

2020

Portrait of Black / African American Active Duty Service Members



Air Force

48,532



Almost 15 out of every 100 Airmen are Black / African American

Army

102,428



More than 21 out of every 100 Soldiers are Black / African American

Marine Corps

19,366



More than 10 out of every 100 Marines are Black / African American

Navy

57,637



More than 17 out of every 100 Sailors are Black / African American



Approximately 186,000 Black / African American Soldiers – including 94,000 former slaves from Southern states – ultimately served in the Union Army and 38,000 were killed in action.



General Colin Powell was appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, making him the first Black / African American to hold the position.



Admiral Michelle J. Howard became the first female 4-star admiral in the U.S. Navy, as well as the first Black / African American to be Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

16.9%

The percent of Black / African American enlisted Service members with a doctorate degree.

13.2%

The percent of Black / African American commissioned officers in Fiscal Year 2019 who graduated from a service academy.

Enlisted Occupations

Functional Support & Administration Specialists	26,130	17,030
Service & Supply Handlers	26,180	8,849
Electrical / Mechanical Equipment Repairers	22,541	3,774
Communications & Intelligence Specialists	17,460	4,228
Infantry, Gun Crews & Seamanship Specialists	18,830	2,355
Electronic Equipment Specialists	15,332	3,759
Health Care Specialists	9,374	6,715
Non-Occupational Service Members	6,955	2,149
Craftworkers	4,746	1,024
Other Technical & Allied Specialists	4,449	1,292

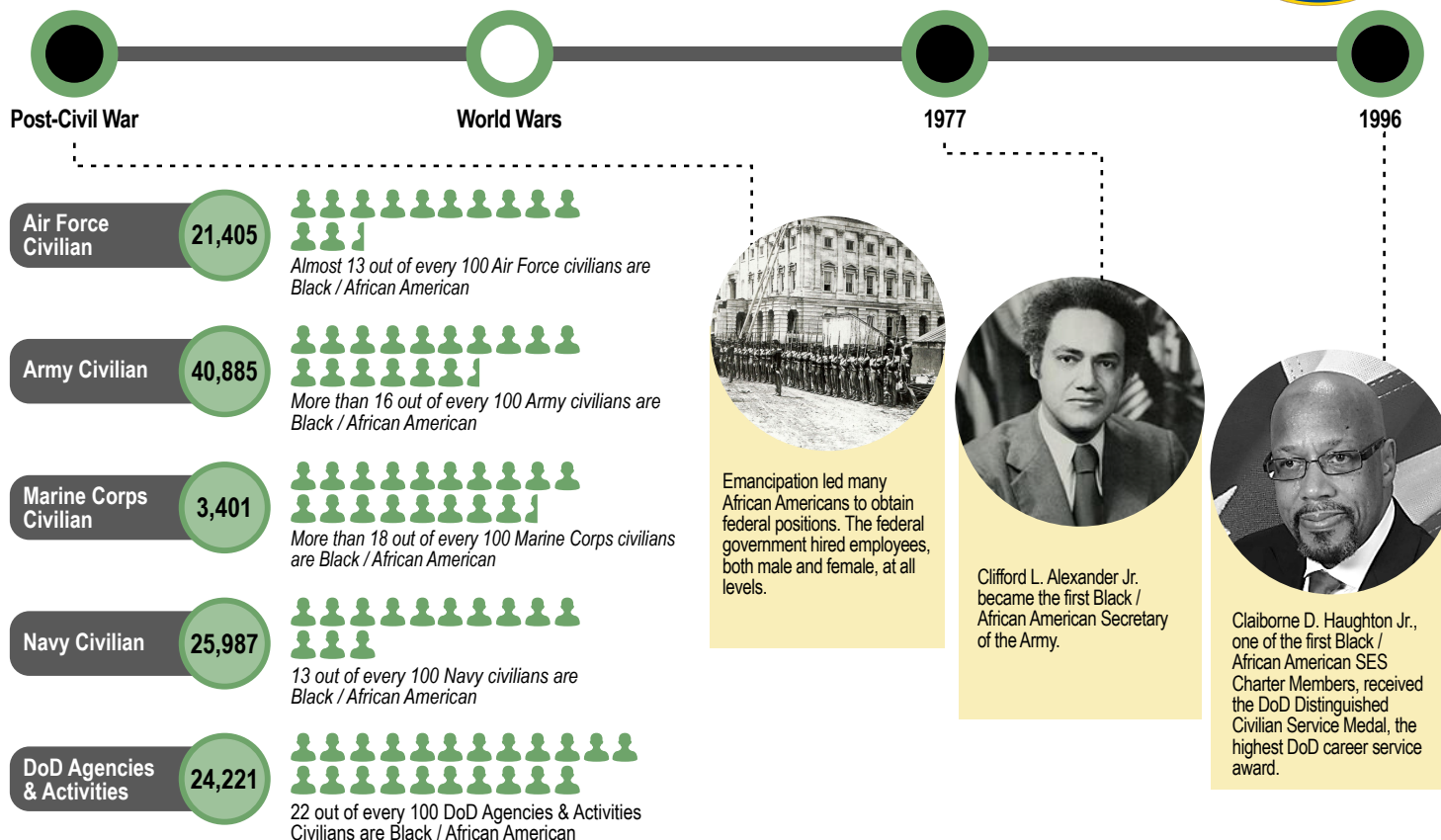
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Officer Occupations

Tactical Operations Officers	3,413	563
Health Care Officers	1,369	1,939
Supply, Procurement & Allied Officers	1,968	805
Engineering & Maintenance Officers	1,676	499
Administrators	1,233	919
Intelligence Officers	945	382
Scientists & Professionals	656	339
Non-Occupational Officers	595	183
General Officers & Executives	103	3

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2020 Portrait of Black / African American DoD Government Civilians



25%

The percent increase from Fiscal Year 2013 of Black / African American civilians with a professional degree.

6.6%

The percent of SES positions held by Black / African American civilians in Fiscal Year 2019.

Top 10 GS 1-14 Civilian Career Fields

General Administrative, Clerical & Office Services	9,079	10,624
Business & Industry	3,765	4,847
Medical, Hospital, Dental & Public Health	1,827	6,290
Accounting & Budget	2,426	5,550
Human Resources Management	2,206	4,197
Supply	2,825	2,320
Information Technology	3,454	1,542
Misc. Occupations	3,812	809
Engineering & Architecture	2,635	679
Education	1,419	1,477

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General Administrative, Clerical & Office Services	236	158
Accounting & Budget	67	90
Information Technology	61	30
Human Resources Management	32	49
Business & Industry	29	30
Legal & Kindred	29	29
Engineering & Architecture	38	12
Inspection, Investigation, Enforcement & Compliance	18	5
Misc. Occupations	12	5
Mathematical Science	14	1

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