

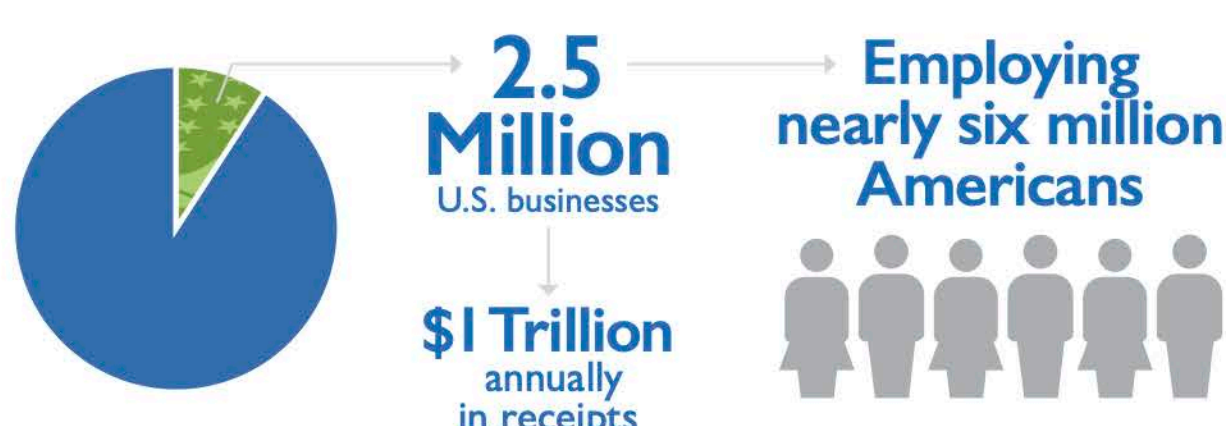
Unsung Entrepreneurs

PART 2: Veteran Entrepreneurs

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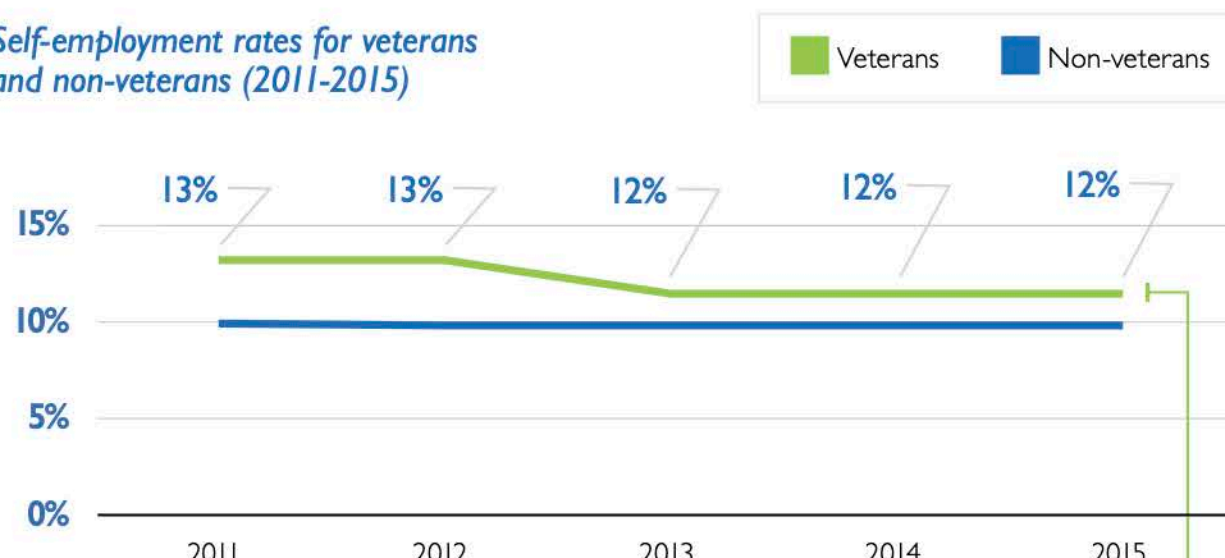


Veterans represent 9.1% of all U.S. businesses.



Veterans contribute to entrepreneurship at a higher rate than non-veterans.

Self-employment rates for veterans and non-veterans (2011-2015)



Source: Kauffman Foundation: Startup Activity, National Trends.

The decline in startup rates is due to the aging out of older veteran owners.

