



# Compensation

## Service-Connected Disability or Death Benefits

The Compensation program provides tax-free monthly benefits to Veterans in recognition of the effects of disabilities caused by diseases, events, or injuries incurred or aggravated during active military service. The program also provides monthly payments to surviving spouses, dependent children, and dependent parents in recognition of the economic loss caused by the death of individuals during their military service or as a result of service-connected disability after their discharge.

To be eligible for disability compensation, the Veteran must have served under conditions other than dishonorable, and the disability must not be the result of the Veteran's own misconduct. VA pays disability compensation monthly, and the amount varies according to the degree of disability and the number of dependents. The degree of disability is graduated from 0% to 100%, in increments of 10%. VA calculates the total service-connected disability by combining evaluations for individual disabilities rather than adding them. VA pays additional special monthly compensation when severe disabilities confine Veterans to their immediate premises, require the aid and assistance of others, or for anatomical loss or loss of use of extremities or creative organs.



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56 Regional offices  
14,906 employees  
4.1 million compensation & service connected death benefit recipients

### A note on the data:

The 2013 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VETSNET corporate database. At the end of fiscal year 2013 the legacy BDN system is no longer being used for compensation award processing.

The availability of gender and age data is limited as some records are listed as "unknown." Those records are accounted for in the totals for each table but not in the category columns. Please see footnotes for additional information.

All Veterans counted in this document are receiving compensation benefit payments as of Sept. 30, 2013. The category of 0% indicates payment due to special monthly compensation or two or more permanent 0% service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability. Veterans with a 0% combined degree of disability not receiving payment are not counted in this document.

Please see the section on page 2: "A Note on How the FY 2013 Compensation Data are Presented" for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

Dependency And Indemnity Compensation data are found beginning on page [48](#)



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## A Note on How the FY 2013 Compensation Data Are Presented

Some data tables were moved, combined, or had their headings changed from previous Annual Benefits Reports. Also, there is now an organization of the data by table color:

### New to the rolls

Individuals who began receiving benefits during fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013) are considered “New to the rolls,” and the tables are outlined in blue.

### On the rolls

All individuals receiving benefits on September 30, 2013 are considered “On the rolls” and the tables are outlined in green. These tables include “New to the Rolls” recipients.

Please note the difference between counts of Veterans and counts of disabilities. A Veteran may be receiving benefits based on one or more disabilities, which is why numbers of disabilities are much higher than numbers of Veterans. Counts of disabilities are indicated by the section title and table header and begin on page [25](#)

## Global War on Terror (GWOT) Information Integrated Into Period of Service Sections

The Global War on Terror (GWOT) data have been added to the main data tables and are a subset of the Gulf War era (GW) period of service. Since September 11, 2001, the Department of Defense has been deployed overseas in support of GWOT, including Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OIF/OEF/OND).

VBA’s computer systems do not contain data that would allow us to attribute Veterans’ disabilities to a specific period of service or deployment. Therefore GWOT is a subset that includes Veterans who filed a disability compensation claim at some point either prior to or following their GWOT deployment. VBA is not able to identify which of these Veterans filed a claim for disabilities incurred during their actual overseas GWOT deployment.

GWOT data have not been removed from any other discussion of period of service and are contained within the “Gulf War Era” in all tables. For more information see pages [7](#), [20](#) through [24](#) and [42](#) through [47](#).

The Office of Performance Analysis and Integrity is available to answer questions regarding the data contained in this report by email at [PAI.VBACO@va.gov](mailto:PAI.VBACO@va.gov).

### Release history

Version & changes	Date
V1: Initial release	07/17/2014
V2: Cosmetic adjustments	09/26/2014
Rounding normalized	



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## Quick Reference: Recipients, Payments and Disabilities

### Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits	292,675
Survivors who began receiving service-connected death benefits	14,763
<b>Total:</b>	<b>307,438</b>

### Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Compensation	292,675	\$10,368	\$3.03 Billion
Service-connected Death <sup>1</sup>	14,763	\$14,824	\$219 Million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>307,438</b>	<b>\$10,582</b>	<b>\$3.25 Billion</b>

### Number of most prevalent service-connected disabilities of new Veterans

Tinnitus	135,229
Hearing loss	80,186
Limitation of flexion, knee	69,274
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	65,443
Scars, general	59,360
Post-traumatic stress disorder	58,530
Limitation of motion of the ankle	43,979
Migraine	38,709
Degenerative arthritis of the spine	31,910
Bursitis	27,169
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities</b>	<b>609,789</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,422,371</b>

### Average number of disabilities per new compensation recipient

New Veterans: 292,675	Total number of disabilities: 1,422,371
<b>Average number of disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>4.86</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Death Compensation.

<sup>2</sup> See page [25](#) for more information.



### Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving compensation benefits	3,743,259
Survivors receiving service-connected death benefits	376,979
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,120,238</b>

### Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Compensation	3,743,259	\$13,131	\$49.15 Billion
Service-Connected Death	376,979	\$15,303	\$5.77 Billion
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,120,238</b>	<b>\$13,330</b>	<b>\$54.92 Billion</b>

### Number of most prevalent service-connected disabilities of all Veterans

Tinnitus	1,121,709
Hearing loss	854,855
Post-traumatic stress disorder	648,992
Scars, general	574,191
Limitation of flexion, knee	453,704
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	440,795
Diabetes mellitus	398,480
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	346,572
Limitation of motion of the ankle	343,834
Degenerative arthritis of the spine	335,692
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities:</b>	<b>5,518,824</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>

### Average number of disabilities per compensation recipient

All Veterans: 3,743,259	Total number of disabilities: 16,105,400
<b>Average number of disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>4.30</b>



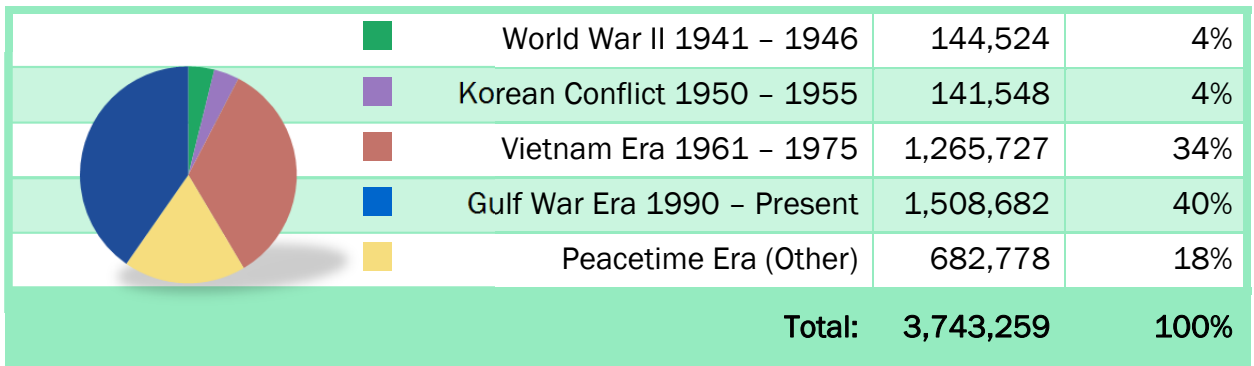
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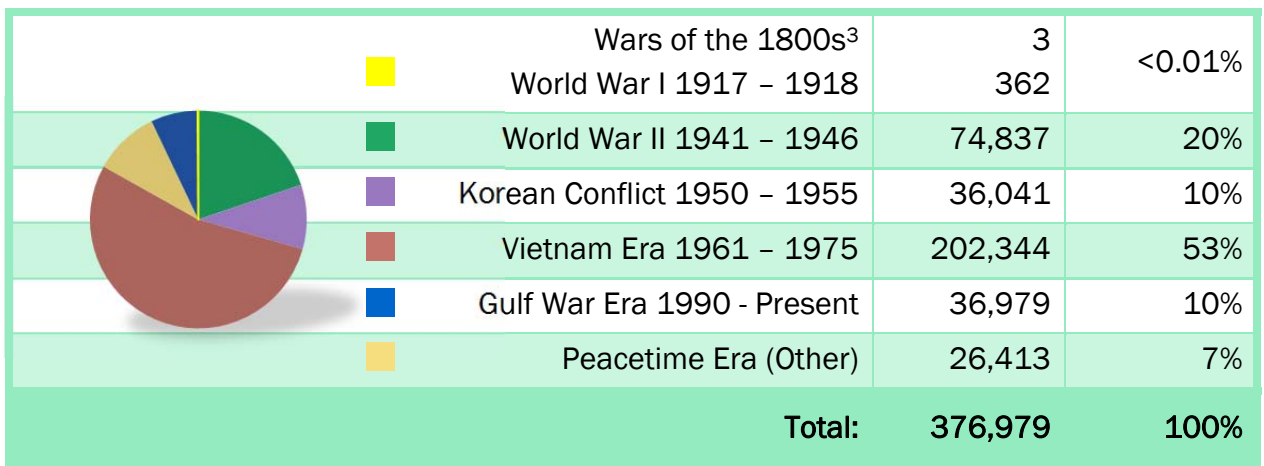


## Quick Reference: Recipients and Disabilities by Period of Service

### All compensation recipients by period of service



### All dependency and indemnity compensation recipients by Veteran's period of service



### Average disabilities per Veteran by period of service – all compensation recipients

	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era	Peacetime Periods	Total
Veterans	144,524	141,548	1,265,727	1,508,682	682,778	3,743,259
Disabilities	344,859	342,621	4,610,503	8,641,012	2,166,405	16,105,400
Average # of disabilities per Veteran	2.39	2.42	3.64	5.73	3.17	4.30
Total Veteran population <sup>4</sup>	1,245,660	2,073,580	7,330,032	6,484,914	5,497,681	22,631,868

## GWOT Quick Reference: Veterans With Global War on Terror Status



GWOT data have not been removed from any other discussion of period of service and are contained within the “Gulf War Era” in all other tables. For more information see pages [20](#) through [24](#) and [42](#) through [47](#).

