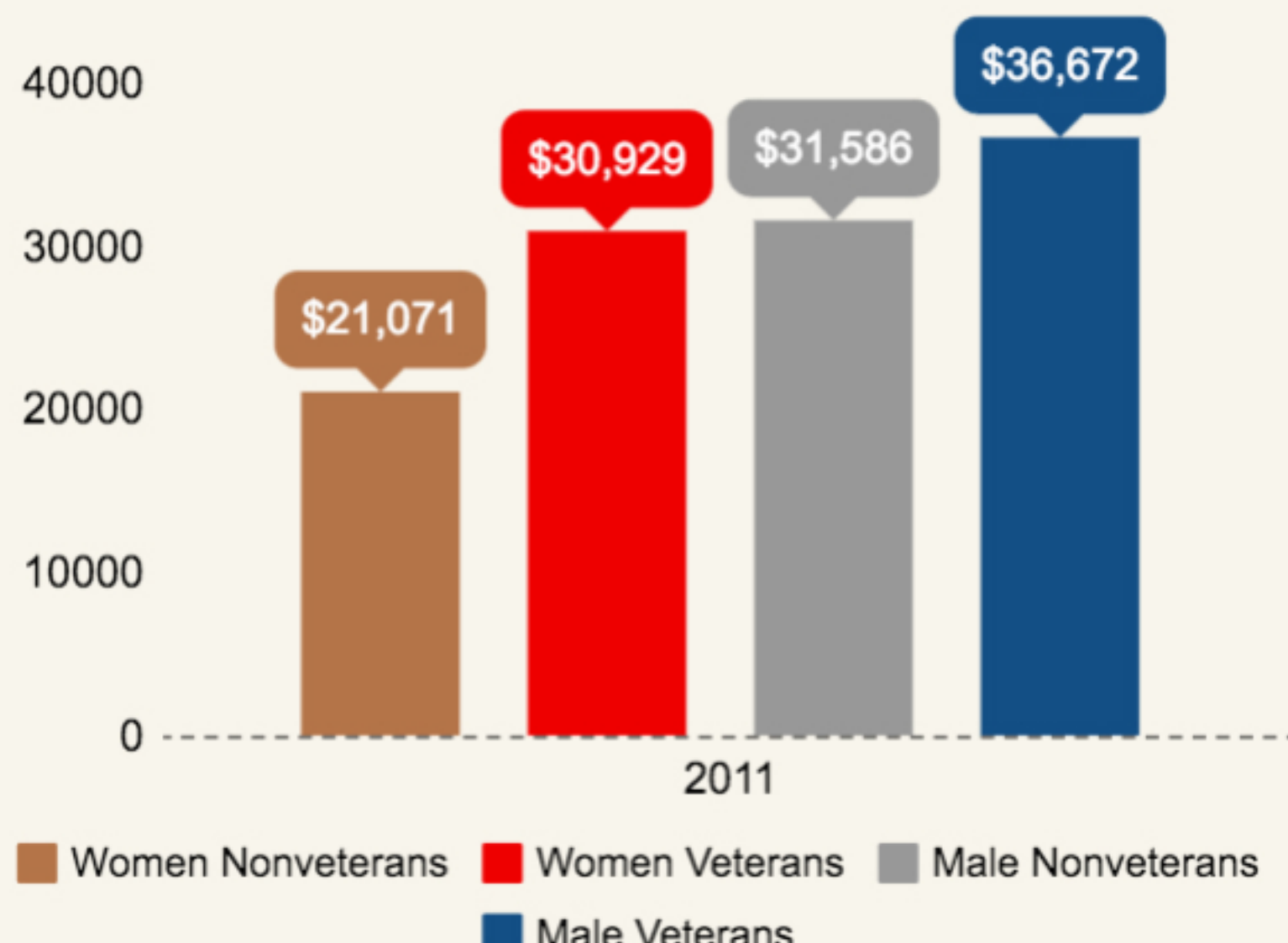
82% A clear majority of Alumni reported that their readjustment to civilian life was difficult

37% A distinct minority of Alumni reported feeling recognized, respected, and valued as veterans in civilian life

Percentage of Veterans by Education Attainment



Median Income Levels



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