

MILLION  RECORDS  
PROJECT  
*Research from Student Veterans of America*



# Million Records Project Initial Data Release

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STUDENT VETERANS  
of AMERICA

# Empowering success through research

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Student Veteran  
Achievement

**Phase 1 Outcomes:**

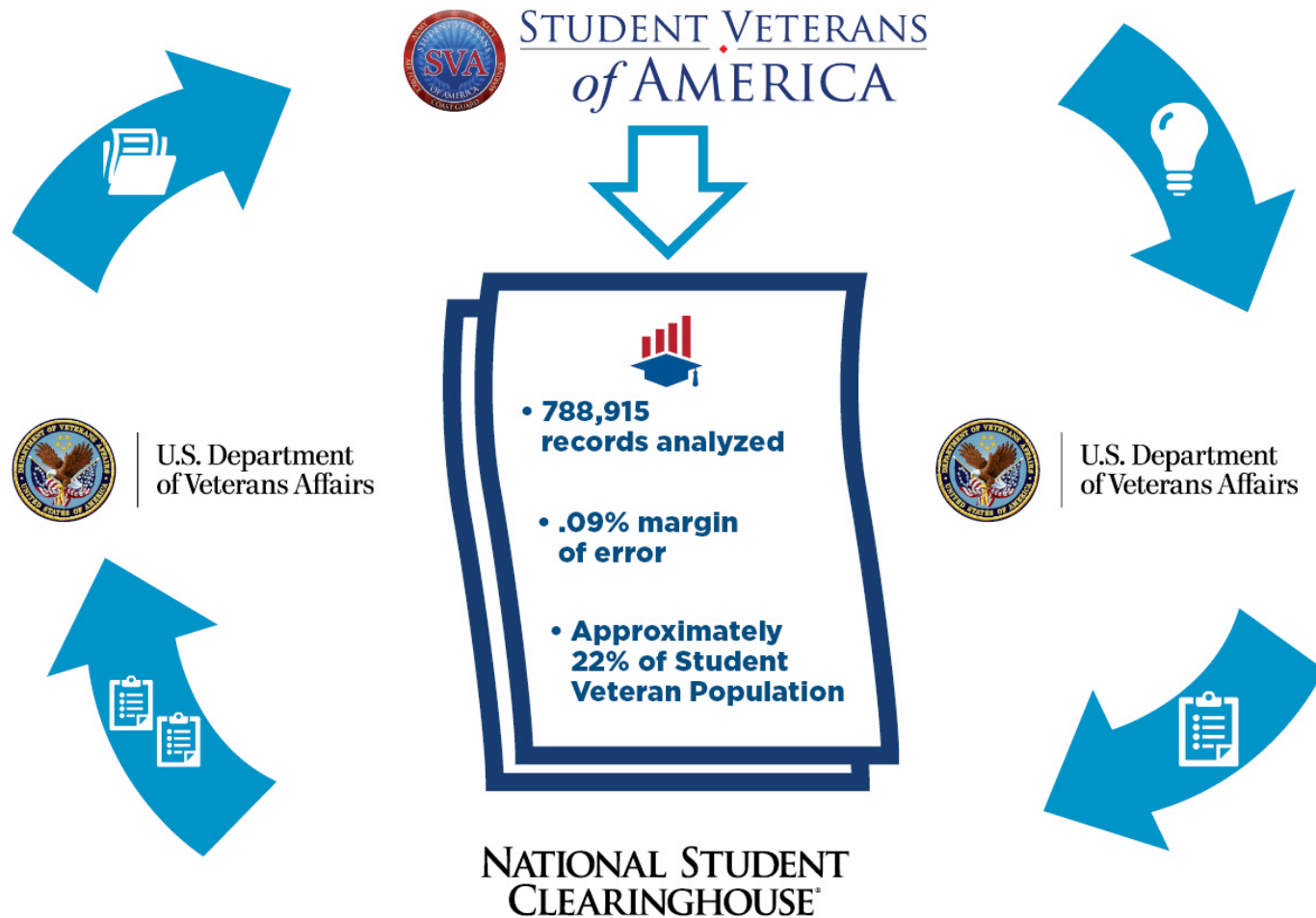
1. Completion Rates
2. Time-to-Completion
3. Level of Education
4. Fields of Study
5. School Sectors

