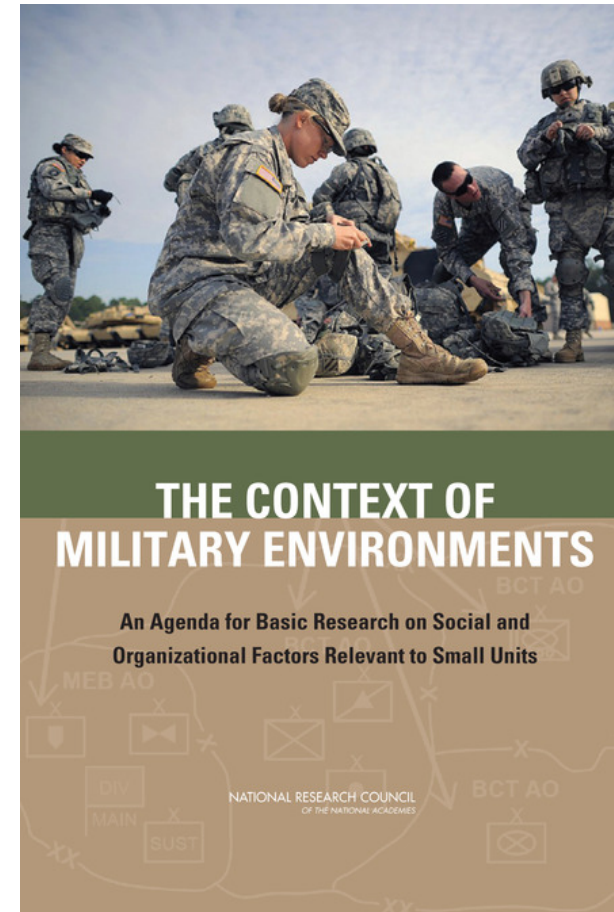
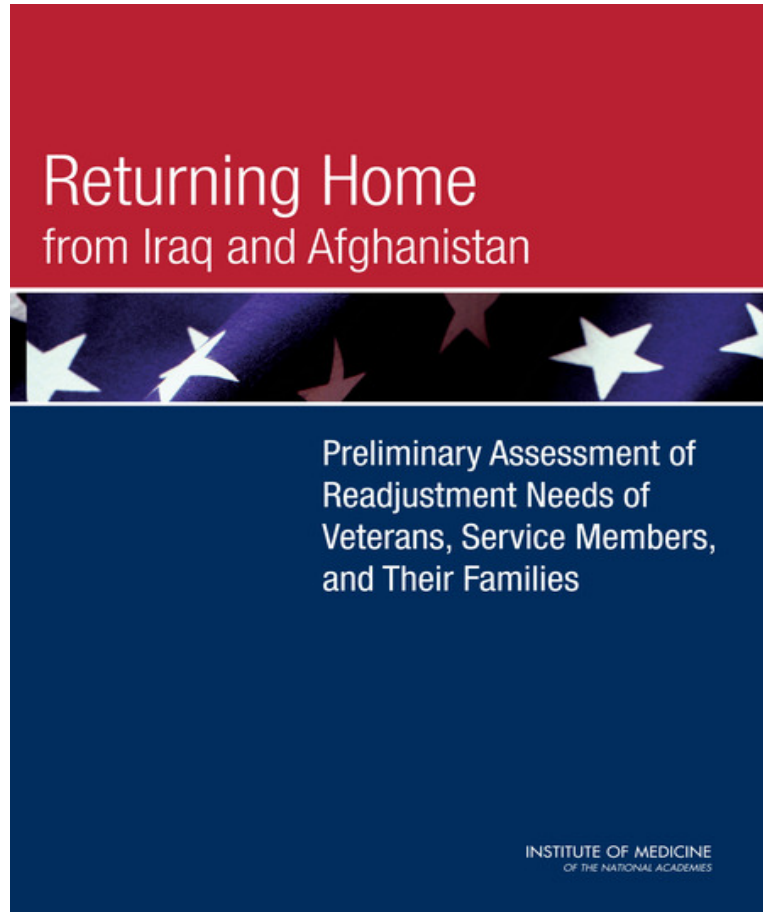


