

Table 501. Military Reserve Personnel: 1995 to 2008

[As of September 30. The Ready Reserve data include the Selected Reserve which is scheduled to augment active forces during times of war or national emergency, and the Individual Ready Reserve, which, during times of war or national emergency, would be used to fill out Active, Guard, and Reserve units, and which would also be a source for casualty replacements; Ready Reservists serve in an active status (except for the Inactive National Guard—a very small pool within the Army National Guard). The Standby Reserve cannot be called to active duty, other than for training, unless authorized by Congress under “full mobilization,” and a determination is made that there are not enough qualified members in the Ready Reserve in the required categories who are readily available. The Retired Reserve represents a lower potential for involuntary mobilization]

Reserve status and branch of service	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total reserves ¹	1,674,164	1,276,843	1,166,937	1,136,200	1,119,902	1,109,805	1,099,915
Ready reserve	1,648,388	1,251,452	1,145,035	1,113,427	1,101,565	1,088,587	1,080,617
Army ²	999,462	725,771	663,209	636,355	631,856	621,422	626,892
Navy	267,356	184,080	148,643	140,821	131,802	128,421	123,159
Marine Corps	103,668	99,855	101,443	99,820	100,522	100,787	95,748
Air Force ³	263,011	229,009	219,159	223,551	224,637	226,806	224,545
Coast Guard	14,891	12,737	12,581	12,880	12,748	11,151	10,273
Standby reserve	25,776	25,391	21,902	22,773	18,337	21,218	19,298
Army	1,128	701	715	1,668	1,586	4,294	2,136
Navy	12,707	7,213	2,502	4,038	4,514	3,046	3,310
Marine Corps	216	895	992	1,129	1,210	1,372	1,691
Air Force	11,453	16,429	17,340	15,897	10,932	10,154	10,384
Coast Guard	272	153	353	41	95	1,352	1,777
Retired reserve	505,905	573,305	614,904	627,424	637,262	648,346	658,251
Army	259,553	296,004	315,477	321,312	325,288	330,121	334,258
Navy	97,532	109,531	115,210	117,093	118,803	120,859	122,000
Marine Corps	11,319	12,937	14,319	14,693	15,000	15,264	15,558
Air Force	137,501	154,833	169,898	174,326	178,171	182,102	186,435

¹ Less retired reserves. ² Includes Army National Guard. ³ Includes Air National Guard. ⁴ The Army did a “scrub” of their Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) categories and dropped personnel awaiting retirement or discharge into the Standby Reserve during FY2007 in order to give them a better perspective on actual IRR members cleared for mobilization, if required.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense, DoD Personnel and Procurement Statistics, Personnel, Publications, Atlas/Data Abstract for the United States and Selected Areas, *Selected Manpower Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil>>.