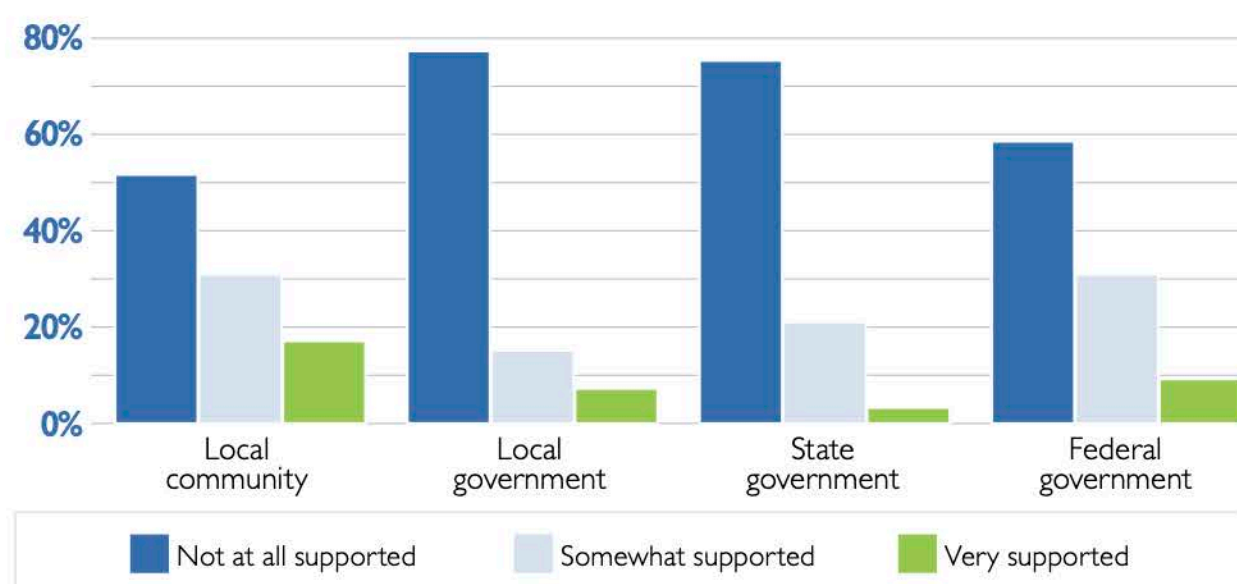
Many veterans feel the military prepared them well for small business leadership.

What skills/strengths have most contributed to your success as a business owner?



During COVID-19, veterans have not felt supported by government and their local communities.

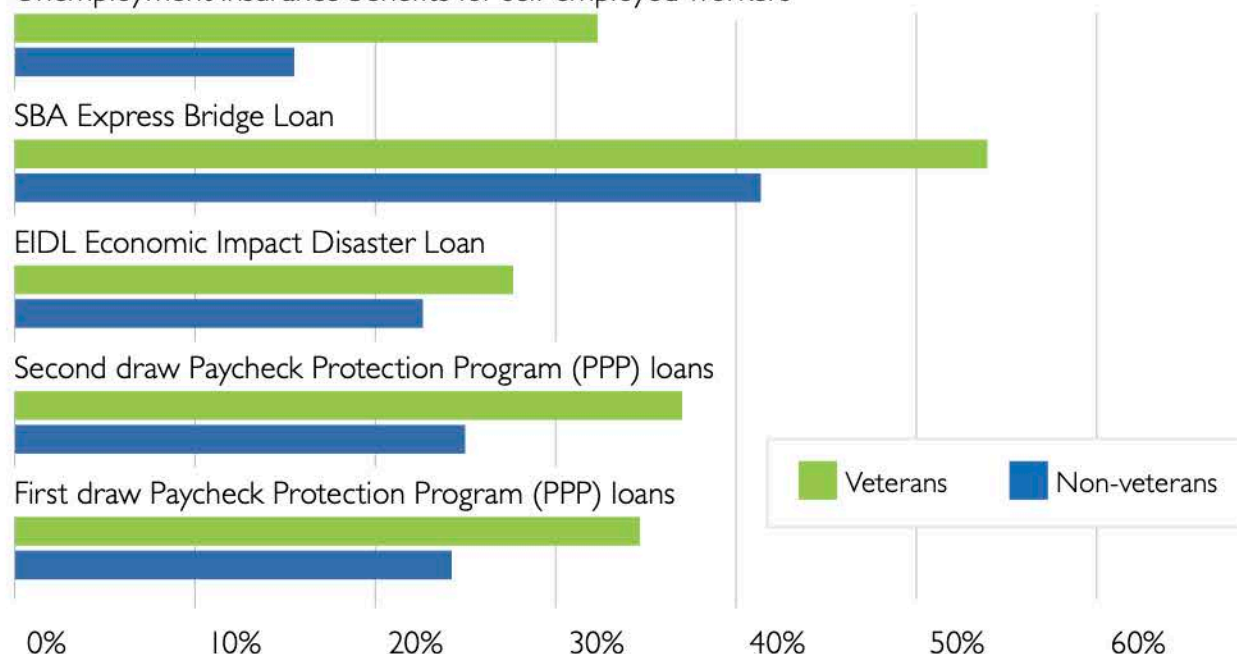
During this time of COVID-19, how much support for your business did you see from:



And while they have applied for COVID relief funds at the same rate as other entrepreneurs, they were denied more often.

Which of the following government-related COVID-19 relief resources have you sought and/or received since March 15, 2020? (% Request Denied)

Unemployment-insurance benefits for self-employed workers



SCORE's Megaphone of Main Street showcases entrepreneurs who consistently outperform others in the small business economy – by starting businesses at higher rates and operating more small businesses than others.

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Source: February 2021 SCORE's survey of 3,270 entrepreneurs. Within this data, 248 respondents self-identified as veterans, either active military/reserves or as veterans of the armed services (including the Coast Guard).