Good Afternoon Colleagues,

Today is the first Friday of the month ... meaning the monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics data has been released. As you can see from the table below, the National unemployment rate remained the same at 7.6% and the overall Veteran unemployment rate declined from 6.6% in May to 6.3%. Attached is our monthly 'cheat sheet' for your information/use.

Cohort (% of total)	**Rate**	**Change**
National	**7.6%**	**-**
All Veterans (100%)	**6.3%**	**-0.3%**
Male	6.1%	-0.6%
Female	7.6%	1.6%
Post-9/11 Veterans (23%)	**7.2%**	**-0.1%**
Male	6.8%	-1.0%
Female	8.9%	4.0%
18-24 Veterans* (5%)	**20.5%**	**3.5%**
Male	25.3%	3.0%
Female**	9.0%	-
25-34 Veterans (11%)	**5.6%**	**-1.2%**
Male	4.8%	-2.7%
Female	9.2%	6.6%
35-44 Veterans (16%)	**5.4%**	**-0.9%**
Male	4.7%	-0.2%
Female	8.3%	-3.4%
45-54 Veterans (26%)	**6.3%**	**-0.1%**
Male	6.1%	-0.8%
Female	7.4%	4.0%
55+ Veterans (42%)	**6.3%**	**-0.3%**
Male	6.4%	-0.3%
Female	5.4%	0.7%

The quarterly BLS data was also released today, and because the BLS data is not seasonally adjusted, it is often best to compare data to prior years during the same time period, so below you will find a comparison of the 2nd quarter data going back each year to 2010.

Quarter	**All**	**Post-9/11**	**18-24**	**25-34**	**35-44**	**45-54**	**55+**
2Q-2010	8.3%	11.7%	18.1%	12.4%	7.9%	8.2%	6.9%
2Q-2011	8.3%	12.1%	28.2%	12.6%	8.4%	7.1%	6.9%

2Q-2012	7.4%	10.4%	21.9%	10.2%	6.2%	7.0%	6.8%
2Q-2013	6.4%	7.4%	18.5%	6.7%	5.9%	5.9%	6.3%

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Note: We apologize in advance if we are unable to respond directly to your questions.

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- If you would like to review prior messages sent through this listserv, click http://benefits.va.gov/vow/economic_opportunity.htm.
- If you would like to research, find, access, and, in time, manage your VA benefits and personal information please visit and/or register at https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal.
- If you are seeking employment in the federal government, particularly the VA, our VA for Vets high-tech tools, resources, and professional coaching services can help. Visit online at http://vaforvets.va.gov/Pages/default.aspx or contact a coach at 1-855-824-8387.

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June-13

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
National	**7.6%**	-	11.8M	-
>27 Weeks			4.3M	-100,000
All Veterans (100%)	**6.3%**	-0.3%	**687,000**	-57,000
Male	6.1%	-0.6%	579,000	-79,000
Female	7.6%	1.6%	107,000	21,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (23%)	**7.2%**	-0.1%	**160,000**	-3,000
Male	6.8%	-1.0%	125,000	-22,000
Female	8.9%	4.0%	36,000	20,000
18-24 Veterans* (5%)	**20.5%**	**3.5%**	**34,000**	**7,000**
Male	25.3%	3.0%	30,000	3,000
Female**	9.0%	-	4,000	-
25-34 Veterans (11%)	**5.6%**	-1.2%	**76,000**	-18,000
Male	4.8%	-2.7%	54,000	-35,000
Female	9.2%	6.6%	22,000	17,000
35-44 Veterans (16%)	**5.4%**	-0.9%	**112,000**	-23,000
Male	4.7%	-0.2%	80,000	-5,000
Female	8.3%	-3.4%	32,000	-18,000
45-54 Veterans (26%)	**6.3%**	-0.1%	**174,000**	-8,000
Male	6.1%	-0.8%	144,000	-23,000
Female	7.4%	4.0%	30,000	15,000
55+ Veterans (42%)	**6.3%**	-0.3%	**291,000**	-15,000
Male	6.4%	-0.3%	272,000	-18,000
Female	5.4%	0.7%	19,000	3,000

