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# Service in the Australian Defence Force

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# Today's session



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## Overview of Australian Defence Force service in Census data

- Emily Casey – Census Dissemination
- Cassandra Elliott – Veterans' statistics

## Panel question and answer session

- Department of Defence
  - Col Peter Wightman RFD
  - AIRCDRE Kaarin Kooij
- Department of Veterans' Affairs
  - Alison Hale
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
  - Caitlin Szigetvari

# New question on the 2021 Census



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## Has the person ever served in the Australian Defence Force?

- Include Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE.
- Exclude service for non-Australian defence forces.
- Mark all that apply, like this:

**i** Go to [www.census.abs.gov.au/questions](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/questions) for more information.

No

### Regular Service

Yes, current service

Yes, previous service

### Reserves Service

Yes, current service

Yes, previous service

# 2021 Census data releases



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## First Release data

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Long term health conditions
- Australia's cultural diversity
- Demographics
- Transport
- Housing and income
- Families and households
- Location
- Unpaid work and care
- Education and training information

## Second Release data

- Labour force information
- Occupation
- Industry
- Non-school qualifications
- Method of travel to work
- Workplace address
- Internal migration – address one and five years ago

# Accessing Census data



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Find Census data  
2021 Census data and historical data.

Search Census data  
Census data by topic  
Historical Census data  
Which Census tool is best for you?

Search Census data by topic  
Basic search tool to find Census data. The search tool includes:  
- Searchable metadata  
- Downloadable metadata

Census data by topic  
View Census data by common themes including:  
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples  
- Cultural Diversity  
- Disability and carers  
- Education and training  
- Health  
- Household and families  
- Housing  
- Income and work  
- Location  
- Population  
- Service with the Australian Defence Force  
- Transport  
- Unpaid work and care  
- National reporting indicators  
- Census stories  
- Conceptual articles  
- Census data tools  
- Historical Census data  
- How to access Census data

Census data by topic  
Data stories and information presented by topic.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples  
Indigenous language and status topics

Cultural Diversity  
Ancestry, Religion, Language, citizenship and year of arrival topics

Disability and carers  
Need for assistance and unpaid assistance topics

Education and training  
Qualifications, educational attendance and type of educational institution topics

Health  
New Long-term health conditions and related topics

Household and families  
Relationships in household and family topics

Housing  
Dwelling and housing costs

Income and work  
Individual and family income, occupation and employment topics

Location  
Place of usual residence and migration topics

Population  
National reporting indicators

Service with the Australian Defence Force  
National reporting indicators

Transport  
National reporting indicators

Unpaid work and care  
National reporting indicators

National reporting indicators  
National reporting indicators

Census stories  
National reporting indicators

Conceptual articles  
National reporting indicators

Find Census data  
by area or topic

Search Census data

To view Census data, use the search options on the left of the page or select an area using the map. The data is accessed by links that will appear below the map. You can view summary statistics for the area as QuickStats for all persons, or for the Indigenous population specifically. To view more detailed statistics, you can download a Community Profile spreadsheet. For summary statistics on people born overseas, you can use the Country of birth search on the left.

Search by area name  
2016 - Enter a location, post code or geography code.

Search by geography  
Search by address  
Search by country of birth

Search by map  
2016 - State/Territory

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Results summary Selected region: Rest of WA Greater Capital City Statistical Area

View QuickStats  
All persons  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Download Community profile XLSX  
General community profile  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile  
Working population profile  
Time series profile

Useful resources  
Resources to assist you with your data search.

About this search page  
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# Population and Demographics