# Military Service and Veteran's Status

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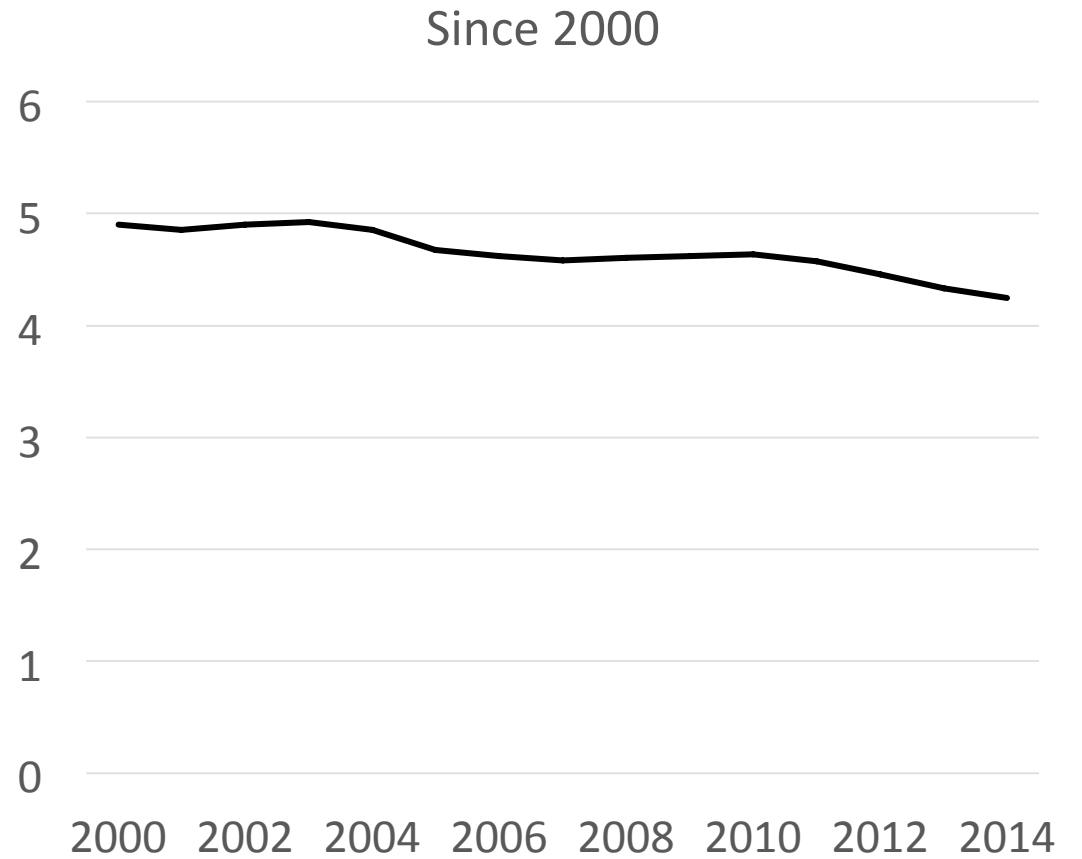
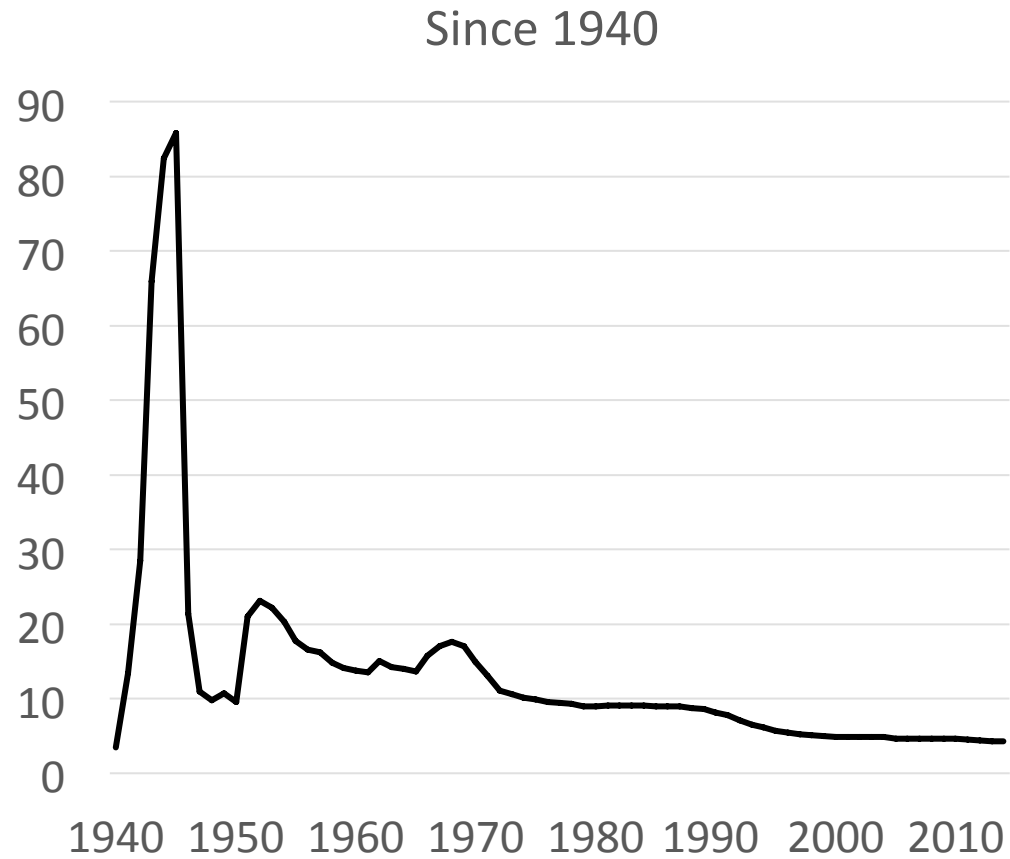
# Contemporary data needs



# My research

- Who enlists
- Combat exposure
- Military occupations
- Health and socioeconomic attainment of veterans
- Change with age
- Differences across cohorts

# Military context: rates of service in US armed forces



# Data

- Five longitudinal surveys
  - Wisconsin Longitudinal Study
  - Health and Retirement Study
  - Panel Study of Income Dynamics
  - National Longitudinal Study of Youth 1979
  - Educational Longitudinal Study of 2002
- Current Population Surveys 1967-2014
- Administrative data from Department of Defense

# Limitations of current data

- Family background
- Outcomes
- Sample size
- Coverage of eras

# Contributions to policy evaluation

- Recruitment and retention
- Types of training and service
- Central q's related to mobility: variation by race
- Veterans' benefits
  - Health care
  - GI Bill

# Access and barriers

- Scholars currently assessing related questions: psychologists, psychiatrists, economists, sociologists
- Governmental organizations: congress, Defense Department, VA
- Barriers
  - Appropriate comparison groups
  - Sample sizes