* 10,000 enrolled in school (29% of all unemployed 18-24)

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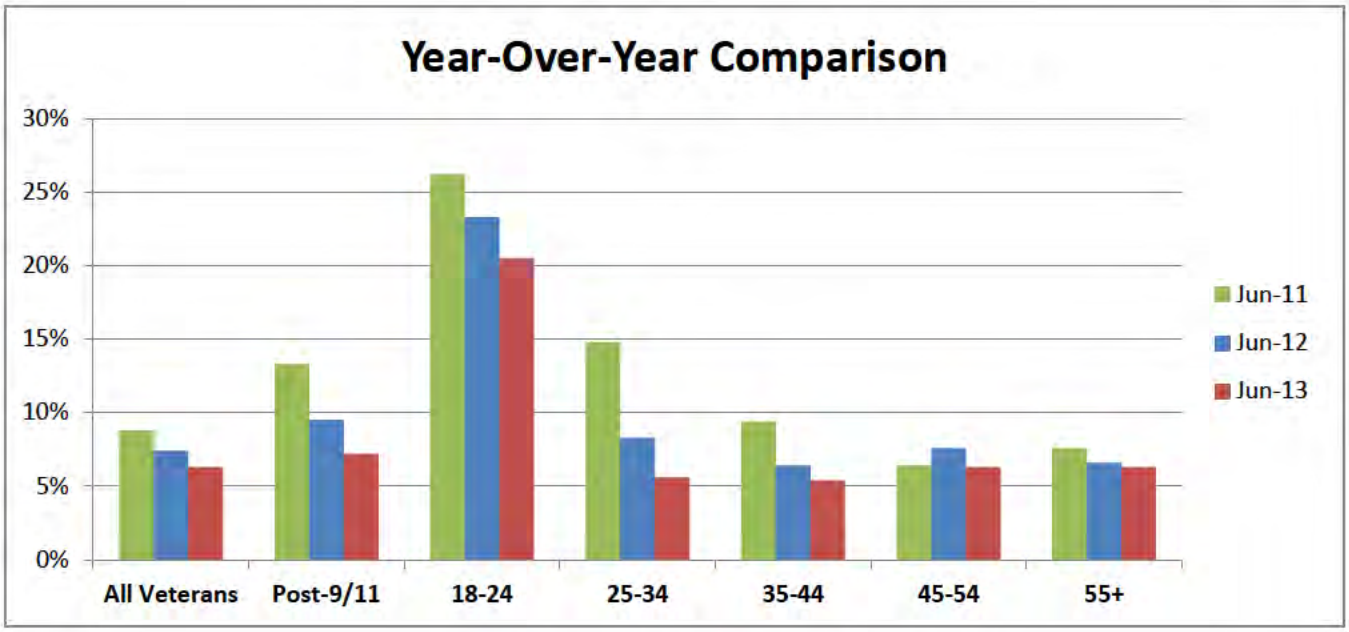
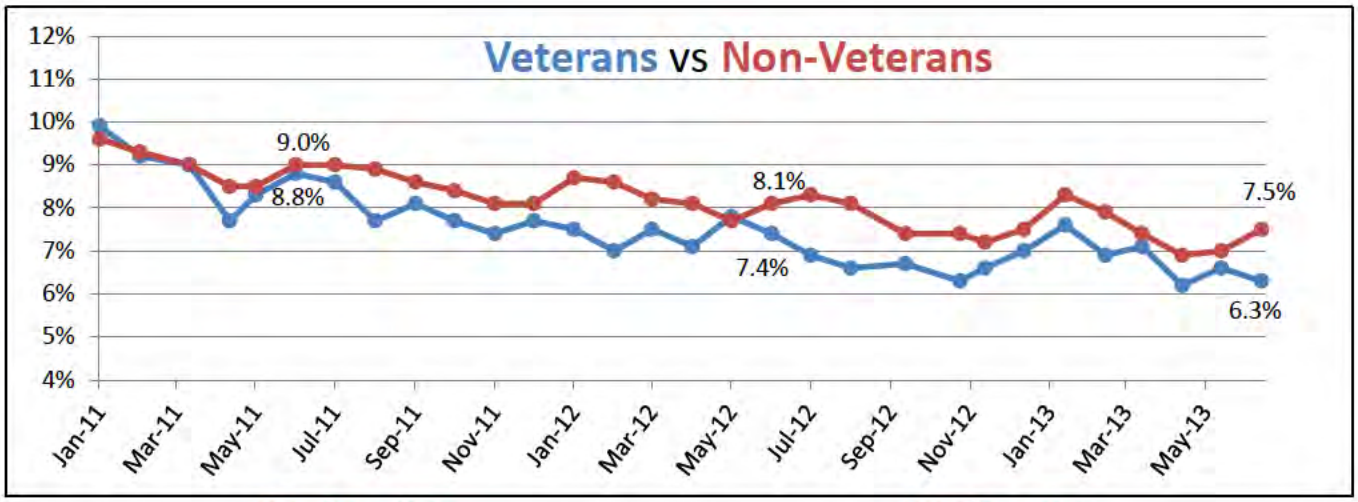
Unemployed by State Data