Best Practices

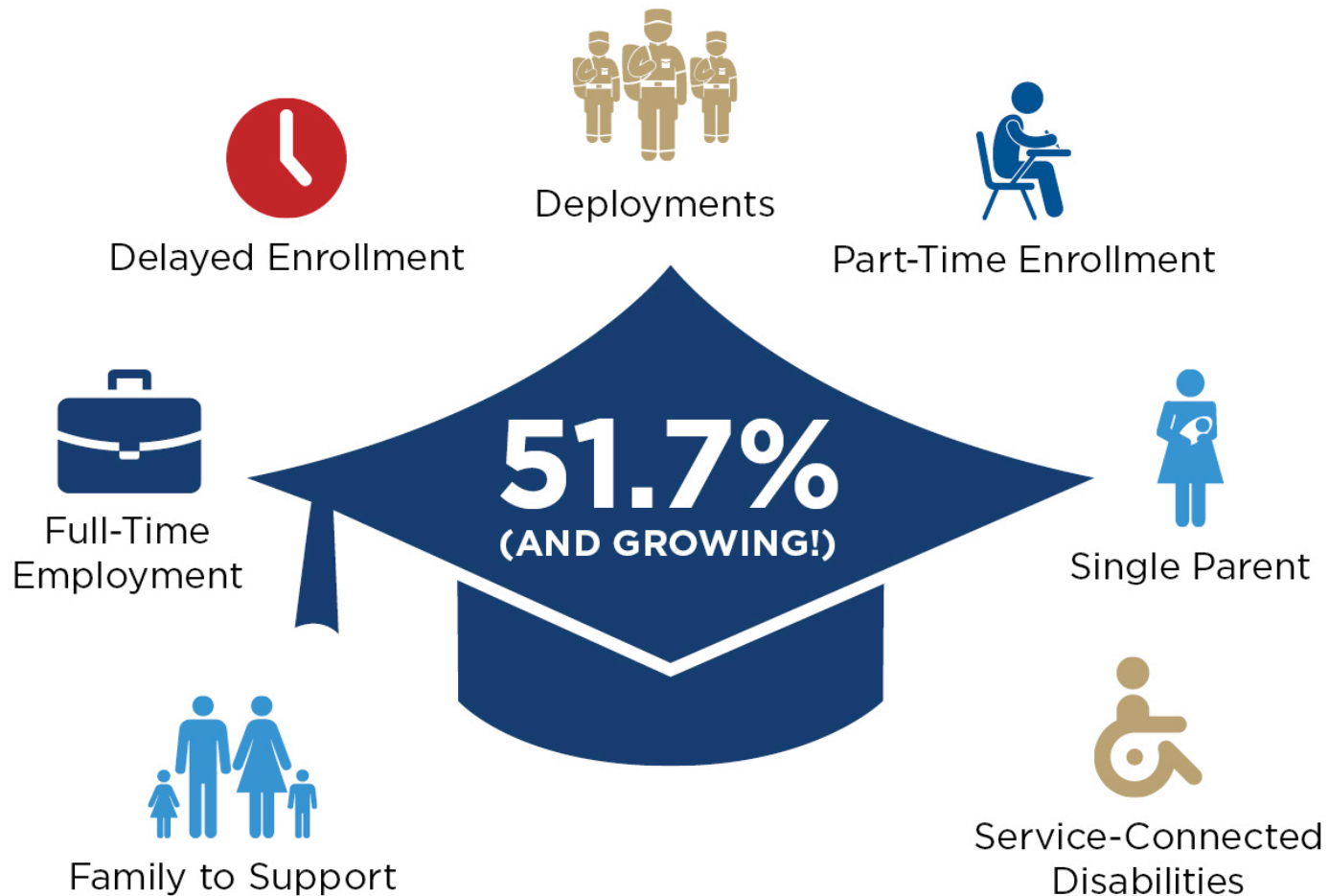
On-Campus Experience

Transition Challenges

# Driven by SVA with support from key partners



# Student veteran experience is nontraditional



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# Military service shapes path to graduation



