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SECTION 1

Is This the Field for You?

Do you want to help protect your country? What about a job that helps your city or state? Would you enjoy being on a team that works together? Maybe you do well with structure. Following orders comes naturally. Traveling the world might sound exciting too. Does any of this sound like you? If so, military or government work may be a good fit.

Chapter 1 ›

Inside the Industry

The U.S. has three levels of **government**. One is the **federal** government. This level makes and enforces laws for the country. Another level is state government. It creates and applies laws for each state. The third level is local government. This **branch** covers cities and counties.

The military is part of the federal government. It protects the country and its people. The military has six branches. Each needs people with different skills.





If you like flying, you could join the Air Force or the Space Force. People who like being on boats could pick the Navy or the Coast Guard. For those who want to work on land, there's the Marine Corps and the Army.



Military life is not for everyone. It can be tough on your body. You need to pass physical and mental tests. In the military, you must follow orders. Days can be long. You might have to travel. This field can also be dangerous, especially if the country is at war.

Other government work is safer. Government employees usually work in offices. They also work in **courtrooms**. Their jobs can be less physical. You might sit at a desk. Government workers need training. The work can be complex. These jobs require focus.

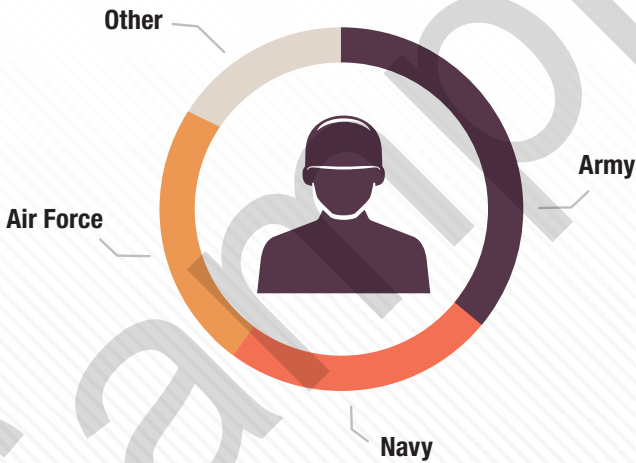


Did You Know?

There are more than 20 million Americans with government jobs. About 3 million work at the federal level. The rest work at the state and local levels.

 **20,000,000+**

About 36 percent of all military workers are in the Army. Around 24 percent are in the Navy. Another 23 percent are in the Air Force.



About one in five U.S. military employees is a woman.



About half of all government jobs do not require a college degree.

Jobs that require a college degree

50%

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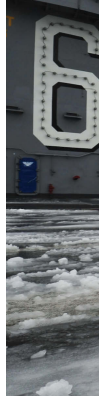
The government and military offer many jobs. Work can be indoors or outdoors. Most people work as part of a team. Everyone works hard to make that team strong. Here is a close-up look at a few scenes.

Scene #1: Army Recruit in Training

Army **recruits** sweat through training. They also crawl through muddy sand. Climbing walls is done too. Army recruits go through tough **infantry** training. Some train for **special forces**. They might not be in great shape on the first day. Training helps them get stronger. They need their strength to keep up with the tough tasks they are assigned.









Scene #2: Down Below and Up Above

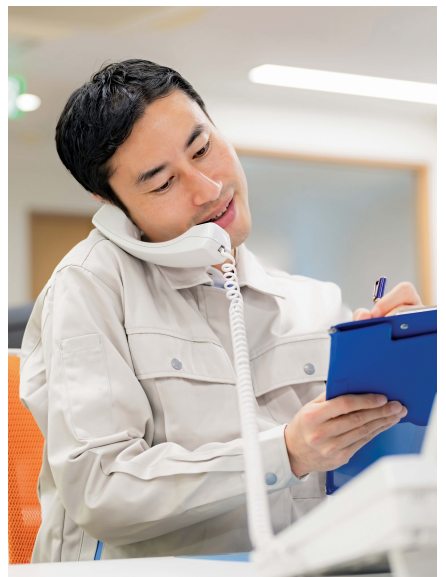
Seamen keep the decks clean on a Navy warship. Some ships are used to train **crew members**. **Pilots** fly helicopters in the sky. **Air crew members** assist with a search and rescue. The **Air National Guard** can refuel a plane in midair.





Scene #3: Clerks

There are many types of **clerks** in the government. **Court clerks** help judges and lawyers. They take notes and prepare for meetings. **Postmasters** deliver mail. **License clerks** help people get important documents. **Municipal clerks** keep local governments organized.





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