### All Gulf War Era compensation recipients by GWOT status

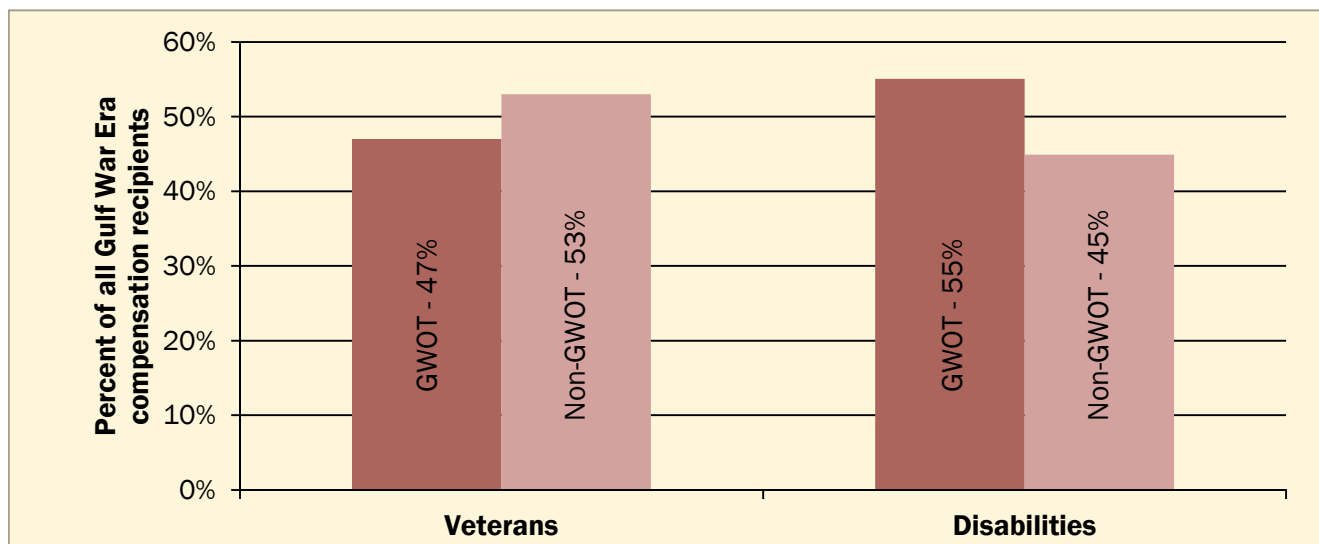
GWOT	714,380	47%
Non-GWOT	794,302	53%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>1,508,682</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Number of disabilities of all Gulf War Era compensation recipients by GWOT status

GWOT	4,759,483	55%
Non-GWOT	3,881,529	45%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>8,641,012</b>	<b>100%</b>

### All Gulf War Era compensation recipients - average number of disabilities per Veteran by GWOT status

GWOT	Non-GWOT	Gulf War Era Total
<b>6.66</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>5.73</b>



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## Veterans by Fiscal Year and Combined Degree of Disability

Note: Veterans in receipt of individual unemployability benefits are counted by their combined evaluation, not as 100% disabled.

### New compensation recipients FY 2009 to FY 2013

Combined degree	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg. FY 2012 to 2013
0% <sup>5</sup>	624	635	522	710	781	10%
10%	58,949	70,872	68,834	67,541	72,608	8%
20%	34,069	36,763	28,980	31,163	32,248	3%
30%	27,495	29,078	32,089	30,602	31,549	3%
40%	21,311	21,145	18,576	24,051	26,554	10%
50%	15,239	16,217	15,989	20,979	23,083	10%
60%	14,873	14,903	18,314	24,477	26,880	10%
70%	10,729	11,457	12,297	21,280	25,410	19%
80%	7,199	7,648	7,808	15,054	19,664	31%
90%	3,475	4,010	4,131	9,070	13,611	50%
100%	11,103	12,175	15,467	16,912	20,287	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,066</b>	<b>224,903</b>	<b>223,007</b>	<b>261,839</b>	<b>292,675</b>	<b>12%</b>

<sup>5</sup> All counts of Veterans in this document in the category of 0% combined disability degree indicate payment due to eligibility for special monthly compensation or two or more separate permanent 0% service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability and warrant payment at the 10% rate. Veterans with a 0% combined disability degree who are not receiving payment are not counted in this document.





### All compensation recipients FY 2009 to FY 2013

Combined degree	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg. FY 2012 to 2013
0%	12,857	12,348	11,664	11,374	11,096	-2%
10%	785,540	793,381	797,739	803,443	815,921	2%
20%	445,833	453,153	449,584	451,684	454,475	1%
30%	362,525	371,736	381,760	387,608	394,669	2%
40%	302,686	317,863	329,545	342,205	354,862	4%
50%	196,561	209,091	219,123	233,088	247,875	6%
60%	231,341	250,566	273,569	299,104	324,546	9%
70%	211,819	231,606	252,937	281,254	311,242	11%
80%	155,767	175,652	196,662	227,074	261,925	15%
90%	86,119	99,336	115,236	140,091	171,425	22%
100%	278,604	295,529	326,922	359,877	395,223	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,069,652</b>	<b>3,210,261</b>	<b>3,354,741</b>	<b>3,536,802</b>	<b>3,743,259</b>	<b>6%</b>



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## Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### New compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>6</sup>	% Total
0%	695	0.3%	47	0.2%	781	0.3%
10%	66,063	25.7%	4,631	15.7%	72,608	24.8%
20%	28,879	11.2%	2,493	8.4%	32,248	11.0%
30%	27,468	10.7%	3,465	11.7%	31,549	10.8%
40%	23,028	9.0%	3,024	10.2%	26,554	9.1%
50%	19,680	7.7%	3,016	10.2%	23,083	7.9%
60%	23,487	9.1%	2,952	10.0%	26,880	9.2%
70%	21,635	8.4%	3,396	11.5%	25,410	8.7%
80%	16,693	6.5%	2,777	9.4%	19,664	6.7%
90%	11,484	4.5%	2,025	6.9%	13,611	4.7%
100%	17,961	7.0%	1,731	5.9%	20,287	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,073</b>		<b>29,557</b>		<b>292,675</b>	

<sup>6</sup> Total includes 6,045 Veterans with no gender indicated in award record.



### All compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>7</sup>	% total
0%	9,974	0.3%	686	0.2%	11,096	0.3%
10%	741,384	22.2%	57,712	17.5%	815,921	21.8%
20%	408,699	12.2%	36,954	11.2%	454,475	12.1%
30%	348,302	10.4%	38,600	11.7%	394,669	10.5%
40%	312,180	9.3%	36,219	11.0%	354,862	9.5%
50%	215,395	6.4%	28,272	8.6%	247,875	6.6%
60%	286,675	8.6%	32,359	9.8%	324,546	8.7%
70%	276,162	8.3%	30,155	9.2%	311,242	8.3%
80%	232,060	6.9%	26,074	7.9%	261,925	7.0%
90%	151,637	4.5%	17,446	5.3%	171,425	4.6%
100%	359,126	10.7%	24,900	7.6%	395,223	10.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,341,594</b>		<b>329,377</b>		<b>3,743,259</b>	

<sup>7</sup> Total includes 72,288 Veterans with no gender indicated in award record.



## Estimated Total Amounts Paid Annually by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

Figures regarding amounts paid in this document do not reflect actual amounts paid by VA. This document only addresses monthly benefit payment amounts and does not include retroactive payments or partial year enrollment. Please refer to the official budget internet site here <http://www.va.gov/budget/> for actual amounts paid by VA.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>8</sup>
0% <sup>9</sup>	\$ 831,672	\$ 56,316	\$ 934,728
10%	\$ 102,783,906	\$ 7,188,480	\$ 112,973,706
20%	\$ 89,974,296	\$ 7,634,148	\$ 100,391,946
30%	\$ 139,706,388	\$ 17,692,056	\$ 160,506,168
40%	\$ 169,372,422	\$ 22,190,718	\$ 195,256,302
50%	\$ 203,306,082	\$ 31,118,904	\$ 238,352,130
60%	\$ 311,765,250	\$ 38,887,716	\$ 356,484,318
70%	\$ 368,235,216	\$ 57,560,556	\$ 432,288,180
80%	\$ 331,048,914	\$ 54,033,288	\$ 388,924,098
90%	\$ 259,010,700	\$ 44,603,832	\$ 305,896,086
100%	\$ 658,286,532	\$ 62,753,784	\$ 742,574,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,634,321,378</b>	<b>\$ 343,719,798</b>	<b>\$ 3,034,581,978</b>

<sup>8</sup> Total includes \$56,540,802 in benefits with no gender indicated in award record.