## Path Alpha



COMPLETION



## Path Beta



COMPLETION



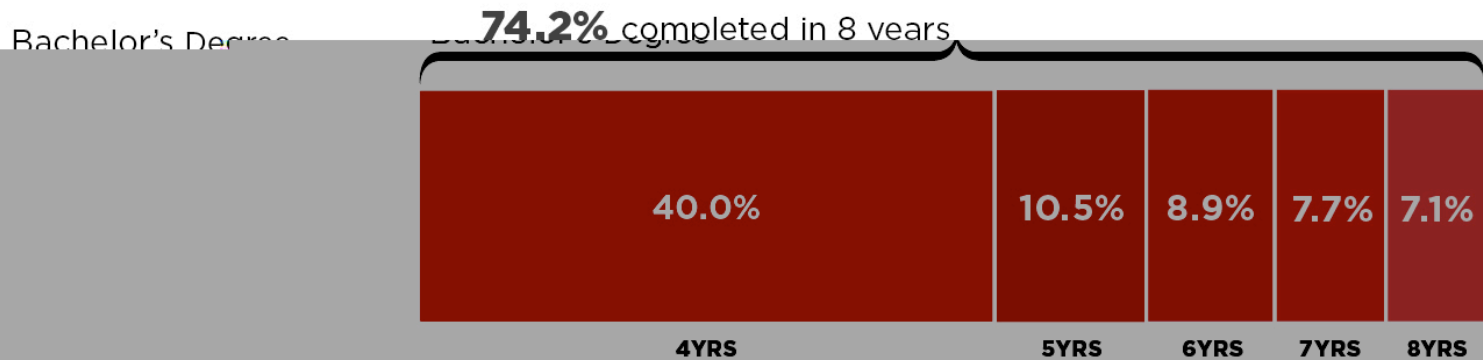
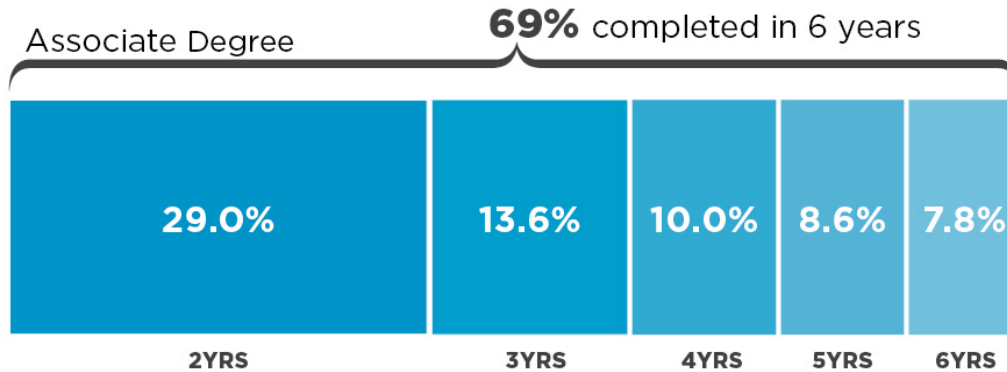
## Path Gamma