## Regular Service

Primary ongoing job, mostly full-time

## Reserve Service

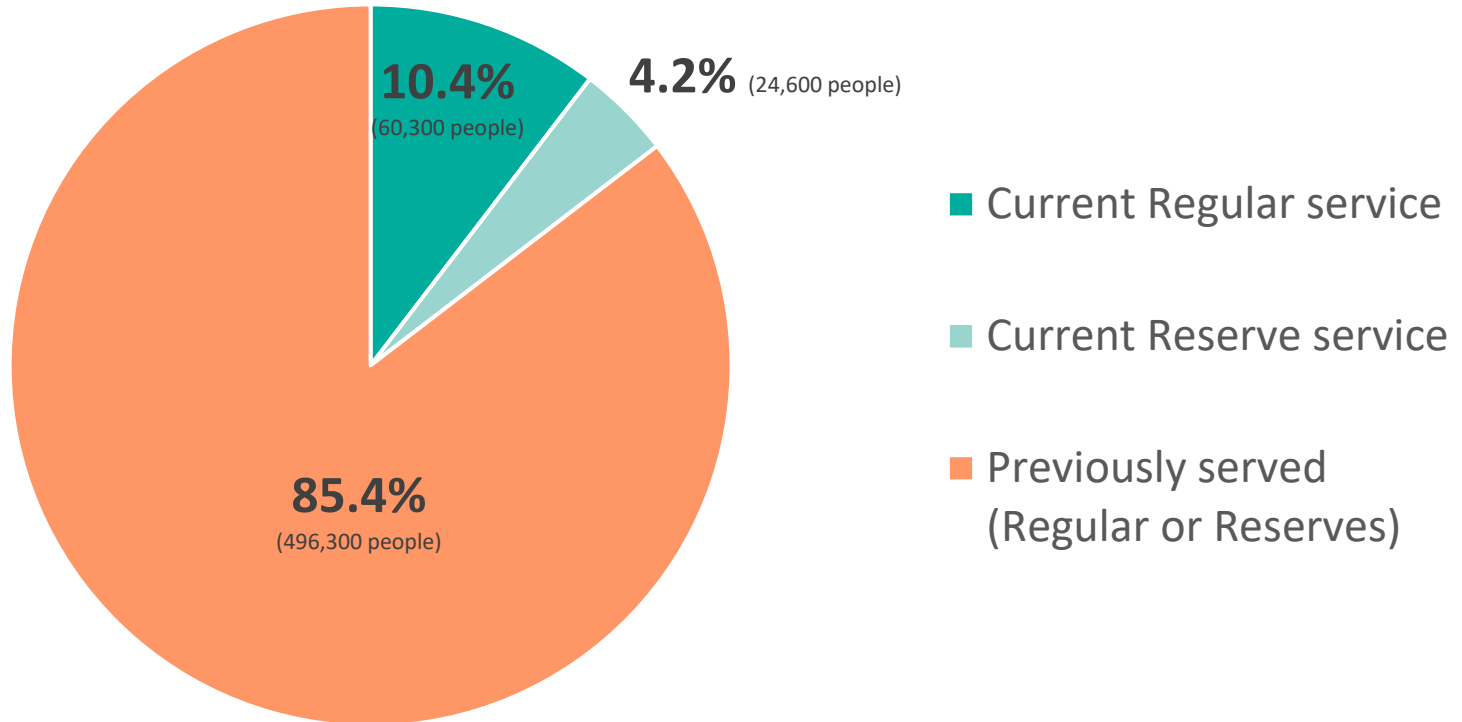
Part-time, can include up to 200 days of service per year

- ▶ **Ever Served** (581,100)
- ▶ **Currently Serving** (84,900)
- ▶ **Previously Served** (496,300)

# Ever served population



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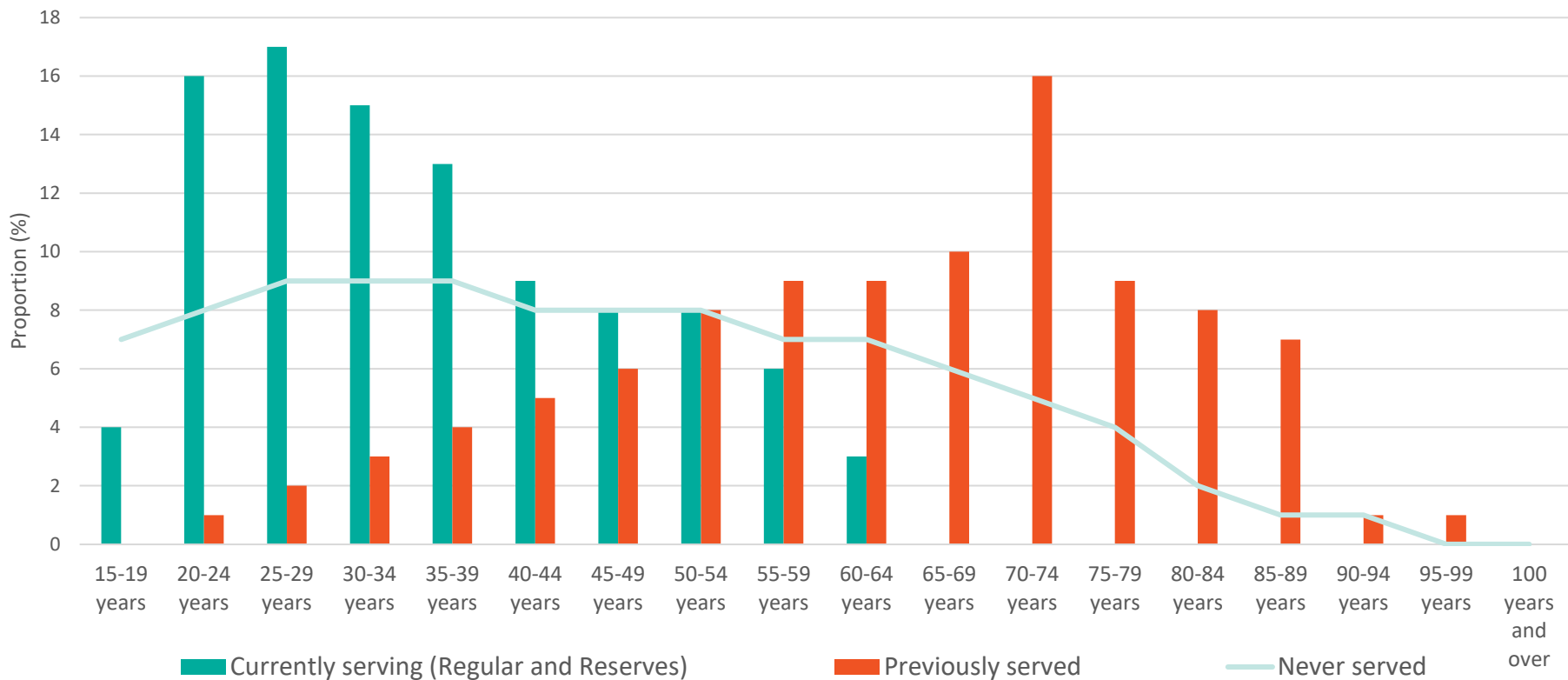




