

Statistics:

In the 1950s, African Americans accounted for 10-11% of the US population.

64% of eligible African Americans were drafted for the Vietnam War, whilst only 31% of the eligible white population was drafted.

Between 1965 and 1966, despite accounting for only 11% of the population, African Americans accounted for 20% of the casualties. Later on in the war, these casualties did start to become proportional.

After returning home, 40% of African American veterans suffered from PTSD, whereas 20% of white veterans suffered from PTSD.

The unemployment rate of white veterans was 5%. The unemployment rate of African American veterans was around 33%.

GI Bills:

World War Two

- 1944 - received \$50 per month for living expenses and had tuition costs completely paid for.

The Korean War

- 1951 - received \$110 per month for living expenses and tuition.

The Vietnam War

- 1966 - received \$100 per month for living expenses and tuition.
- 1972 - increased to \$220 per month.
- 1974 - increased to \$340 per month.

Veterans Affairs Program (VAP) helped get African American veterans into jobs in major cities like New York with a success rate of 80%.