

# Improving Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services To Returning Veterans from Iraq & Afghanistan and Their Families



Dialogue between veterans & health professionals



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# Objectives:

Learn about the veterans' experiences & their diversity

Think about the relevance to your profession and practice

Apply this understanding to improve access and retention in treatment



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**Served 9 years in U.S.  
Army**

**Deployed to Iraq in  
2003**

**Currently helps  
returning veterans  
as a claims  
representative with  
the Minnesota  
Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

# Joy Schlotterbeck

Served 6 years in U.S.  
Army Reserves from 1998  
to 2006

Served in  
Kuwait 12/04-1/05  
Iraq in 1/05 to 11/05

In Iraq served as a  
Personnel Administration  
Sergeant



# Jason Ridolfi

8 year veteran of the  
Marine Corps

Combat Engineer  
and a Bulk Fuel  
Specialist

First deployment to  
Iraq in 2003

Second deployment  
to Iraq in 2004



# SAMHSA Resources

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Director

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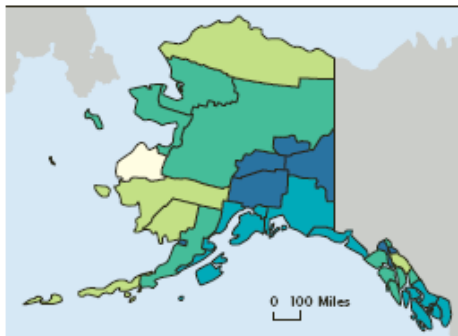
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Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

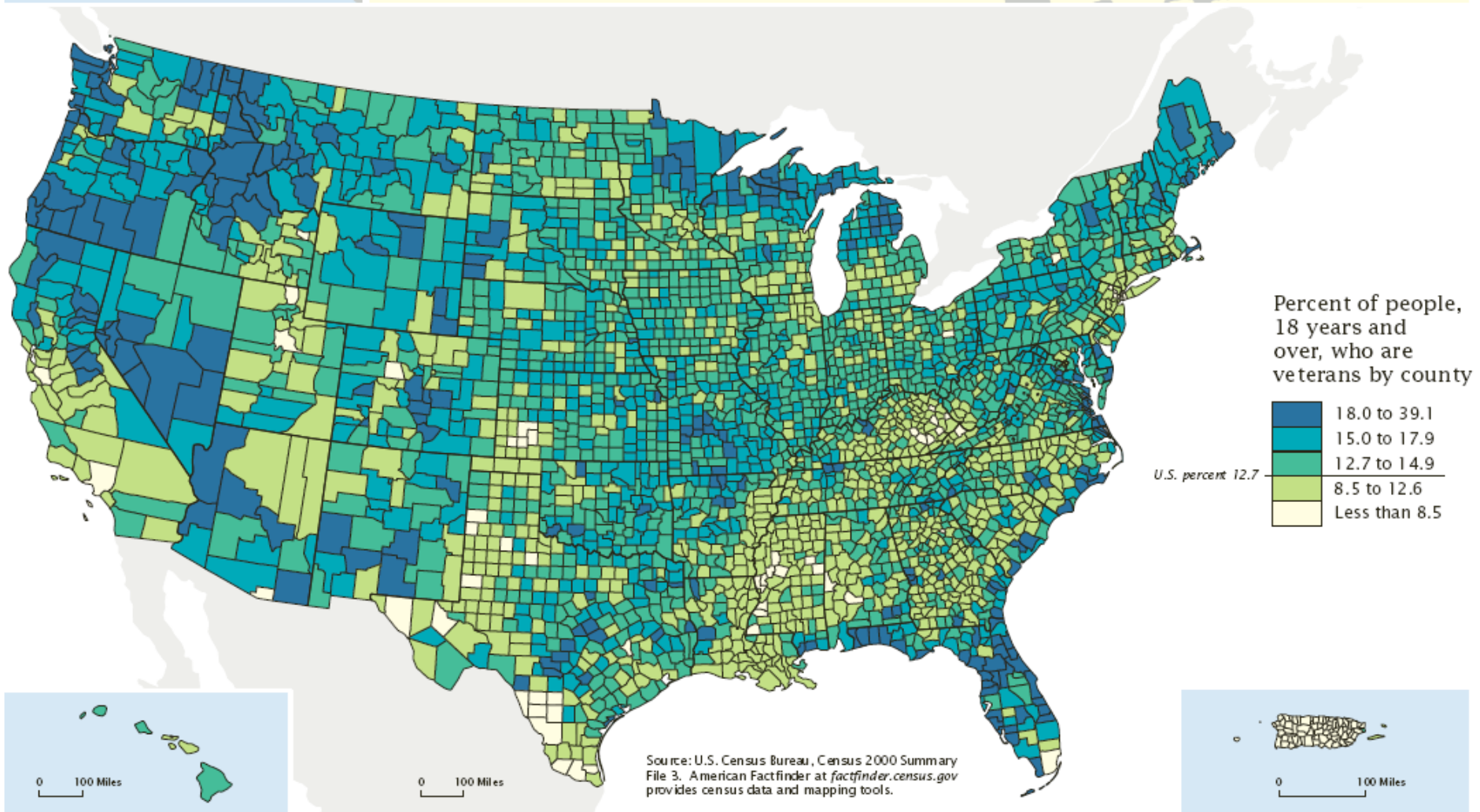
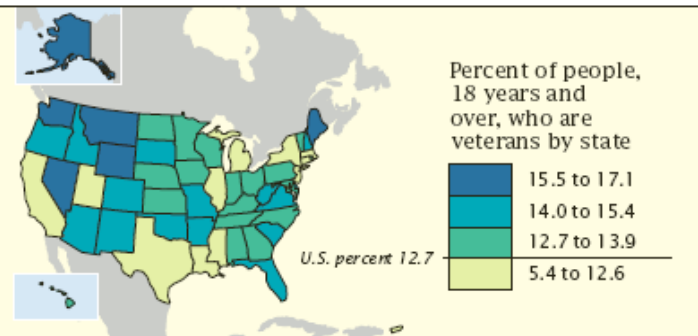
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### Figure 4. The Veteran Population: 2000

(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf).)



# The Impact of Iraq on a Soldier and His Family

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