# Age profile by service in the ADF



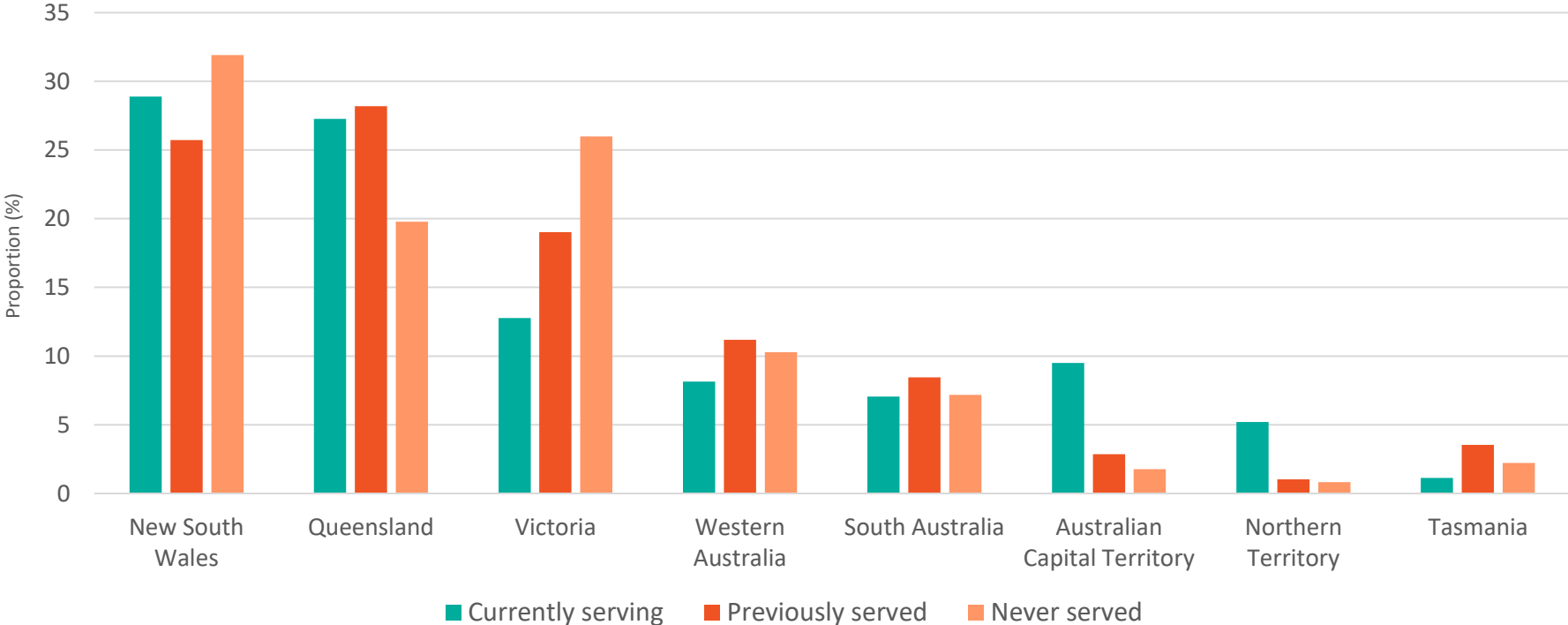
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# State/territory of usual residence



### Proportion of those ever served in the ADF by state or territory of usual residence compared to never served



# Top regions for previous service members



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Statistical area 3	No.	% of total previous service population
Townsville, QLD	8,661	1.7
Toowoomba, QLD	5,063	1.0
Rockingham, WA	4,717	1.0
Onkaparinga, SA	4,696	1.0
Mornington Peninsula, VIC	4,394	0.9
Ipswich Inner, QLD	4,217	0.9
Shoalhaven, NSW	4,123	0.8
Newcastle, NSW	4,083	0.8
Geelong, VIC	4,068	0.8
Gosford, NSW	3,877	0.8
Mandurah, WA	3,857	0.8
Wyong, NSW	3,735	0.8



