



Data Element Number: **197277**

Data Element Name: **Military Status**

The following codes are used to identify if a student (adult general education and postsecondary career and technical education) is a veteran.

Code	Definition/Example
A	Active Duty Personnel
D	Eligible Dependent (spouse/child. See eligible dependent statuses below.)
E	Veteran (Prior Service, Service Dates Unknown)
N	Active Member of the National Guard
R	Active Member of the Reserves
V	Veteran (Prior Service, Service Prior to 9/11/2001)
W	Veteran (Prior Service, Service on or after 9/11/2001)
X	Unknown/No Response
Y	No Military History
Z	Not Applicable (Continuing Workforce Education, dual enrolled or co-enrolled secondary students)

Notes:

1. Values that identify Actively serving members of the U.S. Armed Forces, to include:

- 'A' - Active Duty
- 'N' - Active Member of the National Guard
- 'R' - Active Member of the Reserves

Active Duty values take precedence over values that identify a student as a veteran. Students will only be identified as veterans if and only if they are no longer actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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2. Eligible Dependent is defined in Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 1072 “with respect to a member or former member of the uniformed service, within the scope of this data element means-

(A) The spouse

(B) The unremarried widow

© The unremarried widower

(D) A child who-

i. Has not attained the age of 21;

ii. Has not attained the age of 23, is enrolled in a full time course of study at an institution of higher learning approved by the administering Secretary and is, or was at the time of the member’s or former member’s death, in fact dependent on the member or former member for over one half of the child’s support; or

iii. Is incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity that occurs while a dependent of a member or former member under clause (i) or (ii) and is, or was at the time of the member’s or former member’s death, in fact dependent on the member or former member for over one-half of the child’s support.

3. If the student is no longer an active military member (through discharge, retirement, etc.), then this data element will be coded appropriately as “V” (Prior Service Military Member-Began Term of Service prior to 9/11/2001) or “W” (Prior Service Military Member-Began Term of Service on or after 9/11/2001), based on the date they entered into service.

Data Element Detailed Information

Length:	1	Use Types:	
Data Type:	Alphabetic	State Reporting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Year Implemented:	1617	Local Accountability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
State Standard:	No	FASTER:	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Required Grades:	Adult	Migrant Tracking:	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Applicable Format And Edit

Formats Required:

Edits Required:

WDIS Student Demographic Information

Programs Required: Workforce Development

Surveys Required:
Survey F Yes
Survey S Yes
Survey W Yes

Appendices:

Description of Changes:

7/1/2025 Clarification added to data element definition and note section.
7/1/2016 New Element