Highest Levels (32% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
Florida	64,000	Michigan	16.8%
California	62,000	Nevada	10.8%
Michigan	51,000	Alabama	10.5%
Texas	50,000	New Jersey	10.4%
Illinois	39,000	Colorado	10.0%

Employment Sector

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Leisure/Hospitality	75,000	Wholesale Trade	Even
Professional/Business	53,000	Manufacturing	Even
Retail	37,000	Transportation/Warehousing	Even
Health Care	20,000	Construction	Even
Financial	17,000	Government	-5,000





Vets / Non-Vets

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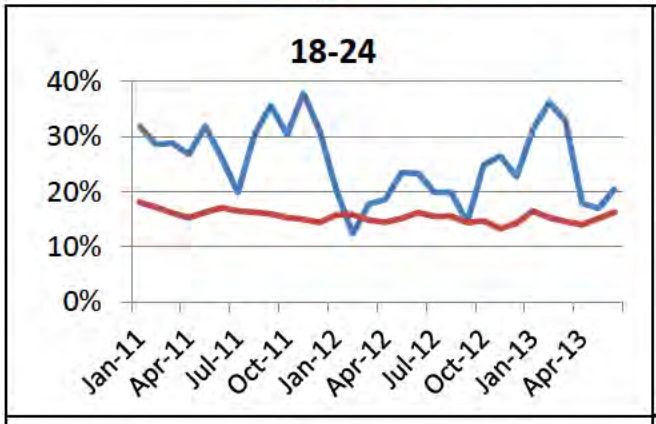