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# Education

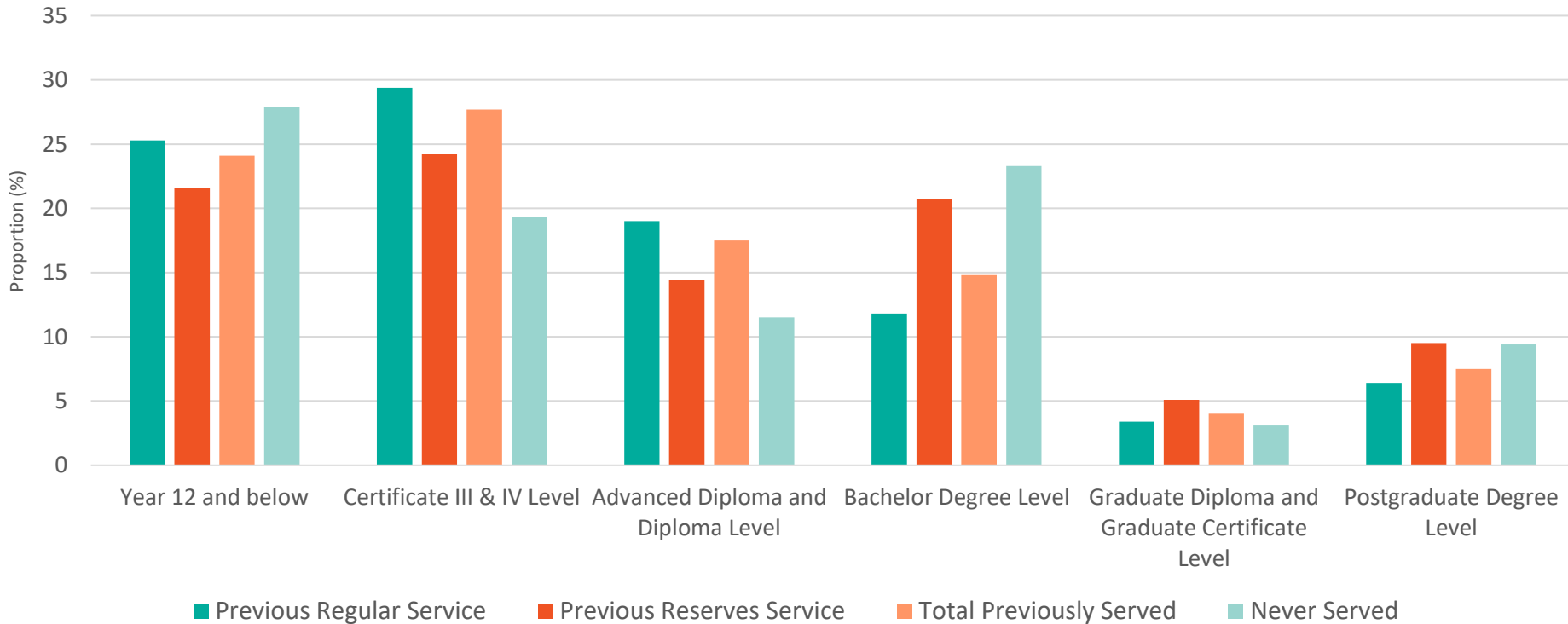


# Educational attainment



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Highest level of educational attainment by previous ADF service and never served, persons aged 25-64