COMPLETION

# Despite challenges, vets complete education

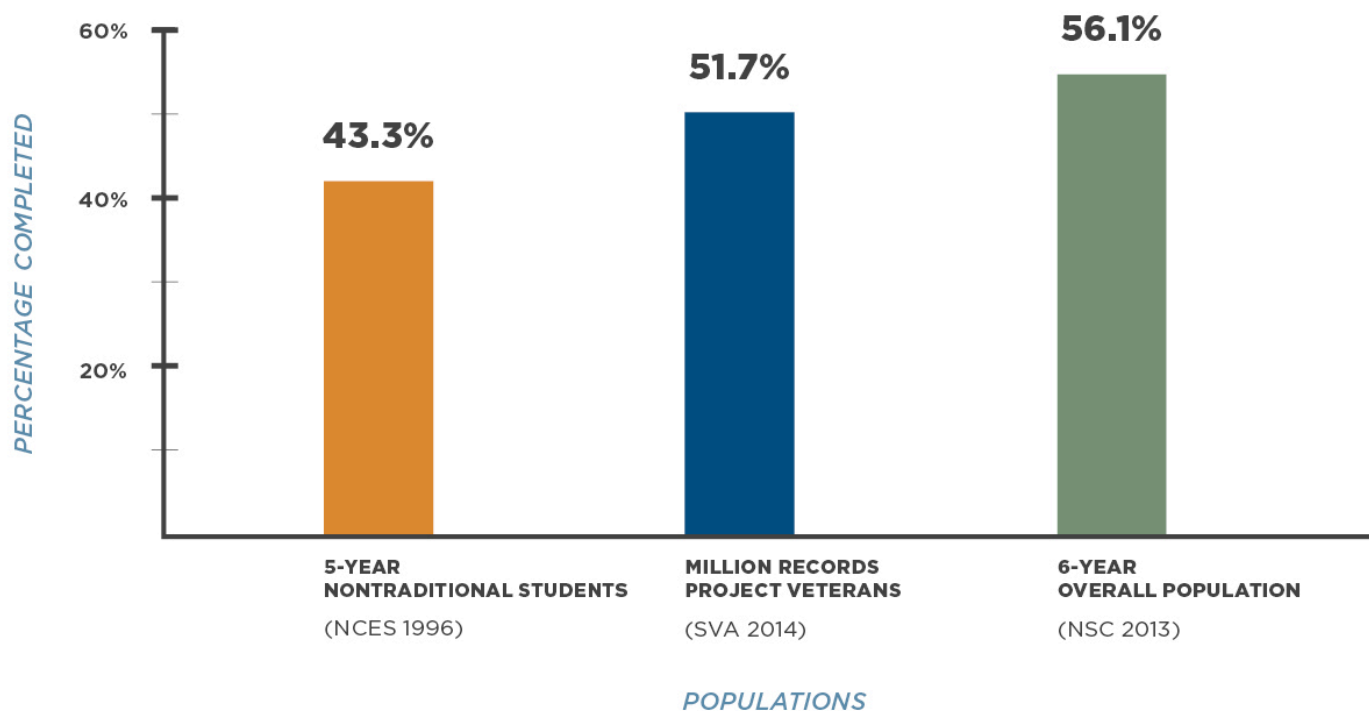
## TIME TO COMPLETION



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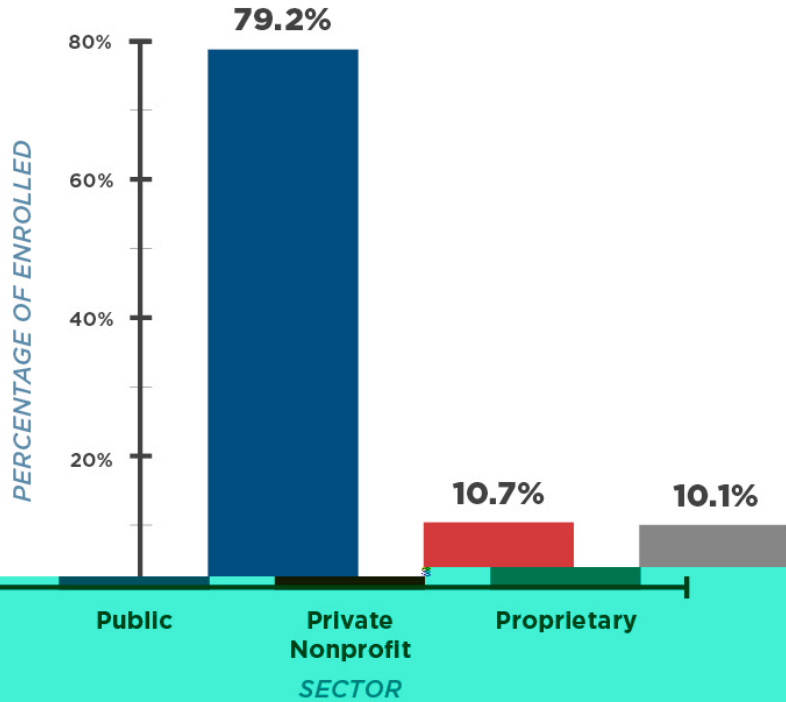
# An enhanced discussion on veteran achievement