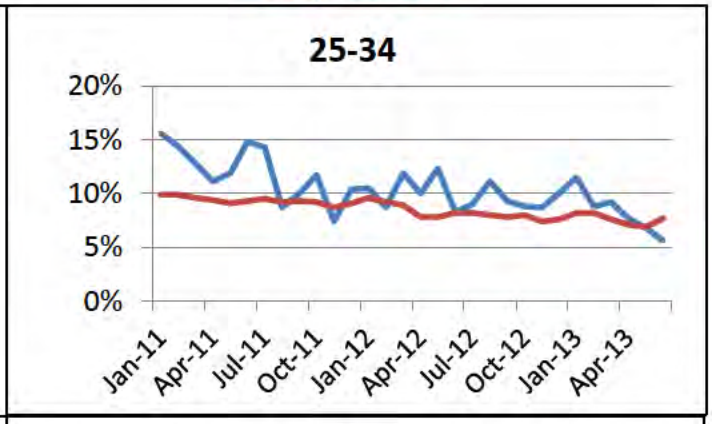

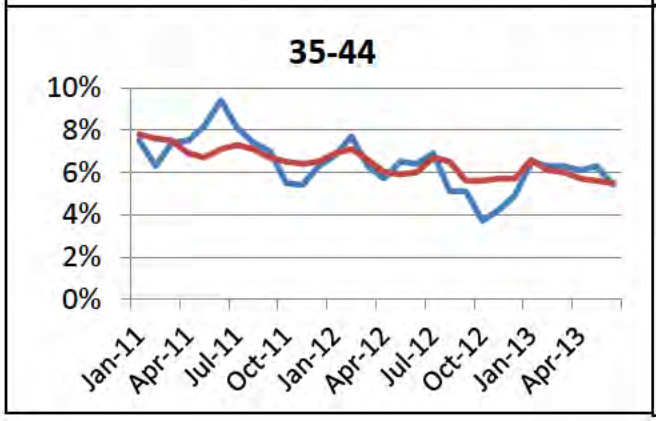

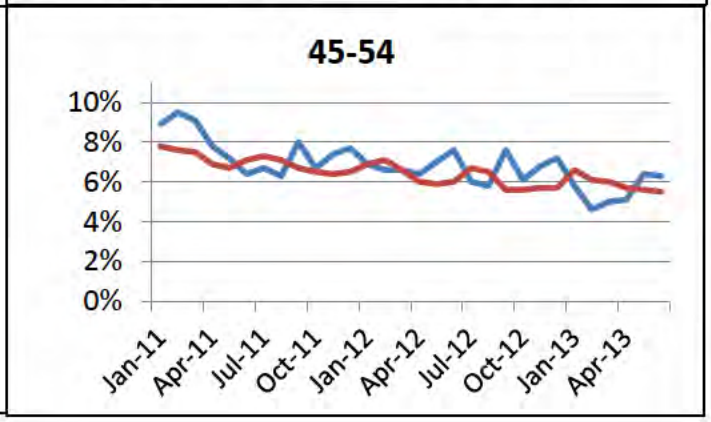

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2nd Quarter 2013

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
All Veterans (100%)	**6.4%**	-0.8%	**708,000**	-92,000
Male	6.4%	-0.7%	621,000	-66,000
Female	6.1%	-2.0%	86,000	-26,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (23%)	**7.4%**	-2.7%	**165,000**	-56,000
Male	7.4%	-2.0%	138,000	-33,000
Female	7.1%	-6.5%	26,000	-24,000
18-24 Veterans* (4%)	**18.5%**	-15.0%	**29,000**	-23,000
Male	23.7%	-5.0%	27,000	-6,000
Female**	4.6%	-43.2%	2,000	-17,000
25-34 Veterans (13%)	**6.7%**	-3.1%	**93,000**	-46,000
Male	6.7%	-3.3%	77,000	-40,000
Female	7.0%	-1.9%	16,000	-6,000
35-44 Veterans (19%)	**5.9%**	-0.5%	**126,000**	-9,000
Male	5.4%	-0.8%	92,000	-18,000
Female	8.4%	1.0%	34,000	8,000
45-54 Veterans (23%)	**5.9%**	**0.8%**	**166,000**	**24,000**
Male	6.2%	1.1%	150,000	30,000
Female	4.0%	-1.2%	16,000	-6,000
55+ Veterans (41%)	**6.3%**	-0.9%	**293,000**	-38,000
Male	6.4%	-0.8%	275,000	-32,000
Female	5.4%	-1.8%	18,000	-6,000
VRAP Eligible 1Q 2013 (35-60) = 419,000				