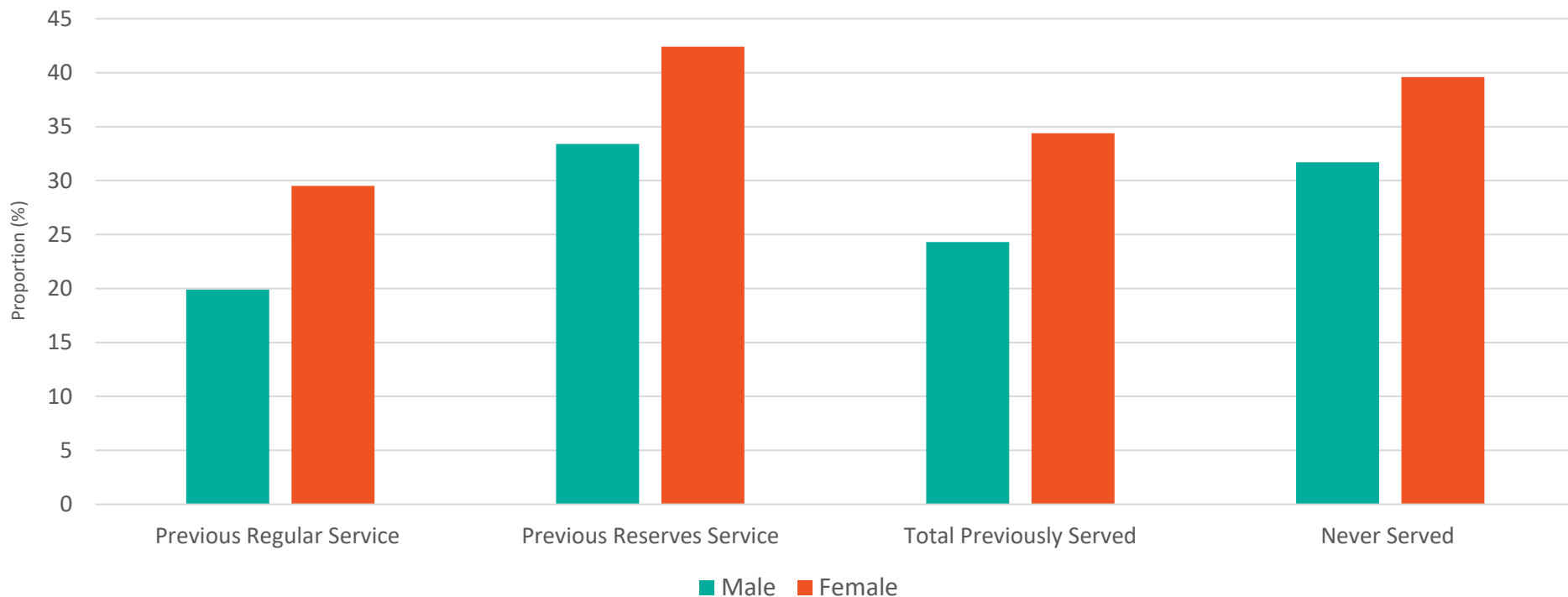


# Non-school qualifications

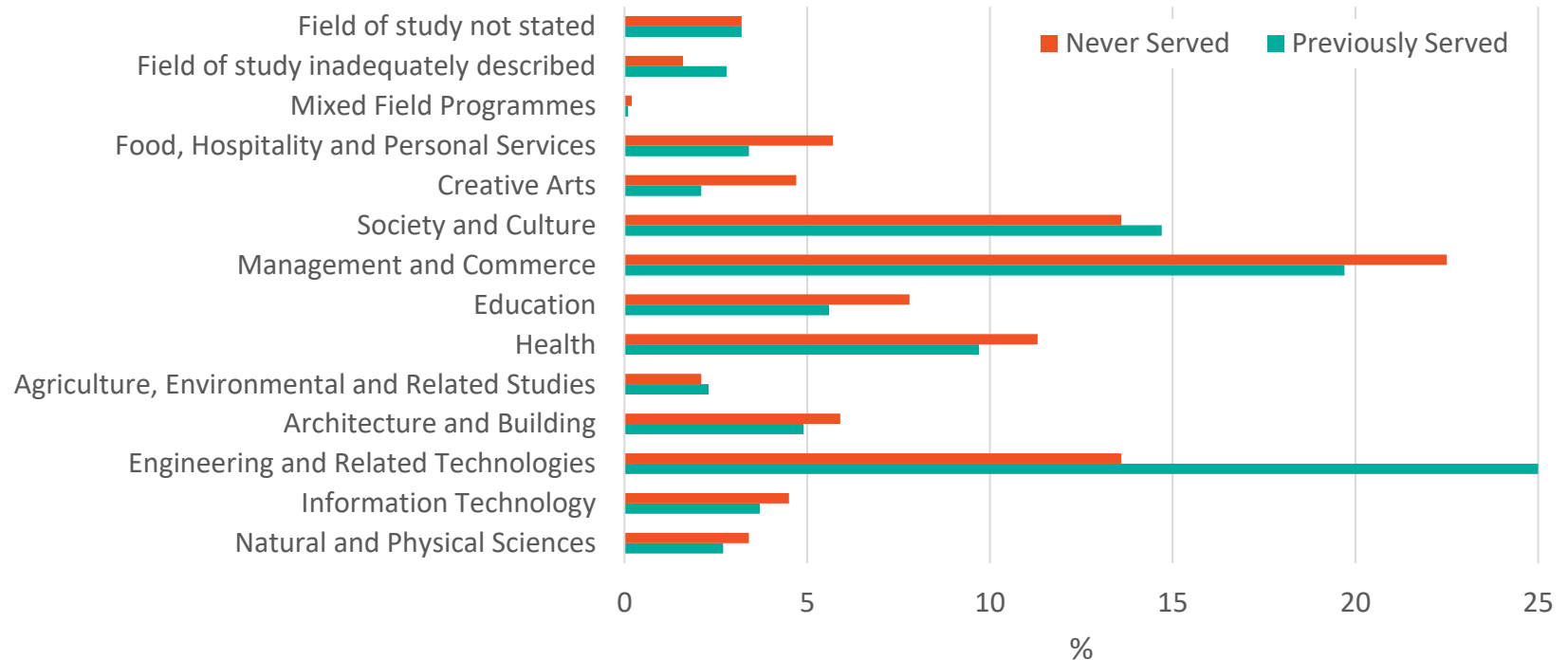


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Obtained a bachelor degree or higher by previous ADF service and never served and sex, persons aged 25 - 64 years



