

National Guard Fast Facts

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:

Service Members Married by Gender

	Air National Guard Members Married	Army National Guard Members Married
Male	60%	46.4%
Female	45.9%	29%

- **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 2008.¹

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

	Air National Guard Service Members	Army National Guard Service Members
Spouse	60,022	161,277
Are Children	103,741	295,638
Have Children	166,060	457,865

¹The 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.