* 8k in school (28% of all 18-24)
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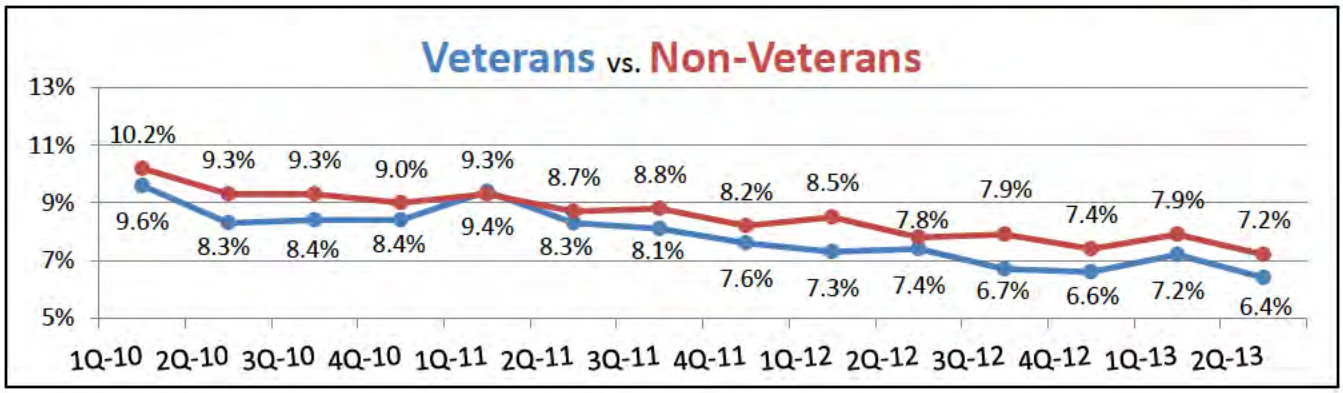
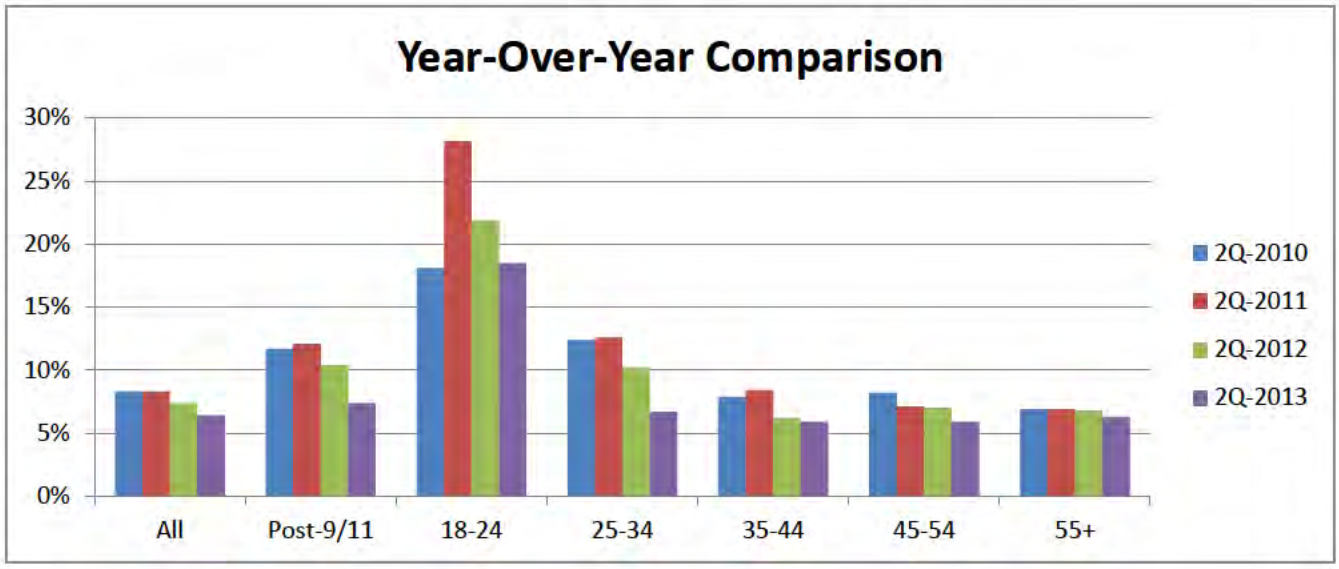
Unemployed by State Data

Highest Levels (33% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	74,000	Michigan	13.4%
Florida	59,000	New Jersey	12.6%
Texas	47,000	Colorado	10.8%
Illinois	39,000	Illinois	10.7%
Michigan	39,000	California	8.6%