## Non-school qualification by previously served vs never served in the ADF, persons aged 25-64





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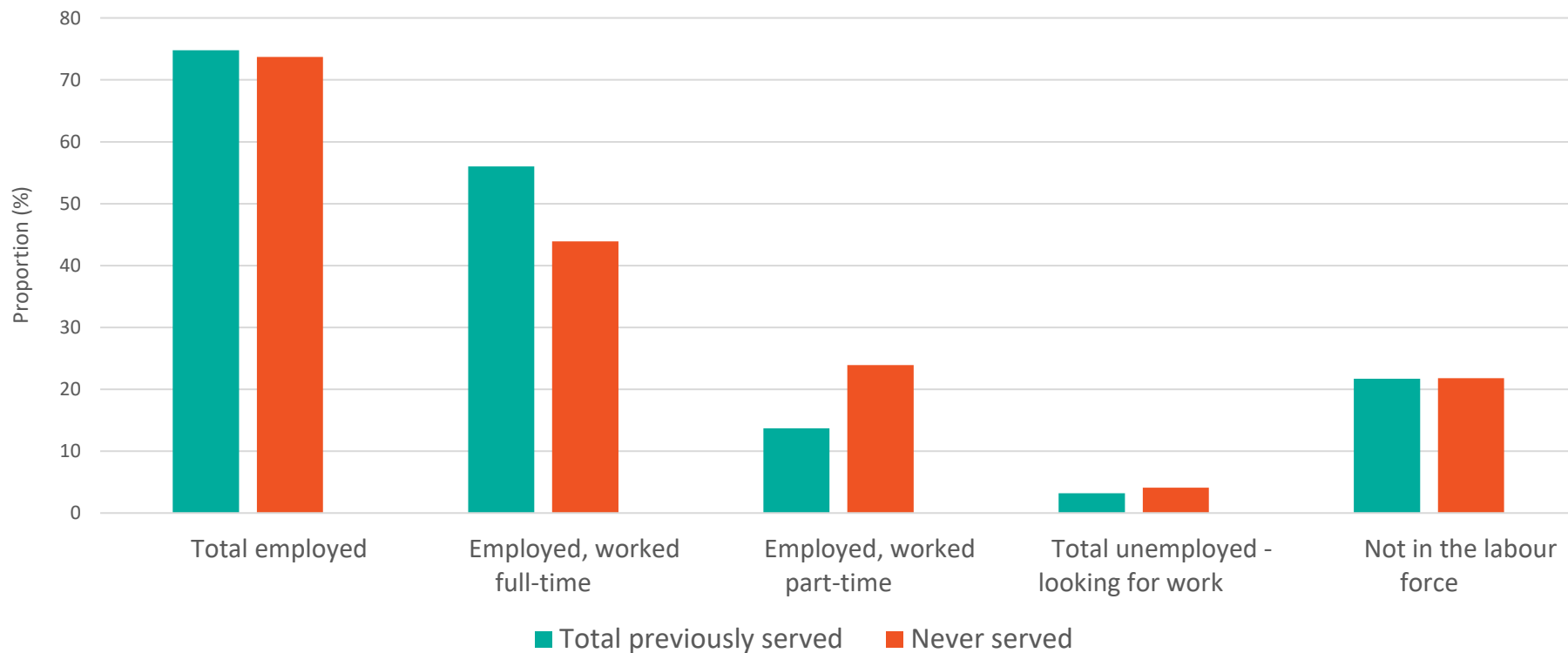
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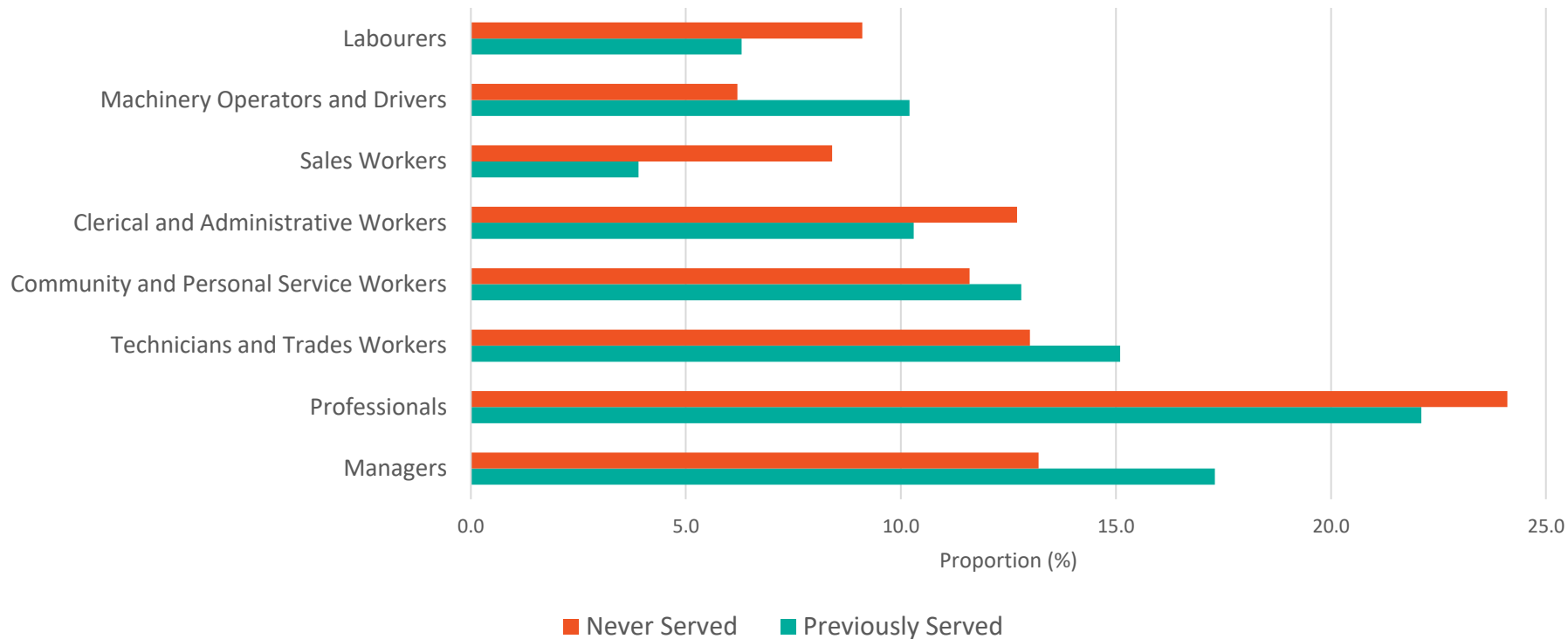


