

## Who Lives in the Armed Forces Retirement Home

### A demographic profile

The law restricts residency at the Armed Forces Retirement Home to military veterans who are over the age of 60 and served in a branch of the military for more than 20 years, veterans who served in a war theater who are unable to earn a livelihood because of any disability, veterans unable to earn a living because of a service related disability and female veterans who served prior to 1948. The typical resident is a white single Army veteran in his late 70's.

According to a 2005 survey of residents:

- 77 percent are age 75 or older
- 52 percent are 80 or older
- 4 percent are over 90
- 91 percent are men and 9 percent are women
- 85 percent are white (not Hispanic) and 13 percent are black
- 83 percent are single, divorced or widowed and 13 percent were married at the time they moved into the Home
- The average annual income is \$22,000 with a large number have little or no income
- 42 percent served in the Army; 32 percent Air Force, 23 percent Navy; 2 percent Marine Corps; 1 percent Coast Guard
- 64 percent of the residents served in the military for more than 20 years
- 18 percent are disabled