## COMPLETION RATES



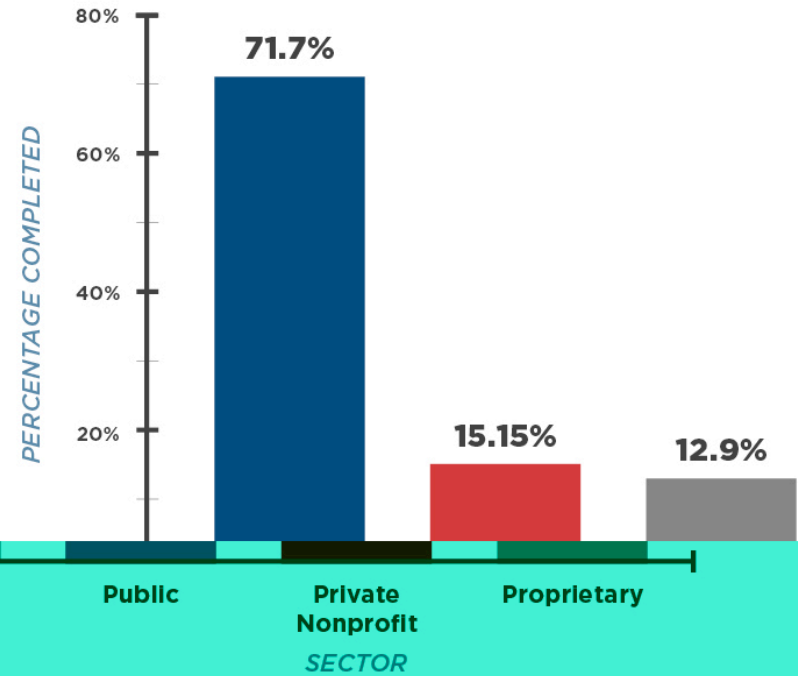
# Public sector attracts most veterans

## INITIAL ENROLLMENT BY SECTOR



Percentage of sample that first enrolled in a public, private, or proprietary school.

## OVERALL COMPLETION BY SECTOR



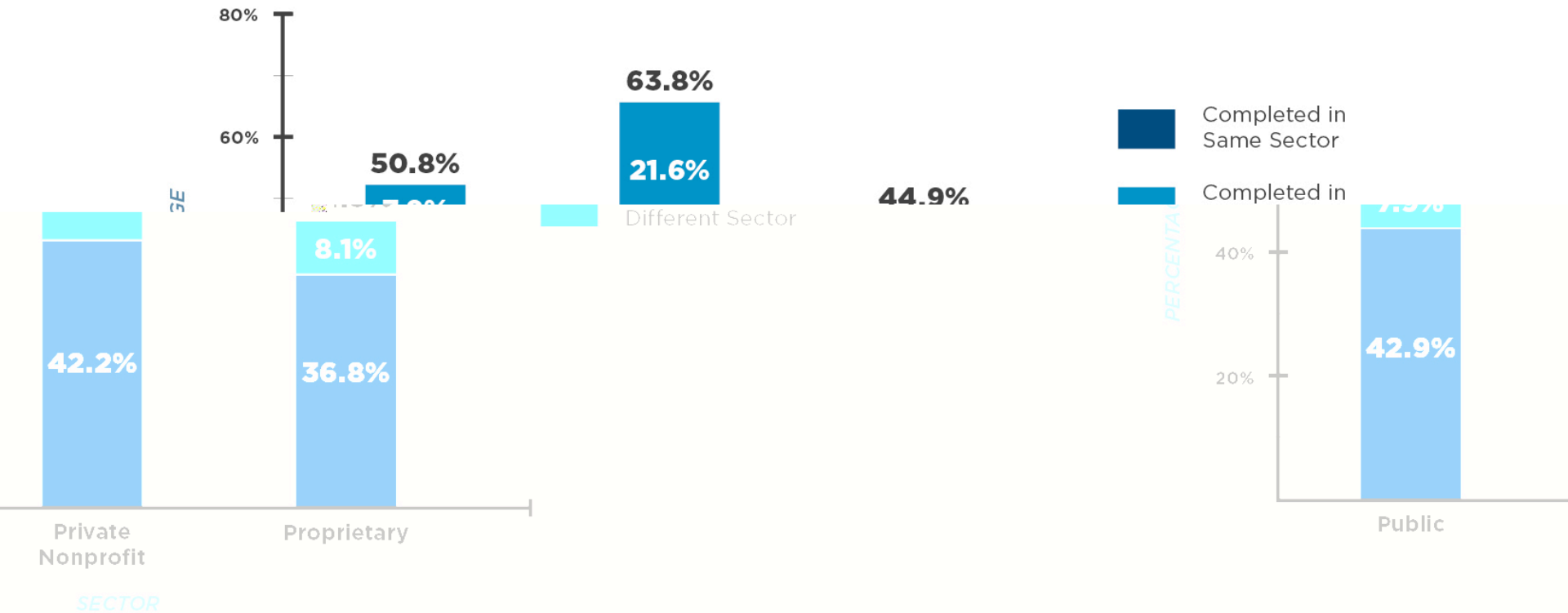
Of veterans that completed, percentage that earned a degree from a public, private, or proprietary school.