<sup>9</sup> All amounts of payment in this document in the category of 0% combined disability degree are due to special monthly compensation or two or more permanent 0% service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability and warrant payment at the 10% rate.



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### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>10</sup>
0%	\$ 10,091,820	\$ 784,638	\$ 11,416,968
10%	\$ 1,156,718,124	\$ 90,326,622	\$ 1,273,354,812
20%	\$ 1,271,098,266	\$ 113,684,400	\$ 1,412,473,278
30%	\$ 1,825,758,816	\$ 204,336,900	\$ 2,070,303,780
40%	\$ 2,363,810,814	\$ 275,489,442	\$ 2,687,685,210
50%	\$ 2,300,062,890	\$ 303,173,472	\$ 2,647,456,482
60%	\$ 4,506,090,288	\$ 466,528,140	\$ 5,062,660,908
70%	\$ 6,391,118,142	\$ 631,053,348	\$ 7,139,947,182
80%	\$ 6,003,631,782	\$ 615,171,516	\$ 6,722,001,486
90%	\$ 4,418,354,202	\$ 468,759,060	\$ 4,958,343,036
100%	\$ 13,790,261,028	\$ 942,253,452	\$ 15,166,234,434
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 44,036,996,172</b>	<b>\$ 4,111,560,990</b>	<b>\$ 49,151,877,576</b>

<sup>10</sup> Total includes \$1,003,320,414 in benefits with no gender indicated in award record.



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## Estimated Average Individual Amounts Paid Annually by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

Note: Estimated average individual amounts paid annually for the same combined degree differ slightly due to additional amounts paid for dependents and special monthly compensation.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated average individual amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	All
0%	\$ 1,197	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,197
10%	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,552	\$ 1,556
20%	\$ 3,116	\$ 3,062	\$ 3,113
30%	\$ 5,086	\$ 5,106	\$ 5,088
40%	\$ 7,355	\$ 7,338	\$ 7,353
50%	\$ 10,331	\$ 10,318	\$ 10,326
60%	\$ 13,274	\$ 13,173	\$ 13,262
70%	\$ 17,020	\$ 16,950	\$ 17,013
80%	\$ 19,832	\$ 19,457	\$ 19,778
90%	\$ 22,554	\$ 22,027	\$ 22,474
100%	\$ 36,651	\$ 36,253	\$ 36,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,247</b>	<b>\$ 11,629</b>	<b>\$ 10,368</b>





### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated average individual amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total
0%	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,144	\$ 1,029
10%	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,561
20%	\$ 3,110	\$ 3,076	\$ 3,108
30%	\$ 5,242	\$ 5,294	\$ 5,246
40%	\$ 7,572	\$ 7,606	\$ 7,574
50%	\$ 10,678	\$ 10,723	\$ 10,681
60%	\$ 15,718	\$ 14,417	\$ 15,599
70%	\$ 23,143	\$ 20,927	\$ 22,940
80%	\$ 25,871	\$ 23,593	\$ 25,664
90%	\$ 29,138	\$ 26,869	\$ 28,924
100%	\$ 38,400	\$ 37,842	\$ 38,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,178</b>	<b>\$ 12,483</b>	<b>\$ 13,131</b>



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## Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	85,970	\$ 928,144,716	\$ 10,796
Ages 35 through 54	85,253	\$ 1,000,215,258	\$ 11,732
Ages 55 through 74	101,344	\$ 921,371,112	\$ 9,091
Age 75 and over	20,103	\$ 184,789,860	\$ 9,192
<b>Total<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>292,675</b>	<b>\$ 3,034,581,978</b>	<b>\$ 10,368</b>

### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	432,619	\$ 4,644,222,894	\$ 10,735
Ages 35 through 54	1,073,957	\$ 12,467,621,994	\$ 11,609
Ages 55 through 74	1,734,074	\$ 25,896,608,460	\$ 14,934
Age 75 and over	501,526	\$ 6,135,766,722	\$ 12,234
<b>Total<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>3,743,259</b>	<b>\$ 49,151,864,094</b>	<b>\$ 13,131</b>

<sup>11</sup> Total includes 5 Veterans and \$ 61,032 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

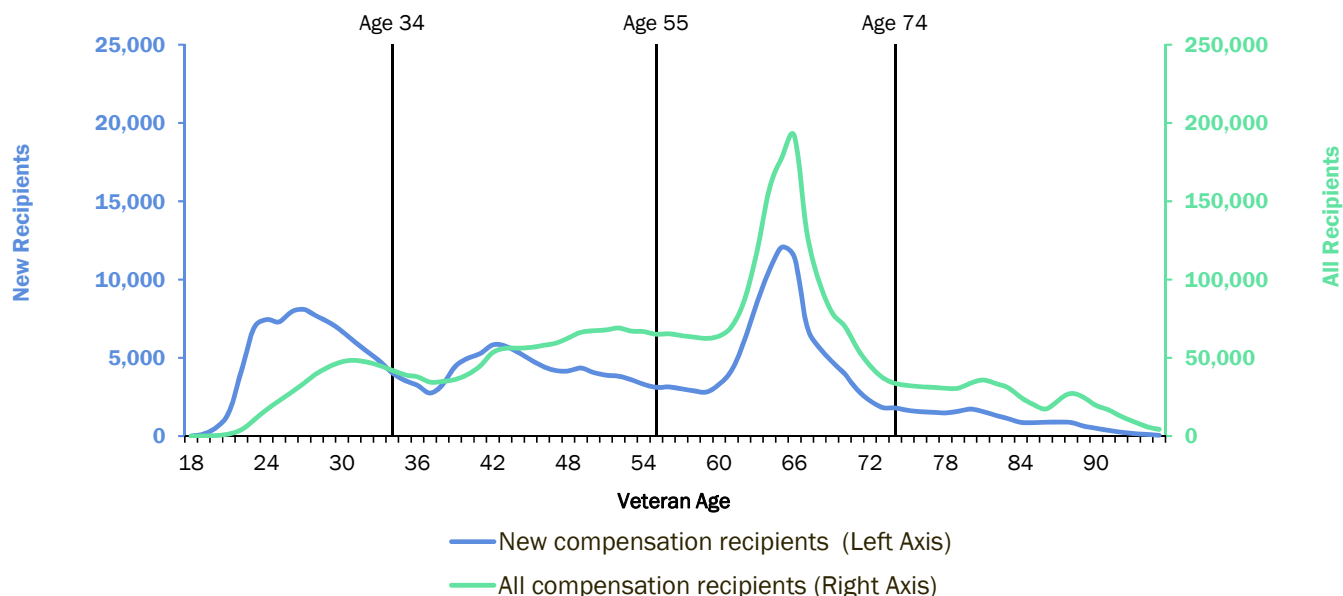
<sup>12</sup> Total includes 1,083 Veterans and \$7,644,024 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

## Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age



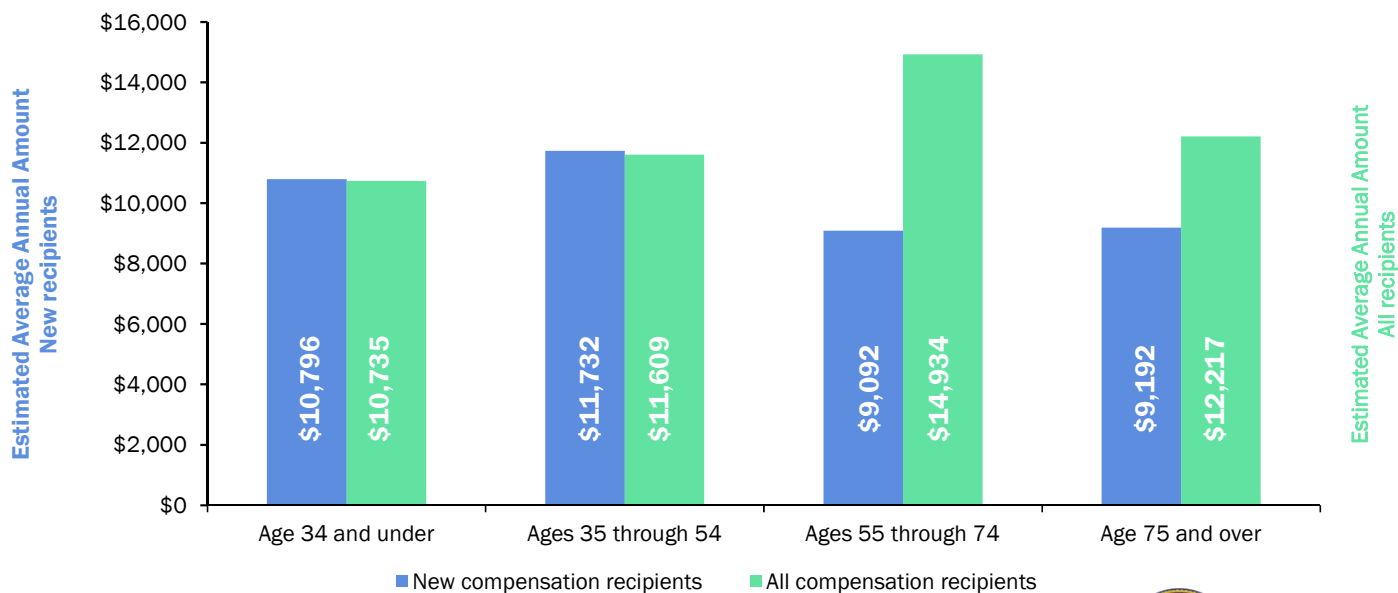
The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2013 (blue line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green line, right axis).