# Labour force status

## Labour Force status, by ADF service, persons aged 15-64



## Occupation by previously served and never served in the ADF, persons aged 15-64





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# Health outcomes

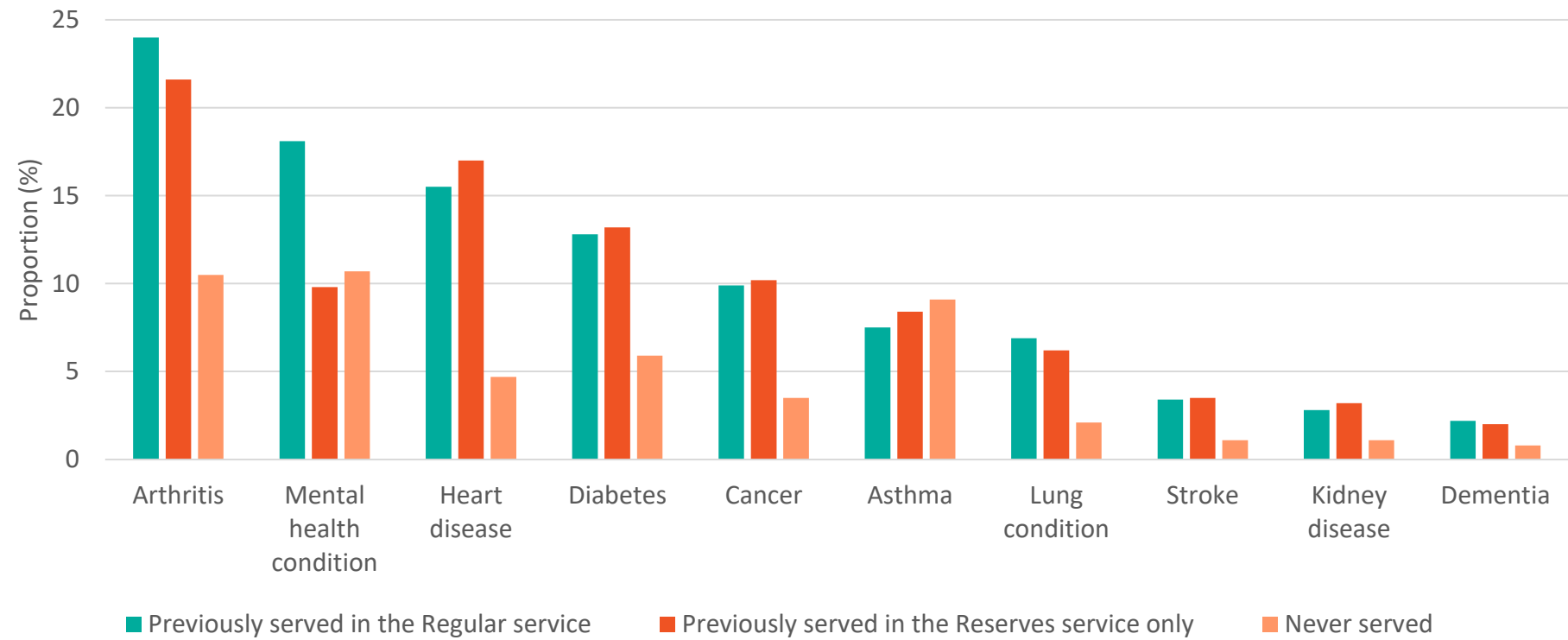


# Long-term health conditions



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## Long-term health condition by type of service, persons aged 15 years and over

