

Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI)
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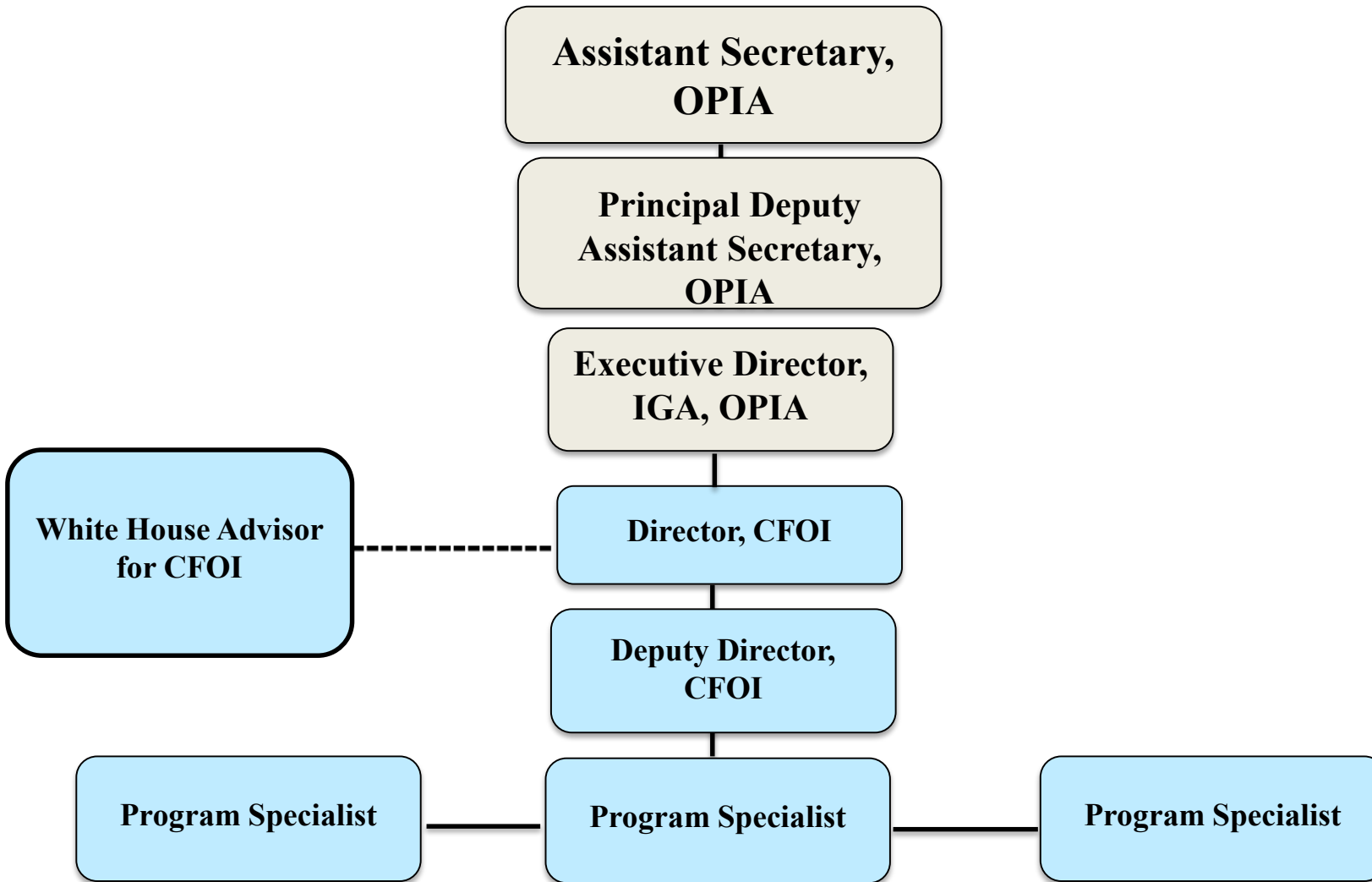
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CFOI ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Mission

Our mission is to engage, educate and inform faith-based, community, and non-profit organizations with VA information and resources to better serve the needs of Veterans, their families, survivors, caregivers, and other beneficiaries within their respective organizations.



