The following items can give a Marriage and Relationship Education (MRE) practitioner a sense of important demographics associated with the National Guard population. Knowing these facts can help you customize your programming toward the needs of the National Guard members and families in your community.

The National Guard makes up 14.8% of the total Military Force. There are 363,208 Army National Guard members, and 107,679 Air National Guard members (combined total of 470,887).

**Gender:**
- 50,988 or 14.0% of the Army National Guard members are female
- 19,829 or 18.4% of the Air National Guard members are female

**Race:**
- 25.4% of the Army National Guard members are of a minority ethnicity
- 21.1% of the Air National Guard members are of a minority ethnicity

**Average Age:**
- Army National Guard Officers: 38
- Army National Guard enlisted members: 29.7
- Air National Guard Officers: 40.7
- Air National Guard enlisted members: 34.3

**Marital and Divorce Status:**

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<td>Male</td>
<td>60%</td>
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- 44.3% of Army National Guard members are married.
- 57.4% of Air National Guard members are married.
- 10.9% of Air National Guard members are in marriage with another service member (also known as dual-military marriages). The Army National Guard does not report dual-military marriages.
- 2.4% of both the Army and Air National Guard members divorced in 2008.
Number of Family:

- 40.1% of **Army** National Guard members have children
- 48.3% of **Air** National Guard members have children

### Family Members of National Guard

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*The number of divorces is estimated by comparing the number of people who indicated that they were married in 2007 but no longer indicate a status of married in 2008. Additionally, the number of divorces is a count of divorces that occurred in 2008, not a count of all military members who are divorced.*