

# University of Washington Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell Campuses: Welcoming Veterans



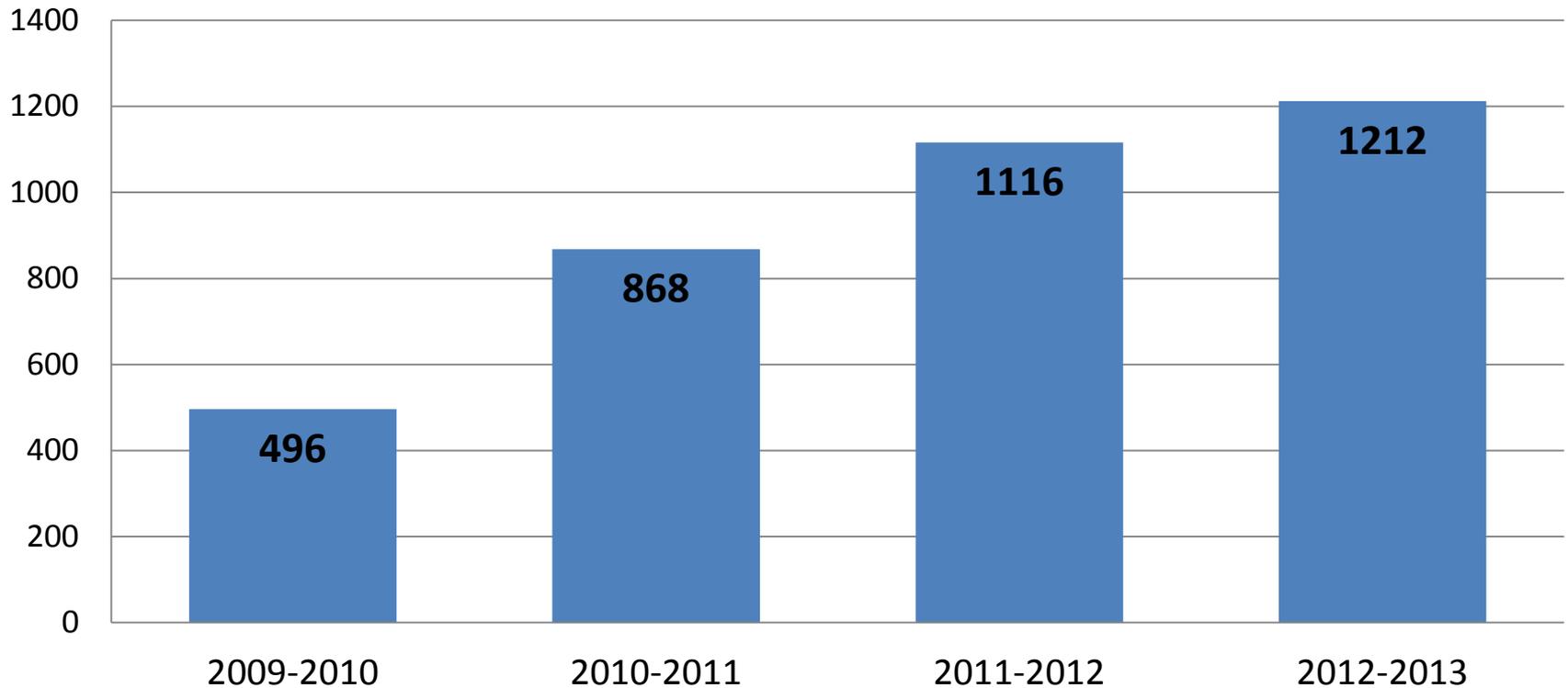
# The *Facts*

- The creation of the Post 9/11 GI Bill is a tremendous benefit to veterans and their families.
- Early indications estimated that institutions would experience a 25% increase in their student veteran population as the nearly 2 million veterans returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **The University of Washington has experienced a 76% increase (since Spring 2009) in student veterans.**