**New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients by age**



The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2013 (blue bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green bars on the right) broken down by age.

**New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age**



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## Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Period of service	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
World War II	4,909	\$ 51,532,104	\$10,497
Korean Conflict	7,779	\$ 61,682,064	\$7,929
Vietnam Era	82,419	\$ 795,237,648	\$9,649
Gulf War Era	162,652	\$ 1,902,580,416	\$11,697
Peacetime Era	34,916	\$ 223,549,746	\$6,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,675</b>	<b>\$ 3,034,581,978</b>	<b>\$9,982</b>

### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

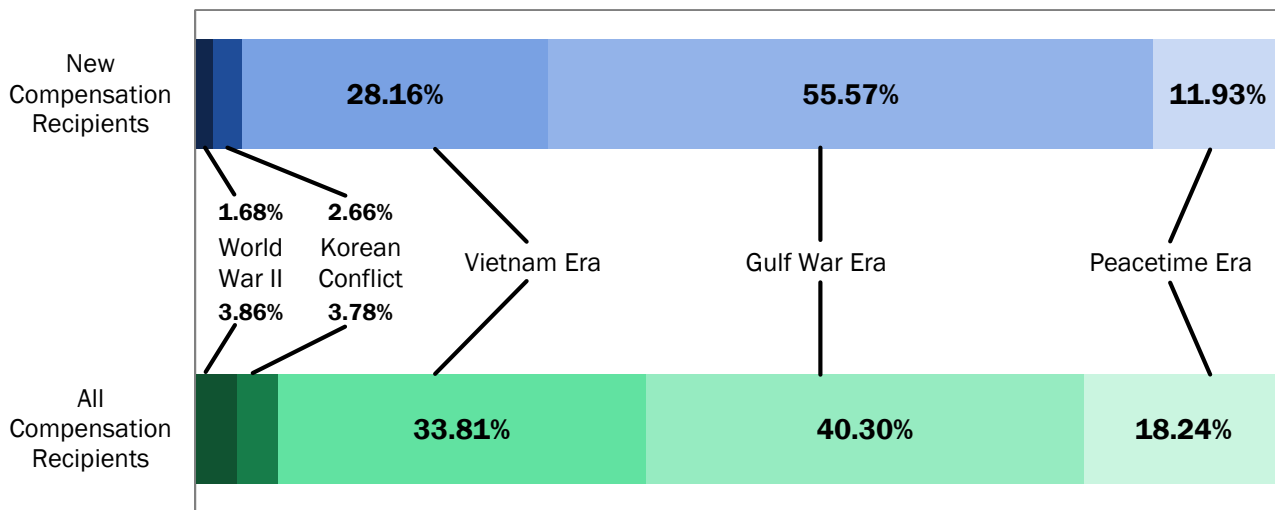
Period of service	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
World War II	144,524	\$ 1,685,920,386	\$ 11,665
Korean Conflict	141,548	\$ 1,593,791,592	\$ 11,260
Vietnam Era	1,265,727	\$ 21,078,169,302	\$ 16,653
Gulf War Era	1,508,682	\$ 17,735,811,810	\$ 11,756
Peacetime Era	682,778	\$ 7,058,184,486	\$ 10,337
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,743,259</b>	<b>\$ 49,151,877,576</b>	<b>\$ 13,131</b>

## Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service



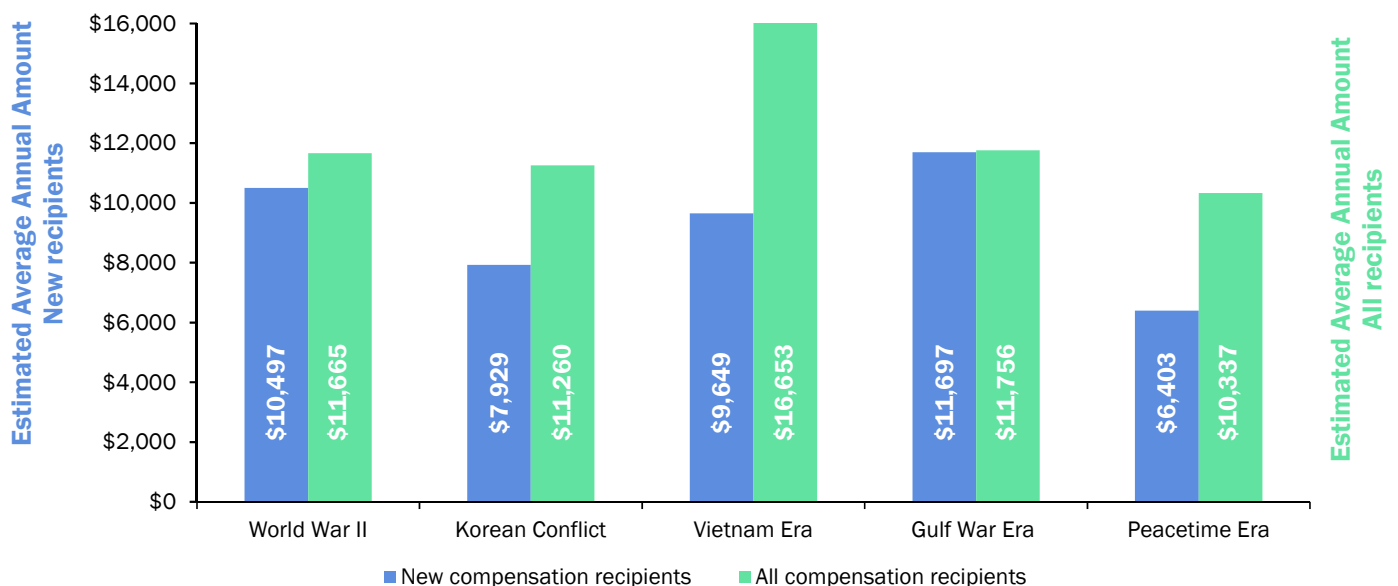
The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The blue bars in the top row are new compensation recipients and the green bars on the bottom row indicate all veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year.

**New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients distribution by period of service**



The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2013 (blue bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green bars on the right) broken down by period of service.

**New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients by estimated average individual amount paid annually and period of service**



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## GWOT Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Gender

The Global War on Terror (GWOT) data are a subset of the Gulf War era period of service and have not been removed from any other discussion of period of service.

### New GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Male	102,987	\$ 1,292,028,396	\$ 12,546
Female	16,228	\$ 208,065,648	\$ 12,821
<b>Total<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>119,636</b>	<b>\$1,505,633,820</b>	<b>\$ 12,585</b>

### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Male	614,348	\$ 7,889,012,940	\$ 12,841
Female	97,186	\$ 1,216,434,216	\$ 12,517
<b>Total<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>714,380</b>	<b>\$ 9,134,739,468</b>	<b>\$ 12,787</b>

<sup>13</sup> Total includes 421 Veterans and \$ 5,539,776 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record

<sup>14</sup> Total includes 2,846 Veterans and \$ 29,292,312 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record



## GWOT Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Combined Disability Degree



### New GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
0%	99	\$ 117,396	\$ 1,186
10%	15,780	\$ 24,543,612	\$ 1,555
20%	9,479	\$ 29,158,812	\$ 3,076
30%	12,029	\$ 62,219,004	\$ 5,172
40%	12,033	\$ 89,310,036	\$ 7,422
50%	10,904	\$ 114,387,996	\$ 10,490
60%	14,537	\$ 194,112,576	\$ 13,353
70%	13,912	\$ 235,015,332	\$ 16,893
80%	13,827	\$ 273,391,596	\$ 19,772
90%	10,231	\$ 229,505,640	\$ 22,432
100%	6,805	\$ 253,871,820	\$ 37,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,636</b>	<b>\$ 1,505,633,820</b>	<b>\$ 12,585</b>



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## GWOT Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### All GWOT compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>15</sup>	% total
0%	453	0.1%	80	0.1%	537	0.1%
10%	80,842	13.2%	12,162	12.5%	93,593	13.1%
20%	58,985	9.6%	9,009	9.3%	68,440	9.6%
30%	66,899	10.9%	11,086	11.4%	78,286	11.0%
40%	68,851	11.2%	11,958	12.3%	81,093	11.4%
50%	53,222	8.7%	9,083	9.3%	62,498	8.7%
60%	76,704	12.5%	11,305	11.6%	88,319	12.4%
70%	64,655	10.5%	9,785	10.1%	74,682	10.5%
80%	64,619	10.5%	9,845	10.1%	74,700	10.5%
90%	41,984	6.8%	6,958	7.2%	49,073	6.9%
100%	37,134	6.0%	5,915	6.1%	43,159	6.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>614,348</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97,186</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>714,380</b>	<b>100%</b>