# Insights set stage for closer look at supports

## SECTOR COMPLETION RATES

BY VETERANS' INITIAL ENROLLMENT



# Pursuing high-growth, high-demand fields

Homeland Security, 9.7% Health 9.3%

Law Enforcement, 7.6%  
Firefighting 7.6%

Liberal Arts 33.5%

Engineering 7.6%

Business 17.8%

ASSOCIATE  
DEGREES

Homeland Security,  
Law Enforcement,  
Firefighting 6.6%

0.8%

Health 4.9%

Business 26.2%

Home  
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Firefig

BACHELOR'S  
DEGREES

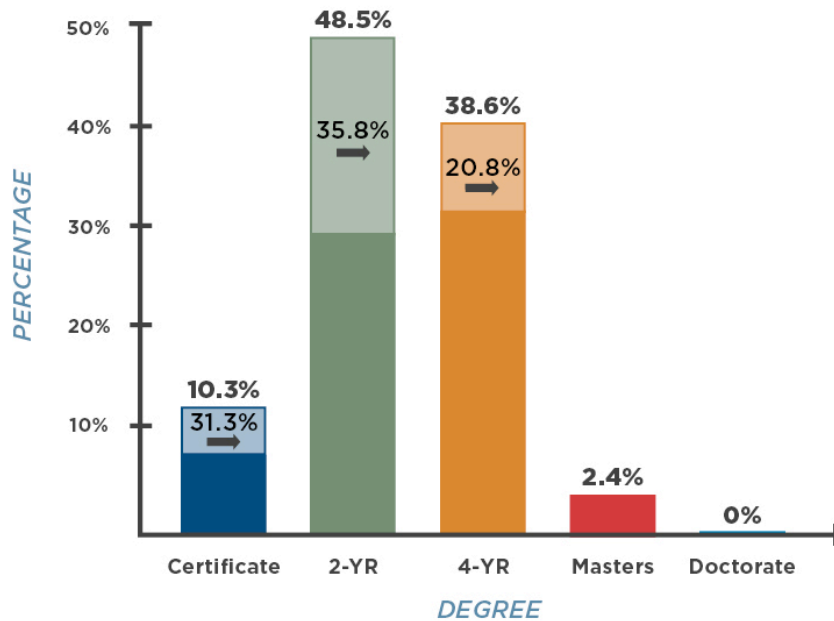
Social Sciences 10

Computer Science 5.8%

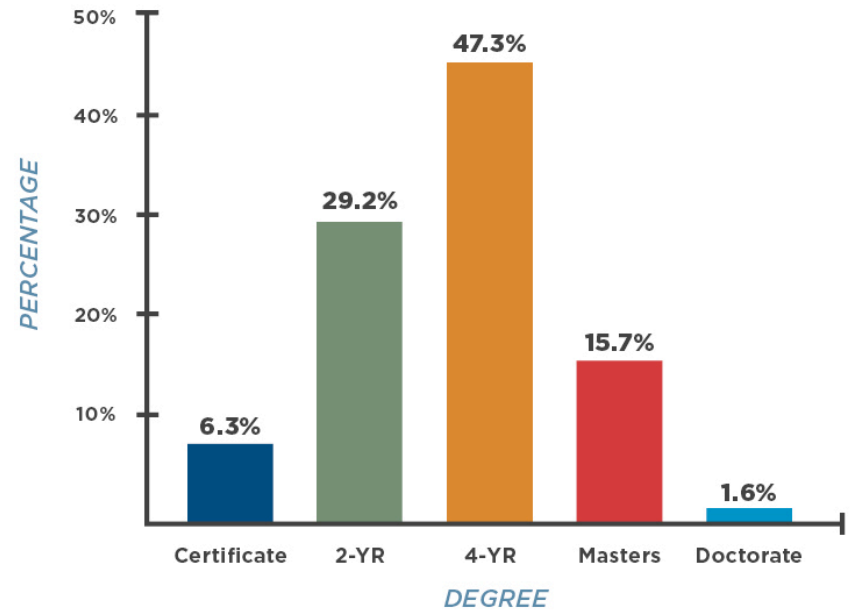
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# Translating initial degree into higher levels

## FIRST DEGREE EARNED



## HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED



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# In summary, student veterans...

- Are **nontraditional students** whose academic paths are shaped by **military service**
- **Persist in their education** despite numerous challenges, graduating at levels comparable to the general population
- Are largely enrolling in and graduating from **public schools**
- Pursue **high-growth, high-demand** fields
- Use benefits to achieve **higher levels of education**



# Looking ahead to new research

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Student Veteran Achievement

### Phase 2:

1. Partnership with Institute for Veteran and Military Families

### Best Practices

2. Feedback from schools
3. Examine policies and programs
4. SVA scales effective programs across national chapter network

Campus Experience

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