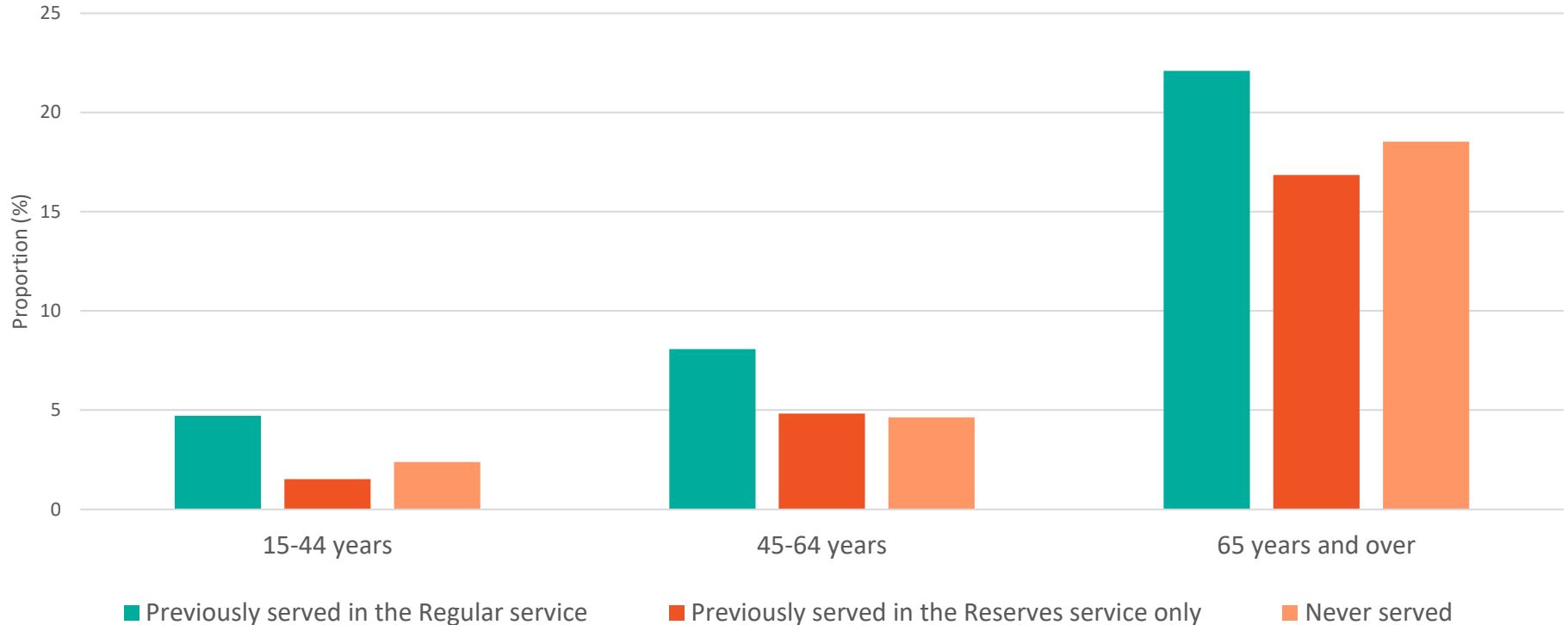


# Need for assistance with core activities



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Needs assistance by type of previous service and age group, persons aged 15 years and over

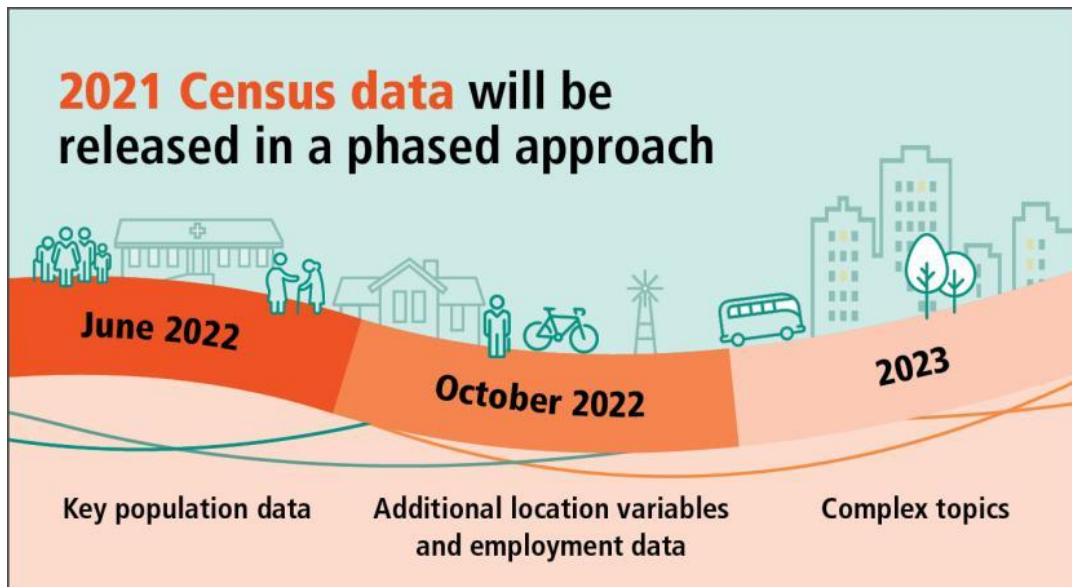


# Third data release - 2023



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**2021 Census data** will be released in a phased approach



## Third release – early to mid 2023

- Socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA)
- Distance to work
- Census microdata
- Estimates of homelessness

# Panel members



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