## GWOT Estimated Total Amounts Paid Annually by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender



### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>16</sup>
0%	\$ 540,732	\$ 95,880	\$ 641,412
10%	\$ 126,071,304	\$ 18,937,392	\$ 145,928,676
20%	\$ 181,659,180	\$ 27,675,540	\$ 210,706,632
30%	\$ 356,721,216	\$ 58,542,120	\$ 416,881,668
40%	\$ 526,859,556	\$ 90,600,876	\$ 619,660,440
50%	\$ 576,727,992	\$ 97,153,008	\$ 675,997,560
60%	\$ 1,056,775,416	\$ 152,905,728	\$ 1,214,001,312
70%	\$ 1,181,850,408	\$ 175,179,024	\$ 1,361,366,796
80%	\$ 1,396,044,372	\$ 206,518,572	\$ 1,607,577,588
90%	\$ 1,054,614,972	\$ 168,974,496	\$ 1,226,831,232
100%	\$ 1,431,147,792	\$ 219,851,580	\$ 1,655,146,152
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,889,012,940</b>	<b>\$ 1,216,434,216</b>	<b>\$ 9,134,739,468</b>

<sup>16</sup> Total includes \$ 29,292,312 in benefits with no gender indicated in award record





## GWOT Estimated Average Individual Amounts Paid Annually by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated average individual amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total
0%	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,199	\$ 1,194
10%	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,559
20%	\$ 3,080	\$ 3,072	\$ 3,079
30%	\$ 5,332	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,325
40%	\$ 7,652	\$ 7,577	\$ 7,641
50%	\$ 10,836	\$ 10,696	\$ 10,816
60%	\$ 13,777	\$ 13,525	\$ 13,746
70%	\$ 18,279	\$ 17,903	\$ 18,229
80%	\$ 21,604	\$ 20,977	\$ 21,520
90%	\$ 25,119	\$ 24,285	\$ 25,000
100%	\$ 38,540	\$ 37,168	\$ 38,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,841</b>	<b>\$ 12,517</b>	<b>\$ 12,787</b>

## Regarding Service-Connected Disability Data



The tables on the following pages present information according to the number of service-connected disabilities – not the number of Veterans with that evaluation or disability.

Tables labeled “Number of disabilities of new compensation recipients” display counts of disabilities which were rated and resulted in the award of compensation benefits to new recipients during FY 2013. Tables labeled “Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients” display counts of all rated disabilities for all Veterans receiving compensation at the end of FY 2013.

The names of the body systems have been abbreviated to allow for a clearer presentation of the information. The three body systems with the greatest change are:

“Organs of special sense” abbreviated to: “The Eye”

“Infectious Diseases, Immune Disorders, and Nutritional Deficiencies” abbreviated to:  
“Infection/Immune/Nutrition”

“Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders” abbreviated to: “Neurological”

Any use of the term “Disabilities” in the following section includes service-connected disabilities only.





## Number of Disabilities by Body System and Fiscal Year

### Number of disabilities of new compensation recipients FY 2009 to FY 2013

Body system	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg. FY 2012 to 2013
Musculoskeletal	302,798	309,026	258,972	445,766	541,280	21%
Auditory	135,701	159,576	151,820	190,646	222,139	17%
Skin	81,335	83,485	75,344	119,267	150,423	26%
Neurological	65,932	70,695	69,315	102,422	133,195	30%
Mental	53,226	60,535	64,495	84,069	100,515	20%
Respiratory	41,769	42,352	49,235	61,035	70,058	15%
Digestive	34,590	34,241	37,221	46,884	53,258	14%
Cardiovascular	26,493	28,802	27,003	48,185	41,494	16%
Genitourinary	30,150	29,097	29,249	35,865	50,291	4%
Endocrine	25,962	26,639	23,789	25,027	26,056	4%
The Eye	9,272	9,559	7,918	12,672	15,385	21%
Dental /Oral	3,842	3,886	3,438	5,804	7,139	23%
Gynecological	3,786	3,541	2,776	5,028	6,340	26%
Hemic/Lymphatic	2,387	2,622	2,488	3,389	3,626	7%
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	1,711	1,710	1,838	2,095	2,129	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>818,954</b>	<b>865,766</b>	<b>804,901</b>	<b>1,188,154</b>	<b>1,423,328</b>	<b>20%</b>





## Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients FY 2009 to FY 2013

Body system	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg. FY 2012 to 2013
Musculoskeletal	4,140,015	4,471,591	4,721,091	5,189,302	5,780,195	11%
Auditory	1,350,484	1,525,066	1,679,146	1,883,919	2,116,528	12%
Skin	1,216,801	1,322,605	1,407,126	1,542,739	1,726,884	12%
Neurological	939,363	1,072,504	1,183,512	1,345,832	1,557,654	16%
Mental	718,368	792,882	878,417	986,904	1,110,050	12%
Cardiovascular	604,052	633,440	675,434	786,826	834,775	6%
Digestive	614,734	651,826	732,523	719,598	772,021	7%
Respiratory	503,572	548,499	582,933	644,675	719,770	12%
Genitourinary	379,961	428,984	464,634	515,282	570,093	11%
Endocrine	344,402	371,644	396,121	422,786	447,399	6%
The Eye	167,997	180,490	187,440	200,546	216,955	8%
Gynecological	65,072	69,504	72,512	77,882	85,043	9%
Dental /Oral	50,556	55,304	58,705	64,724	72,588	12%
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	47,539	47,816	47,756	48,318	48,928	1%
Hemic/Lymphatic	33,921	36,743	39,147	42,770	46,517	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,768,391</b>	<b>12,208,882</b>	<b>13,126,497</b>	<b>14,472,103</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>	<b>11%</b>



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## Number of Disabilities by Rating Evaluation Percent and Gender

### Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating evaluation percent	Male	Female	Total <sup>17</sup>
0%	4,736,816	625,957	5,430,180
10%	5,640,144	691,231	6,415,649
20%	1,358,983	100,200	1,486,905
30%	917,777	134,458	1,072,919
40%	311,491	27,778	346,568
50%	420,160	57,794	484,554
60%	226,047	12,750	244,163
70%	231,826	22,244	257,997
80%	15,597	651	16,784
90%	4,072	117	4,318
100%	316,173	18,579	345,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,179,086</b>	<b>1,691,759</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>

## Number of Disabilities by Body System and Gender



### Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total <sup>18</sup>
Musculoskeletal	4,998,746	717,729	5,780,195
Auditory	2,006,413	70,513	2,116,528
Skin	1,503,897	194,734	1,726,884
Neurological	1,360,869	173,784	1,557,654
Mental	972,224	118,248	1,110,050
Cardiovascular	769,455	51,577	834,775
Digestive	675,710	86,694	772,021
Respiratory	609,670	102,264	719,770
Genitourinary	534,819	24,912	570,093
Endocrine	413,941	23,051	447,399
The Eye	193,289	19,704	216,955
Gynecological	3,783	80,341	85,043
Dental /Oral	55,952	15,721	72,588
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	43,330	3,964	48,928
Hemic /Lymphatic	36,988	8,523	46,517
<b>Total all disabilities</b>	<b>14,179,086</b>	<b>1,691,759</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>

<sup>18</sup> Total includes 234,555 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



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## Most Prevalent Disabilities by Gender

The table below shows the most prevalent disabilities and the relative percent of the total number of disabilities each represents. The ten disabilities listed below represent over one third of all disabilities rated to be service-connected. The other two thirds are made up of over 900 other disabilities, which each make up less than 2% of the total.

### Most prevalent disabilities of new compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	124,701	10.3%	7,659	4.0%	135,229	9.5%
Hearing loss	Auditory	76,169	6.3%	1,441	0.7%	80,186	5.6%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	58,952	4.9%	9,971	5.2%	69,274	4.9%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>19</sup>	Musculoskeletal	54,089	4.5%	11,065	5.7%	65,443	4.6%
Scars, general	Skin	49,583	4.1%	9,198	4.8%	59,360	4.2%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	51,880	4.3%	5,708	2.9%	58,530	4.1%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	37,918	3.1%	5,843	3.0%	43,979	3.1%
Migraine	Neurological	29,262	2.4%	9,239	4.8%	38,709	2.7%
Degenerative arthritis of the spine	Musculoskeletal	27,423	2.3%	4,276	2.2%	31,910	2.2%
Bursitis	Musculoskeletal	23,878	2.0%	3,185	1.6%	27,169	1.9%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>533,855</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>67,585</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>609,789</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>1,211,613</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>193,589</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,422,371</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	1,056,443	7.4%	47,149	2.8%	1,121,709	7.0%
Hearing loss	Auditory	823,134	5.8%	13,466	0.8%	854,855	5.3%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	600,193	4.2%	38,076	2.3%	648,992	4.0%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>20</sup>	Musculoskeletal	519,957	3.7%	92,082	5.4%	616,937	3.8%
Scars, general	Skin	503,411	3.5%	59,455	3.5%	574,191	3.6%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	390,144	2.7%	60,650	3.6%	453,704	2.8%
Diabetes mellitus	Endocrine	383,916	2.7%	4,665	0.3%	398,480	2.5%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	322,212	2.3%	18,517	1.1%	346,572	2.2%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	303,079	2.1%	38,359	2.3%	343,834	2.1%
Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	Musculoskeletal	293,540	2.1%	39,597	2.3%	335,692	2.1%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>5,196,029</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>412,016</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>5,694,966</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>14,179,086</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,691,759</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>20</sup> The number of lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities in this report includes 176,142 disabilities which, in Annual Benefits Reports prior to FY 13, were counted under 5 discontinued disability names related to lumbosacral or cervical strain. This changed the lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities prevalence from sixth to fourth most prevalent disability overall.