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History

May 3, 2018: [Executive Order 13831](#): Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative

April 5, 2013: [Executive Order 13640](#): Continuance of Advisory Council

November 17, 2010: [Executive Order 13559](#): Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations

February 5, 2009: [Executive Order 13498](#): Amendments to Executive Order 13199 and Establishment of the President's Advisory Council for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

June 1, 2004: [Executive Order 13342](#): Establishment of Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Departments of Commerce and Veterans Affairs and the Small Business Administration

December 12, 2002: [Executive Order 13279](#): Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations

January 29, 2001: [Executive Order 13199](#): Established the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



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Executive Order on the Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative – *ESTABLISHED MAY 3, 2018*



The Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative provide our internal/external partners, and stakeholders with the “door” to collaborate and partner with us to focus on a broad range of areas within the faith-based and community organizations to include:

- Poverty alleviation, (VBA and VHA, NCA, Women Veteran and Office of Survivor Assistance)
- Religious liberty (VA Chaplains)
- Strengthening marriage and family, education,
- (VBA VA Chaplains, VHA)
- Solutions for substance abuse and addiction (VHA)
- Crime prevention and reduction (Partnering with our local Police Departments)
- Prisoner reentry, (Veteran Courts)
- Health and humanitarian services (VHA)



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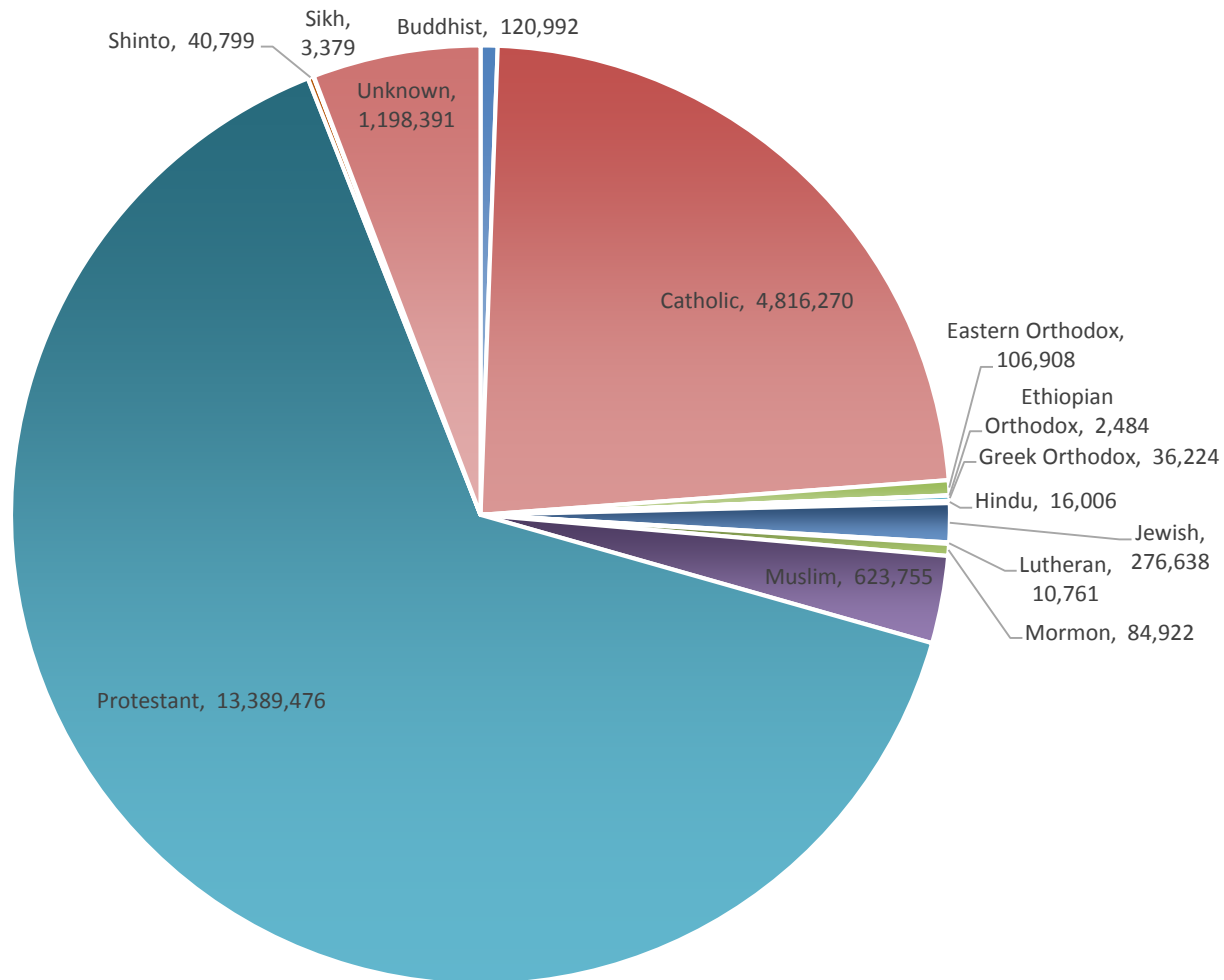