Year-Over-Year Comparison
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All
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2Q-2010
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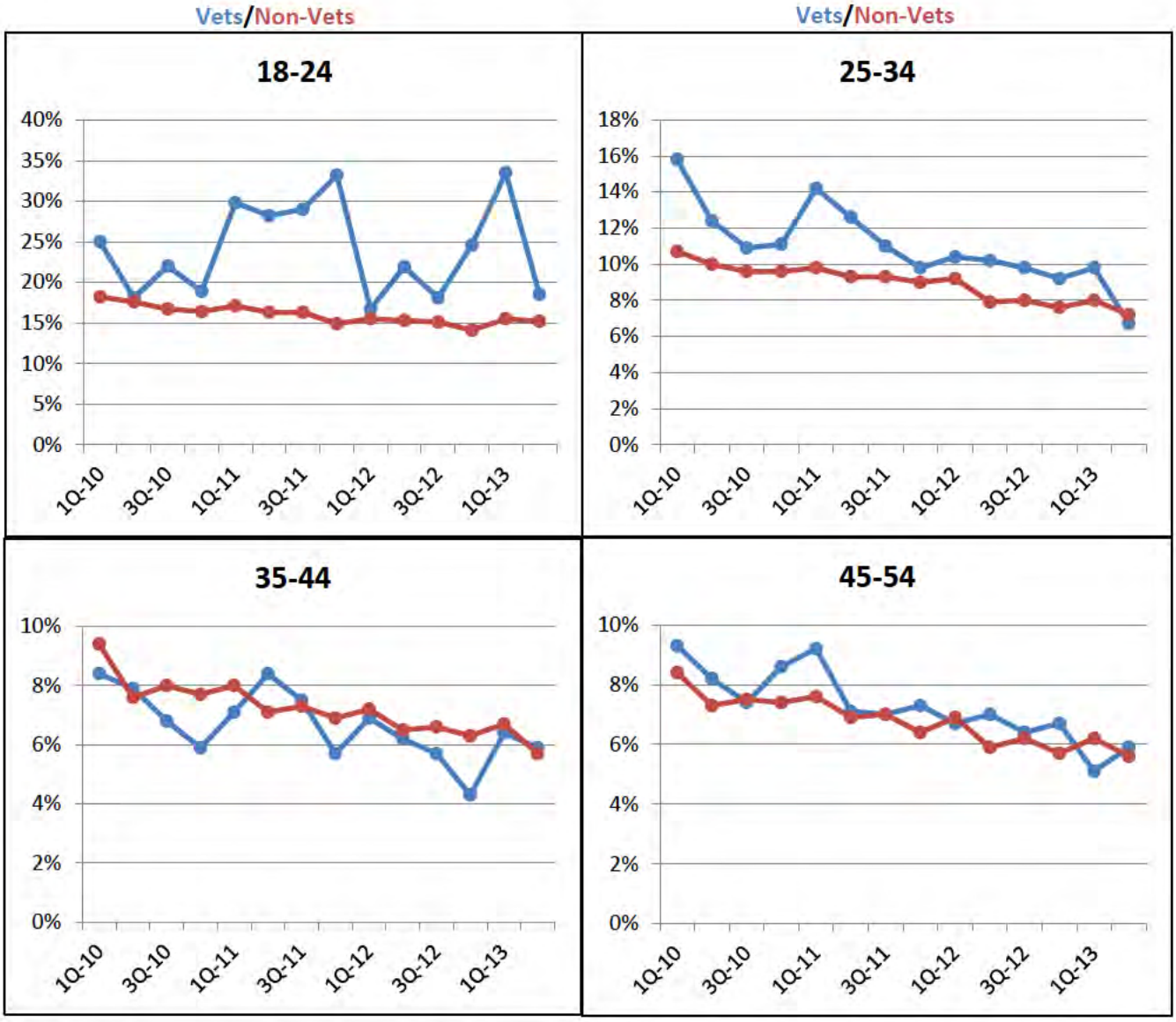
Vets/Non-Vets
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