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## Number of Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System

The detail table number corresponds to the tables on the following pages which show the number of disabilities in each body system broken down by rating evaluation percent. The percentage is the rating evaluation percent's prevalence out of all disabilities in that body system.

### Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Detail table	Total number	Percent of all disabilities	Most common degree of disability
Musculoskeletal	1	5,780,195	35.89%	10%
Auditory	1	2,116,528	13.14%	10%
Skin	1	1,726,884	10.72%	0%
Neurological	1	1,557,654	9.67%	10%
Mental	2	1,110,050	6.89%	30%
Cardiovascular	2	834,775	5.18%	10%
Digestive	2	772,021	4.79%	30%
Respiratory	2	719,770	4.47%	10%
Genitourinary	3	570,093	3.54%	0%
Endocrine	3	447,399	2.78%	20%
The Eye	3	216,955	1.35%	0%
Gynecological	3	85,043	0.53%	20%
Dental /Oral	4	72,588	0.45%	0%
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	4	48,928	0.30%	0%
Hemic /Lymphatic	4	46,517	0.29%	0%
<b>Total all conditions</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10%</b>



## Number of Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System and Rating Evaluation Percent



**Table 1** Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating %	Musculoskeletal		Auditory		Skin		Neurological	
0%	1,598,614	27.6%	720,557	34.0%	1,264,088	73.2%	263,674	16.9%
10%	3,045,835	52.7%	1,238,674	58.5%	381,192	22.0%	750,786	48.2%
20%	673,734	11.7%	44,292	2.0%	13,751	0.8%	262,579	16.9%
30%	196,544	3.4%	38,258	1.8%	51,322	3.0%	147,795	9.5%
40%	159,833	2.8%	24,332	1.1%	2,292	0.1%	70,803	4.6%
50%	22,191	0.3%	16,374	0.8%	3,614	0.2%	30,539	2.0%
60%	49,724	0.8%	8,329	0.4%	9,584	0.6%	11,059	0.71%
70%	4,212	0.07%	5,288	0.3%	14	<0.01%	8,131	0.52%
80%	1,278	0.02%	5,321	0.3%	747	0.04%	4,126	0.26%
90%	923	0.02%	2,091	0.1%	3	<0.01%	425	0.03%
100%	27,297	0.47%	13,009	0.6%	272	0.02%	7,737	0.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,780,195</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,116,528</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,726,884</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,557,654</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 2**

Rating %	Mental		Cardiovascular		Digestive		Respiratory	
0%	27,694	2.5%	201,000	24.0%	448,630	58.10%	332,005	46.13%
10%	124,732	11.2%	300,468	36.0%	221,876	28.70%	138,540	19.25%
20%	577	0.05%	55,357	6.6%	27,172	3.50%	4,404	0.61%
30%	297,971	26.8%	117,456	14.0%	48,364	6.30%	79,071	10.99%
40%	506	0.05%	20,964	2.5%	6,460	0.84%	729	0.10%
50%	259,636	23.4%	827	0.10%	1,244	0.16%	131,169	18.22%
60%	235	0.02%	84,734	10.1%	7,802	1.01%	17,054	2.37%
70%	237,597	21.4%	108	0.01%	224	0.03%	61	0.01%
80%	15	<0.01%	38	<0.01%	500	0.06%	72	0.01%
90%	6	<0.01%	21	<0.01%	2	<0.01%	2	<0.01%
100%	161,080	14.5%	53,801	6.44%	9,747	1.20%	16,662	2.31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,110,050</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>834,775</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>772,021</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>719,770</b>	<b>100%</b>



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## Number of Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System and Rating Evaluation Percent (Continued)

**Table 3**                      Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating %	Genitourinary		Endocrine		The Eye		Gynecological	
0%	333,554	58.51%	11,601	2.59%	102,206	47.11%	36,096	42.44%
10%	44,151	7.74%	69,926	15.63%	54,840	25.28%	10,291	12.10%
20%	45,063	7.90%	336,282	75.16%	12,687	5.85%	182	0.21%
30%	29,588	5.19%	3,539	0.79%	29,811	13.74%	21,076	24.78%
40%	32,396	5.68%	18,950	4.24%	6,288	2.90%	625	0.73%
50%	30	0.01%	24	0.01%	2,560	1.18%	16,087	18.92%
60%	45,651	8.01%	4,541	1.01%	1,799	0.83%	198	0.23%
70%	7	<0.01%	4	<0.01%	1,894	0.87%	2	<0.01%
80%	4,183	0.73%	2	<0.01%	386	0.18%	67	0.08%
90%	-	0.00%	2	<0.01%	842	0.39%	-	0.00%
100%	35,470	6.22%	2,528	0.57%	3,642	1.68%	419	0.49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>447,399</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>216,955</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>85,043</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 4**

Rating %	Infection /Immune /Nutrition		Dental /Oral		Hemic /Lymphatic		Total all body systems	
0%	35,693	72.95%	34,924	48.11%	19,823	42.64%	5,430,180	33.72%
10%	4,349	8.89%	26,183	36.07%	3,806	8.19%	6,415,649	39.84%
20%	1,130	2.31%	7,223	9.95%	2,472	5.32%	1,486,905	9.23%
30%	1,542	3.15%	3,050	4.20%	7,532	16.20%	1,072,919	6.66%
40%	1,151	2.35%	941	1.30%	298	0.64%	346,568	2.15%
50%	29	0.06%	218	0.30%	12	0.03%	484,554	3.01%
60%	3,109	6.35%	9	0.01%	335	0.72%	244,163	1.52%
70%	7	0.01%	1	<0.01%	447	0.96%	257,997	1.60%
80%	44	0.09%	2	<0.01%	3	<0.01%	16,784	0.10%
90%	1	<0.01%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	4,318	0.03%
100%	1,873	3.83%	37	0.05%	11,789	25.34%	345,363	2.14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,928</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>72,588</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>46,517</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,105,400</b>	<b>100%</b>

## The Three Most Prevalent Disabilities by Body System

The following table shows the three most prevalent disabilities associated with each body system. Each body system has numerous disabilities associated with it.

### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of all body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>21</sup>	616,937	10.67%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	453,704	7.85%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	343,834	5.95%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>1,414,475</b>	<b>24.47%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>5,780,195</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	1,121,709	53.00%
	Hearing loss	854,855	40.39%
	Impaired hearing	23,092	1.09%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>1,999,656</b>	<b>94.48%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>2,116,528</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	574,191	33.25%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	282,610	16.37%
	Eczema	256,610	14.86%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>1,113,411</b>	<b>64.48%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>1,726,884</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	346,572	22.25%
	Migraine	277,455	17.81%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	197,016	12.65%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>821,043</b>	<b>52.71%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,557,654</b>	
Mental	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	648,992	58.47%
	Major Depressive Disorder	130,155	11.73%
	Generalized Anxiety Disorder	51,043	4.60%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>830,190</b>	<b>74.79%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>1,110,050</b>	

<sup>21</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability changed its prevalence from second to most prevalent disability among all musculoskeletal disabilities.





## The Three Most Prevalent Disabilities by Body System (Continued)

### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of all body system disabilities
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	331,688	39.73%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	185,457	22.22%
	Residuals of cold injury	66,312	7.94%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>583,457</b>	<b>69.89%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>834,775</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	204,384	26.47%
	Hemorrhoids	202,444	26.22%
	Inguinal hernia	68,842	8.92%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>475,670</b>	<b>61.61%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>772,021</b>	
Respiratory	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	143,278	19.91%
	Allergic rhinitis	138,805	19.28%
	Bronchial asthma	94,388	13.11%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>376,471</b>	<b>52.30%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>719,770</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	203,232	35.65%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	89,590	15.71%
	Prostate gland injuries	51,764	9.08%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>344,586</b>	<b>60.44%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>570,093</b>	
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	398,480	89.07%
	Hypothyroidism	30,713	6.86%
	Hyperthyroidism	7,390	1.65%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>436,583</b>	<b>97.58%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>447,399</b>	



### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of all body system disabilities
The eye	Conjunctivitis, chronic	19,757	9.11%
	Impairment to field of vision	18,050	8.32%
	Unhealed eye injury	15,775	7.27%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>53,582</b>	<b>24.70%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>216,955</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	16,977	19.96%
	Removal of uterus and both ovaries	14,631	17.20%
	Benign growths of gynecological system or breast	8,562	10.07%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>40,170</b>	<b>47.23%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>85,043</b>	
Dental /Oral	Limited motion of the jaw	49,504	68.20%
	Malunion of lower jaw	8,835	12.17%
	Loss of teeth	5,372	7.40%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>63,711</b>	<b>87.77%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>72,588</b>	
Infection /Immune/ Nutrition	Malaria	29,540	60.37%
	Chronic fatigue syndrome	6,911	14.12%
	HIV-related illness	4,045	8.27%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>40,496</b>	<b>82.77%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>48,928</b>	
Hemic /Lymphatic	Anemia	13,753	29.58%
	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	7,998	17.20%
	Splenectomy (Removal of Spleen)	7,172	15.43%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>28,923</b>	<b>62.18%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>46,517</b>	



## New Grouping of Most Prevalent Disabilities – by Disability Type

The disabilities listed on pages 35 through 37 are grouped by individual disability code names of which there are 965. Disability types in the table below with a <sup>22</sup> footnote are groups of these code names based on the general disability type or condition. This was done to give a better picture of the most prevalent types of disabilities which affect Veterans.

