America’s Federal Family at a Glance

Since 1968, the federal workforce has **DECREASED 5.4 PERCENT**, while private-sector employment increased over 120 percent.

**OVER TWO-THIRDS** of federal, non-postal employees defend our homeland, support our military and care for our veterans.

- **35.6%** Department of Defense
- **19.5%** Department of Veterans Affairs
- **9.7%** Department of Homeland Security
- **5.4%** Department of Justice
- **70.2%** of Federal Workers

**U.S. workforce and population changes since 1968**

- **Private-sector Employment (+120%)**
- **Population (+64.9%)**
- **Federal Workforce (-5.4%)**

**Median years of tenure with current employer**
- **6.5 years** Federal government
- **3.7 years** Private sector

**30.7%** of federal employees are veterans, while only 6% of private-sector employees are veterans.

**47%** of Defense Department federal employees are veterans.

Approximately **100,000** veterans work for USPS.

**85%** of federal employees live and work outside of the Washington, D.C. area.

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