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Veteran Religious Affiliation-Nationwide

Buddhist	120,992	0.6%
Catholic	4,816,270	23.2%
Eastern Orthodox	106,908	0.5%
Ethiopian Orthodox	2,484	0.0%
Greek Orthodox	36,224	0.2%
Hindu	16,006	0.1%
Jewish	276,638	1.3%
Lutheran	10,761	0.1%
Mormon	84,922	0.4%
Muslim	623,755	3.0%
Protestant	13,389,476	64.6%
Shinto	40,799	0.2%
Sikh	3,379	0.0%
Unknown	1,198,391	5.8%
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Source:
2016 National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics



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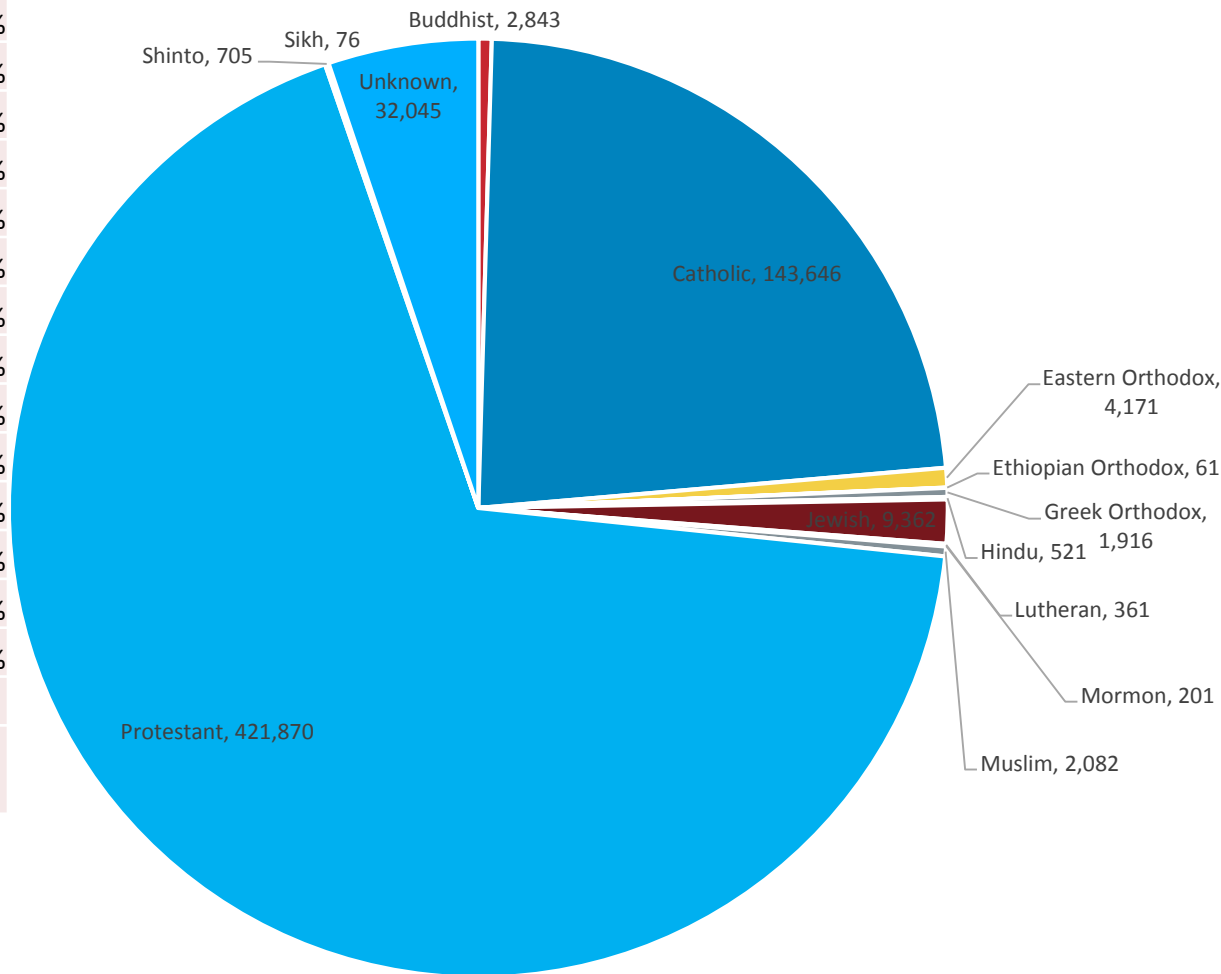


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Veteran Religious Affiliation-Illinois

Buddhist	2,843	0.5%
Catholic	143,646	23.2%
Eastern Orthodox	4,171	0.7%
Ethiopian Orthodox	61	0.0%
Greek Orthodox	1,916	0.3%
Hindu	521	0.1%
Jewish	9,362	1.5%
Lutheran	361	0.1%
Mormon	201	0.0%
Muslim	2,082	0.3%
Protestant	421,870	68.1%
Shinto	705	0.1%
Sikh	76	0.0%
Unknown	32,045	5.2%
	619,860	