For example: on page 35 under Musculoskeletal Disabilities, only the top 24.5% are listed and two of them are limitation of motion related – in the table below the top 64.5% of Musculoskeletal Disabilities are listed, grouping all limitation of motion disabilities regardless of body part effected.

### New grouping – most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability type	Total number	% of all body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Limitation of motion of a joint or appendage <sup>22</sup>	1,524,550	26.38%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	616,937	10.67%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	335,692	5.81%
	Impairment of the knee, general	304,954	5.28%
	Traumatic arthritis	288,822	5.00%
	Tendon inflammation	251,460	4.35%
	Degenerative arthritis	205,821	3.56%
	Residuals of foot injury	199,203	3.45%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>3,727,439</b>	<b>64.5%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>5,780,195</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>22</sup>	884,815	56.80%
	Migraine	277,455	17.81%
	Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>22</sup>	157,609	10.12%
	Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>22</sup>	84,637	5.43%
	Brain disease due to trauma	69,929	4.49%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,474,445</b>	<b>94.66%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,557,654</b>	
The eye	Impaired vision - one or both eyes <sup>22</sup>	49,038	22.60%
	Blind in one or both eyes <sup>22</sup>	27,681	12.76%
	Conjunctivitis <sup>22</sup>	20,184	9.30%
	Unhealed eye injury	15,775	7.27%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>112,678</b>	<b>51.94%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>216,955</b>	

## Most Prevalent Disabilities by Period of Service



### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service (POS)	Disability	Total number	% of all POS disabilities
World War II	Hearing loss	50,382	14.61%
	Tinnitus	35,370	10.26%
	Residuals of cold injury	20,242	5.87%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	15,214	4.41%
	Scars, general	13,204	3.83%
	Generalized anxiety disorder	8,641	2.51%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	7,626	2.21%
	Traumatic arthritis	6,221	1.80%
	Flatfoot, acquired	5,177	1.50%
	Scars, head, face or neck	5,113	1.48%
<b>Total most prevalent World War II disabilities</b>		<b>167,190</b>	<b>48.48%</b>
<b>All World War II disabilities</b>		<b>344,859</b>	
Korean Conflict	Hearing loss	61,747	18.02%
	Tinnitus	51,008	14.89%
	Residuals of cold injury	20,967	6.12%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	12,585	3.67%
	Scars, general	11,913	3.48%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	6,941	2.03%
	Scars, head, face or neck	4,822	1.41%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>23</sup>	4,657	1.36%
	Traumatic arthritis	4,639	1.35%
	Duodenal ulcer	3,941	1.15%
<b>Total most prevalent Korean Conflict disabilities</b>		<b>183,220</b>	<b>53.48%</b>
<b>All Korean Conflict disabilities</b>		<b>342,621</b>	

<sup>23</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability changed its prevalence from greater than tenth to the ninth most prevalent disability among Korean War Veterans. The prevalence of lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities remains greater than tenth among World War II Veterans.







## Most Prevalent Disabilities by Period of Service (Continued)

### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of all POS disabilities
Vietnam Era	Tinnitus	371,868	8.07%
	Hearing loss	370,712	8.04%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	348,164	7.55%
	Diabetes mellitus	339,254	7.36%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	197,301	4.28%
	Scars, general	178,463	3.87%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	151,210	3.28%
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	122,709	2.66%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	82,857	1.80%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	79,149	1.72%
<b>Total most prevalent Vietnam Era disabilities</b>		<b>2,241,687</b>	<b>48.62%</b>
<b>All Vietnam Era disabilities</b>		<b>4,610,503</b>	
Gulf War Era	Tinnitus	514,978	5.96%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>24</sup>	441,201	5.11%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	363,659	4.21%
	Scars, general	292,840	3.39%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	256,142	2.96%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	250,744	2.90%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	249,199	2.88%
	Hearing loss	230,347	2.67%
	Migraine	226,166	2.62%
	Tendon inflammation	224,118	2.59%
<b>Total most prevalent Gulf War Era disabilities</b>		<b>3,049,394</b>	<b>35.29%</b>
<b>All Gulf War Era disabilities</b>		<b>8,641,012</b>	

<sup>24</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability changed its prevalence from third to second most prevalent disability among Gulf War Era Veterans. The prevalence of Vietnam Era lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities remains greater than tenth.





### Most prevalent disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of all POS disabilities
Peacetime	Tinnitus	148,485	6.85%
	Hearing loss	141,667	6.54%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>25</sup>	88,973	4.11%
	Scars, general	77,771	3.59%
	Impairment of the knee, general	75,925	3.50%
	Hypertensive vascular disease	53,010	2.45%
	Traumatic arthritis	52,783	2.44%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	50,928	2.35%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	48,481	2.24%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	41,225	1.90%
<b>Total most prevalent Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>779,248</b>	<b>35.97%</b>
<b>All Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>2,166,405</b>	

### Number of disabilities of new compensation recipients by period of service

	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era	Peacetime Periods	Total
Disabilities	8,948	15,655	206,325	1,102,370	89,073	1,422,371

### Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients by period of service

	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era	Peacetime Periods	Total
Disabilities	344,859	342,621	4,610,503	8,641,012	2,166,405	16,105,400
Average # of disabilities per Veteran	2.39	2.42	3.64	5.73	3.17	4.30

<sup>25</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability changed its prevalence from ninth to third most prevalent disability among Peacetime Veterans.



## GWOT Most Prevalent Disabilities by Gender

VA's computer systems do not contain data that would allow us to attribute Veterans' disabilities to a specific period of service or deployment. Therefore GWOT is a subset defined by Veterans who filed a disability compensation claim at some point either prior to or following their GWOT deployment. We are not able to identify which of these Veterans filed a claim for disabilities incurred during their actual overseas GWOT deployment.

### Most prevalent disabilities of new GWOT compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total <sup>26</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	54,177	7.1%	5,159	3.9%	59,525	6.6%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	44,590	5.8%	6,663	5.1%	51,431	5.7%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>27</sup>	Musculoskeletal	42,406	5.6%	7,564	5.8%	50,138	5.6%
Scars, general	Skin	33,181	4.3%	6,307	4.8%	39,640	4.4%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	30,584	4.0%	3,658	2.8%	34,310	3.8%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	29,226	3.8%	3,953	3.0%	33,291	3.7%
Migraine	Neurological	23,865	3.1%	6,286	4.8%	30,268	3.4%
Degenerative arthritis of the spine	Musculoskeletal	19,938	2.6%	2,942	2.2%	22,985	2.6%
Bursitis	Musculoskeletal	19,870	2.6%	2,335	1.8%	22,276	2.5%
Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	Respiratory	18,928	2.5%	1,038	0.8%	20,028	2.2%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>316,765</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>45,905</b>	<b>35.1%</b>	<b>363,892</b>	<b>40.6%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>763,363</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>130,778</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>897,337</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>26</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 1,222 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 3,196 disabilities unidentifiable by gender

<sup>27</sup> New to the rolls Veterans are no longer being rated under the discontinued disability types



### Most prevalent disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total <sup>28</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	296,683	7.3%	24,869	3.7%	322,602	6.8%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>29</sup>	Musculoskeletal	198,864	4.9%	36,885	5.4%	236,629	5.0%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	202,612	5.0%	30,046	4.4%	233,556	4.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	175,876	4.3%	17,887	2.6%	194,166	4.1%
Scars, general	Skin	134,789	3.3%	24,910	3.7%	160,399	3.4%
Degenerative arthritis of the spine	Musculoskeletal	139,535	3.4%	19,967	2.9%	160,249	3.4%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	130,700	3.2%	16,990	2.5%	148,274	3.1%
Tendon inflammation	Musculoskeletal	120,193	3.0%	18,876	2.8%	139,705	2.9%
Migraine	Neurological	104,976	2.6%	31,934	4.7%	137,498	2.9%
Hearing loss	Auditory	106,027	2.6%	4,388	0.6%	110,754	2.3%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>1,610,255</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>226,752</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>1,843,832</b>	<b>38.7%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>4,062,389</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>677,523</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,759,483</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>28</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 6,825 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 19,571 disabilities unidentifiable by gender

<sup>29</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability did not change its prevalence among GWOT Veterans.



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## GWOT Disabilities by Body System and Gender

### Number of disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total <sup>30</sup>
Musculoskeletal	1,822,600	294,493	2,126,061
Skin	469,117	84,828	556,539
Auditory	421,452	32,730	455,675
Neurological	333,455	68,151	403,131
Mental	277,555	47,388	325,820
Respiratory	233,860	40,464	275,525
Digestive	186,435	32,672	220,077
Cardiovascular	126,159	18,098	144,878
Genitourinary	93,808	9,155	103,397
The Eye	46,006	8,695	54,984
Endocrine	22,188	7,648	30,005
Dental /Oral	20,604	6,385	27,139
Gynecological	895	22,172	23,291
Hemic /Lymphatic	4,983	3,595	8,621
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	3,272	1,049	4,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,062,389</b>	<b>677,523</b>	<b>4,759,483</b>

<sup>30</sup> Total includes 19,571 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

## GWOT Three Most Prevalent Disabilities by Body System



### Most prevalent disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of all body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>31</sup>	236,629	11.13%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	233,556	10.99%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	160,249	7.54%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>630,434</b>	<b>29.65%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>2,126,061</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	160,399	28.82%
	Eczema	94,900	17.05%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	89,286	16.04%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>344,585</b>	<b>61.92%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>556,539</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	322,602	70.80%
	Hearing loss	110,754	24.31%
	Labyrinthitis	9,154	2.01%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>442,510</b>	<b>97.11%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>455,675</b>	
Neurological	Migraine	137,498	34.11%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	50,240	12.46%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	48,052	11.92%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>235,790</b>	<b>58.49%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>403,131</b>	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	194,166	59.59%
	Major depressive disorder	37,477	11.50%
	Anxiety disorder, unspecified	25,751	7.90%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>257,394</b>	<b>79.00%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>325,820</b>	

<sup>31</sup> The number of discontinued disabilities added to the lumbosacral or cervical strain disability did not change its prevalence among GWOT status musculoskeletal disabilities.





