

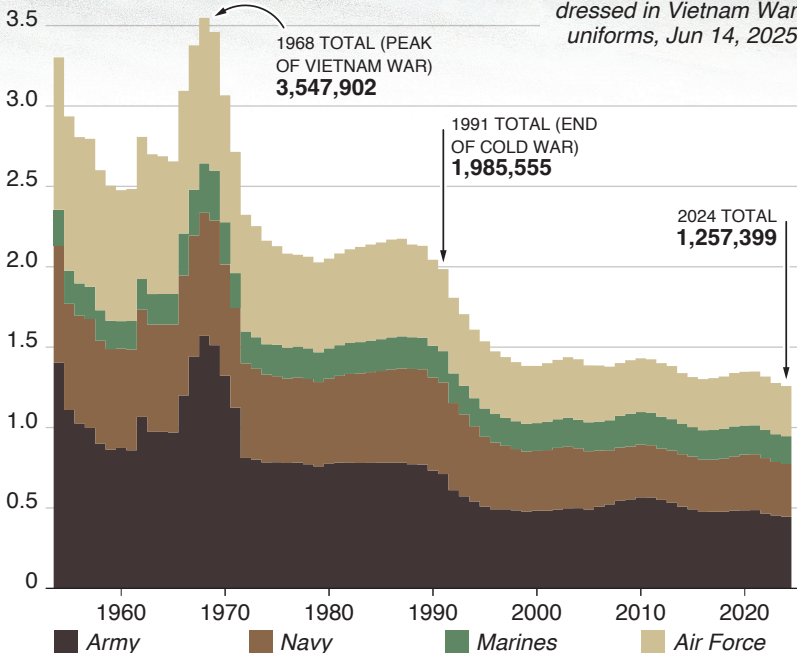
U.S. troop numbers at record low

The number of active duty U.S. troops has fallen to an all time low of 1.3 million – down almost two thirds from a peak of 3.5 million in 1968, during the Vietnam War



**ACTIVE DUTY
U.S. TROOPS** (millions
by military branch, 1954-2024)*

*Washington DC military
parade with soldiers
dressed in Vietnam War
uniforms, Jun 14, 2025*



*Omits Space Force, Coast Guard, civilian military personnel and reservists

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