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Veterans' Economic Activities: Experiences and Attitudes on Labor Market Measures

The paper analyzes the economic activity and position on the labor market of Croatian Homeland War veterans aged 45-64. Based on 798 completed survey questionnaires of veterans from five counties and the City of Zagreb, results show that 54.8% of veterans are actively employed, while 43.9% are retired. Every fifth active military veteran is employed in public administration and defense, and around 17% work in construction. The survey also looked into the awareness of the programs that the Ministry of Croatian Veterans intended for the employment and self-employment of veterans. The results show that 7% of the participants were not at all or not sufficiently informed about the programs, and only about 6% of them said that they were very well informed about these programs. Among the veterans included in some of the programs for employment or selfemployment, most participants belong to those who became familiar with the programs through veterans' associations and the website of the Ministry of Croatian Veterans. Looking at the procedure of using the measures as a whole, half of the veterans stated that they were mostly or completely satisfied with taking part in the employment or self-employment measure.

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