Source:
2016 National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics



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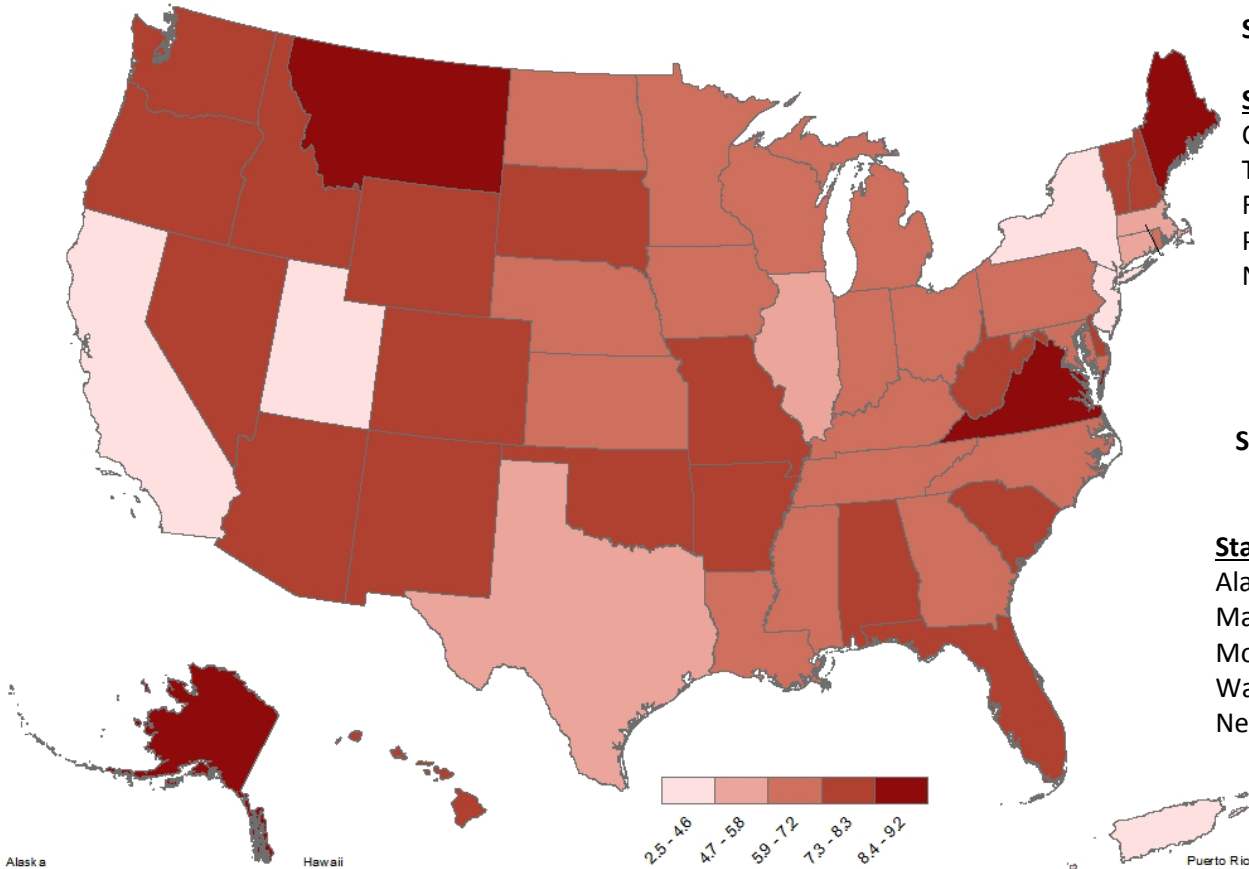
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Percent of Veterans Per Capita: 2016



States with the Highest Number of Veterans 2016:

<u>State</u>	<u>Veterans</u>
California	1,789,862
Texas	1,603,328
Florida	1,594,218
Pennsylvania	872,301
New York	838,129

States with the Highest Number of Veterans per capita 2016:

<u>State</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Alaska	9.2
Maine	9.0
Montana	9.0
Washington	8.7
New Hampshire	8.3



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Accomplishments

- Led and/or participated in 15 outreach events over the last year.
- Established new partnerships with external faith-based and non-profit organizations; Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, City of Dallas, Workforce Solutions, Red, White and you, National Council of Churches (NCC), and numerous houses of worship nationwide.
- Coordinated suicide prevention training to over 75 clergy leaders and faith based leaders.
- Outreach partnership event with City of Dallas, Dallas Workforce solutions and Red, White, and You led to 14,000 open positions, over 2100 interviews and nearly 20 on-the-spot hires.



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Objectives

- Provide FBCOs with tools and resources about VA programs and services.
- Disseminate to FBCOs comprehensive community-based Veteran suicide prevention resources and training.
- Connect FBCOs with housing and VA services for homeless Veterans.
- Develop and coordinate partnerships for outreach efforts to disseminate information and resources to faith-based, community, and non-profit organizations.
- **Continually growing partnerships nationwide. Join us to reach the 20 million Veterans in the United States!**



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