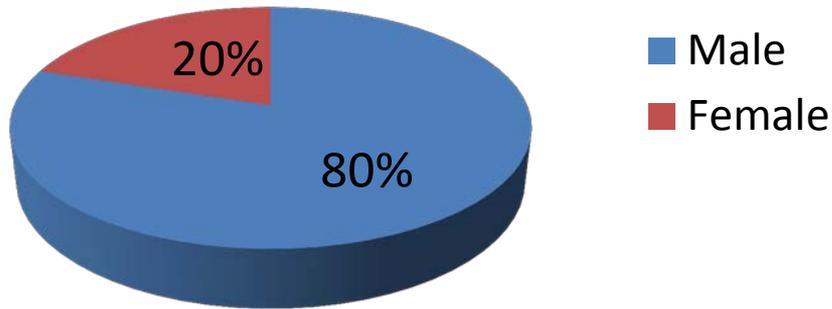
# Post 9/11 GI Bill @ the UW

# of Students receiving

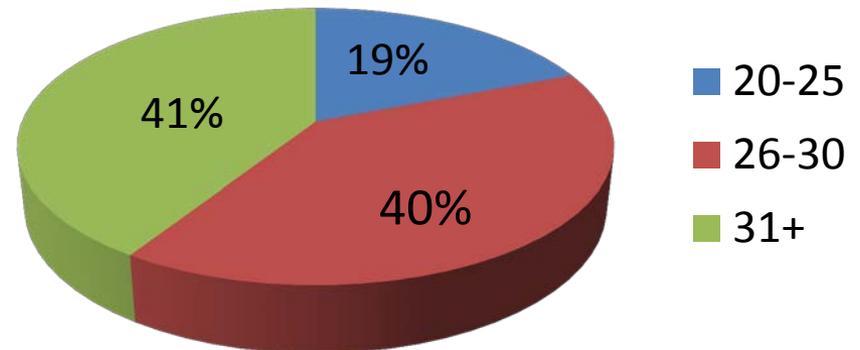


# *Our UW Student Veterans are...*

**Gender**

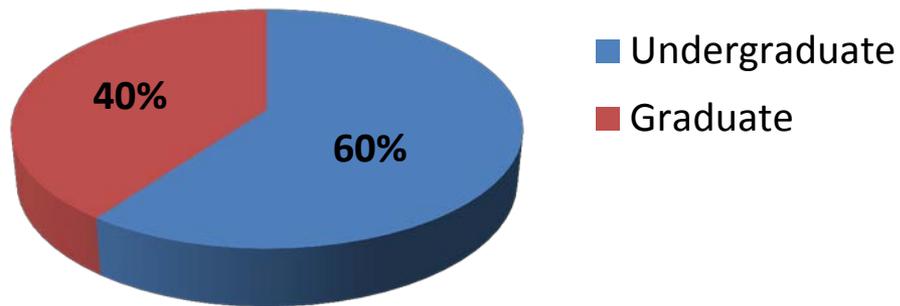


**Age Range**

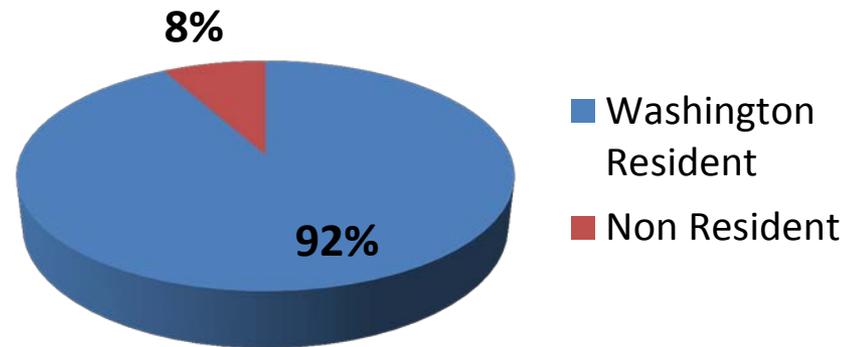


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**Grade Level**

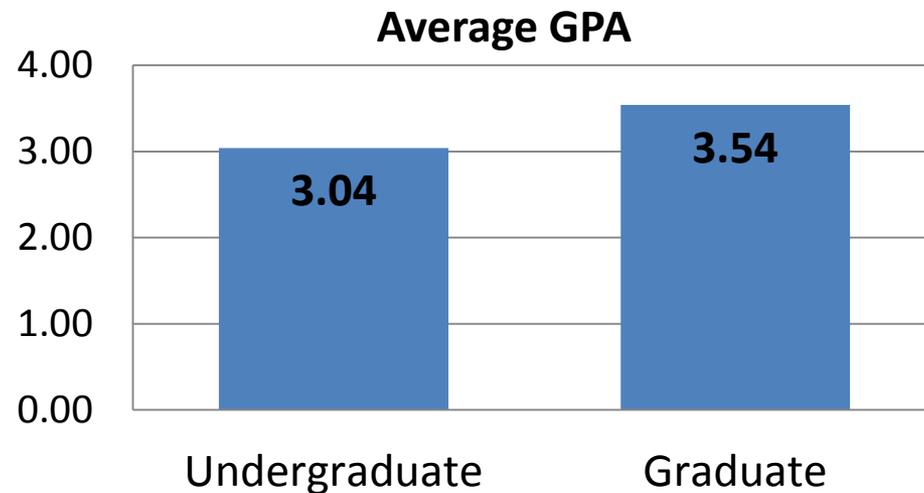


**Residency Status**



# *Our UW Student Veterans are...*

Sampling of Majors (Spring 2013)	# of veterans
Arts & Sciences (UW Seattle)	235
Engineering (UW Seattle)	63
Medicine (UW Seattle)	71
Computer Science/Information Systems (UW Tacoma)	66
Environmental Science (UW Tacoma)	73
Business Related (UW Tacoma)	55
Nursing (UW Bothell)	13



# *Supporting Student Success*

UW campuses:

- Have established veteran and military service centers, student veteran organizations, and regular programming
- Have trained certifying and financial aid officials
- Have trained academic advisors and counseling center staff
- Are **veteran friendly** and **veteran effective**



# UW Tacoma

- Urban Serving University
- Access; Partnerships
- Partnership with JBLM to serve veterans, service-members and families better
- Focus on transition to higher education



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# Partnerships for Transition

- **Transition Service Center:** At JBLM, implemented a program of career counseling and academic advising in AACAP with a focus on raising awareness about all public college and university options in State of Washington.
- **Evaluation:** Faculty-led research project is being conducted to test the program's effectiveness.



# UW Tacoma Projects

- **VIBE:** The Veterans Incubator for Better Entrepreneurship is an innovative program to identify entrepreneurial talent in veterans and support early-stage business development as they earn a bachelor's or master's degree.
- **Master's in Cybersecurity and Leadership:** Created at the request of soldiers in the cybersecurity unit at Camp Murray; one of the few master's programs in the nation to prepare high-level leaders with deep expertise in cybersecurity.



# UW Tacoma Projects

- **Physician Assistant Program:** The UW Medicine MEDEX Program was established at UW Tacoma with the goal of expanding access to veterans interested in become PAs, with an emphasis on encouraging PAs to serve in rural areas.
- **Tours to support transition:** Modeled after “Transition University” at Fort Collins, CO, UW Tacoma is piloting a campus tour program with JBLM as part of a three-day curriculum for soldiers and airmen exploring higher education options.
- **Support for military spouses**
- **Expanding partnerships with organizations and associations such as Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)**



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**Thank You**