## GWOT Three Most Prevalent Disabilities by Body System (Continued)

### Most prevalent disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of all body system disabilities
Respiratory	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	98,990	35.93%
	Allergic rhinitis	75,244	27.31%
	Bronchial asthma	29,600	10.74%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>203,834</b>	<b>73.98%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>275,525</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	99,229	45.09%
	Hemorrhoids	48,612	22.09%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	20,708	9.41%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>168,549</b>	<b>76.59%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>220,077</b>	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	98,783	68.18%
	Varicose veins	13,961	9.64%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	5,144	3.55%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>117,888</b>	<b>81.37%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>144,878</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	43,292	41.87%
	Nephrolithiasis (kidney stones)	11,102	10.74%
	Prostate gland injuries	9,739	9.42%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>64,133</b>	<b>62.03%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>103,397</b>	
The Eye	Conjunctivitis, chronic	8,513	15.48%
	Unhealed eye injury	5,320	9.68%
	Retina, localized scars	3,719	6.76%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>17,552</b>	<b>31.92%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>54,984</b>	



### Most prevalent disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of all body system disabilities
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	14,340	47.79%
	Hypothyroidism	10,819	36.06%
	Hyperthyroidism	1,714	5.71%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>26,873</b>	<b>89.56%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>30,005</b>	
Dental/Oral	Limited motion of the jaw	24,065	88.67%
	Loss of teeth	1,167	4.30%
	Malunion of lower jaw	762	2.81%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>25,994</b>	<b>95.78%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>27,139</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	4,642	19.93%
	Disease or injury of the ovary	3,118	13.39%
	Removal of uterus and both ovaries	2,536	10.89%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>10,296</b>	<b>44.21%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>23,291</b>	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	5,355	62.12%
	Splenectomy (removal of spleen)	663	7.69%
	Thrombocytopenia	574	6.66%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>6,592</b>	<b>76.46%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>8,621</b>	
Infection/ Immune/ Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	1,683	38.78%
	HIV-related illness	766	17.65%
	Systemic lupus erythematosus	682	15.71%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>3,131</b>	<b>72.14%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>4,340</b>	



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## Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a tax-free monetary benefit generally payable to a surviving spouse, child, or parent of Servicemembers who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training; or to survivors of Veterans who died from their service-connected disabilities; or to certain survivors of Veterans who were totally disabled due to service-connected causes at the time of their death. Parents DIC is an income-based benefit for parents who were financially dependent on a Servicemember or Veteran who died from a service-related cause.

### New DIC recipients during FY 2009 to FY 2013 by relationship

Relationship	2009	2010	2011	2012 <sup>32</sup>	2013	% Chg FY 2012 to FY 2013
Surviving spouses	16,125	26,815	13,130	25,194	13,401	-46.81%
Surviving children	1,103	1,143	1,863	1,049	1,035	-1.33%
Surviving parents	400	288	294	265	327	23.40%
<b>Total<sup>33</sup></b>	<b>17,628</b>	<b>28,246</b>	<b>15,287</b>	<b>26,509</b>	<b>14,763</b>	<b>-44.31%</b>

### All DIC recipients by relationship

Relationship	Number of recipients	Percent of total
Surviving spouses	359,916	95.47%
Surviving children	12,773	3.39%
Surviving parents	4,290	1.14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,979</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New surviving spouse DIC recipients

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated total amount paid annually	Percent of total
35 and under	461	\$9,626,394	4.53%
36 - 55	1,491	\$25,693,374	12.09%
56 - 75	8,139	\$124,062,534	58.36%
Over 75	3,302	\$53,085,012	24.97%
<b>Total<sup>34</sup></b>	<b>13,401</b>	<b>\$212,588,826</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>32</sup> The large number of surviving spouses added to the DIC program in fiscal year 2012 is due to the presumptive Agent Orange disability policy change.

<sup>33</sup> Total for 2012 includes 1 recipient of unknown relationship.

<sup>34</sup> Total includes 8 recipients and \$121,512 in estimated annual payments amounts unidentifiable by age.





### All surviving spouse DIC recipients by

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated total amount paid annually	Percent of total
35 and under	4,641	\$87,770,694	1.28%
36 - 55	28,789	\$466,774,272	7.94%
56 - 75	168,644	\$2,591,334,786	46.50%
Over 75	158,261	\$2,528,305,434	43.63%
<b>Total<sup>35</sup></b>	<b>362,697</b>	<b>\$5,710,335,030</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated total amount paid annually	Percent of total
Under age 18	585	\$2,934,295	57.30%
Age 18 and over – in school	205	\$815,760	20.08%
Age 18 and over – helpless	231	\$1,665,810	22.62%
<b>Total<sup>36</sup></b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>\$5,497,717</b>	<b>100%</b>

### All surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated total amount paid annually	Percent of total
Under age 18	4,020	\$22,184,607	32.10%
Age 18 and over – in school	377	\$1,569,780	3.01%
Age 18 and over – helpless	8,126	\$64,971,144	64.89%
<b>Total<sup>37</sup></b>	<b>12,769</b>	<b>\$90,581,242</b>	<b>100%</b>

In order for the surviving child of a Veteran to receive DIC benefits after they turn 18 they must be declared to be permanently incapable of self-support (helpless) before the age of 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

<sup>35</sup> Total includes 2,362 recipients and \$36,149,844 estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.

<sup>36</sup> Total includes 10 recipients and \$81,852 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.

<sup>37</sup> Total includes 246 recipients and \$1,855,711 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.



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## Appendix

### VBA Regional Office Addresses

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1201 North Muldoon Road Anchorage, AK 99508-2989		555 Willard Avenue, Building 2E – Room 5137 Newington, CT 06111-2693		2122 W. Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60612	
<b>Montgomery VA Regional Office</b>	<b>AL</b>	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 310909 Newington, CT 06131		<b>Indianapolis VA Regional Office</b>	<b>IN</b>
345 Perry Hill Road Montgomery, AL 36109-3798		<b>Wilmington VA Regional Office</b>	<b>DE</b>	575 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, IN 46204-1526	
<b>Little Rock VA Regional Office</b>	<b>AR</b>	1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, PA 19805		<b>Wichita VA Regional Office</b>	<b>KS</b>
2200 Fort Roots Drive, Building 65 North Little Rock, AR 72114-1756		<b>St. Petersburg VA Regional Office</b>	<b>FL</b>	Robert J. Dole Regional Office 5500 E. Kellogg Avenue Wichita, KS 67218-1698	
<b>Phoenix VA Regional Office</b>	<b>AZ</b>	9500 Bay Pines Boulevard St. Petersburg, FL 33708		<b>Louisville VA Regional Office</b>	<b>KY</b>
3333 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012-2405		Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1437 St. Petersburg, FL 33731		321 West Main Street, Suite 390 Louisville, KY 40202-3835	
<b>Oakland VA Regional Office</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>Atlanta VA Regional Office</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>New Orleans VA Regional Office</b>	<b>LA</b>
Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building 1301 Clay Street – Suite 1400N Oakland, CA 94612-5209		1700 Clairmont Road Atlanta, GA 30033-4032		1250 Polydras Street, Rm 200 New Orleans, LA 70113-2692	
<b>San Diego VA Regional Office</b>	<b>CA</b>	Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 100026 Decatur, GA 30031-7026		<b>Boston VA Regional Office</b>	<b>MA</b>
8810 Rio San Diego Drive San Diego, CA 92108-1508		<b>Honolulu VA Regional Office</b>	<b>HI</b>	John F. Kennedy Building Government Center – Room 1265 Boston, MA 02203-0393	
<b>Los Angeles VA Regional Office</b>	<b>CA</b>	459 Patterson Road, East Wing Honolulu, HI 96819		<b>Baltimore VA Regional Office</b>	<b>MD</b>
Federal Building 11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024-3602		<b>Des Moines VA Regional Office</b>	<b>IA</b>	Federal Building 31 Hopkins Plaza – Room 233 Baltimore, MD 21201-0001	
<b>Denver VA Regional Office</b>	<b>CO</b>	210 Walnut Street – Room 1063 Des Moines, IA 50309-9825		<b>Togus VA Regional Office</b>	<b>ME</b>
155 Van Gordon Street Denver, CO 80225-0126		<b>Boise VA Regional Office</b>	<b>ID</b>	One VA Center Togus, ME 04330-6795	
		444 West Fort Street Boise, ID 83702			



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Detroit, MI 48226-2591

**St. Paul MN**  
**VA Regional Office**

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Federal Building  
One Federal Drive – Fort Snelling  
St. Paul, MN 55111-4050

**St. Louis MO**  
**Records Mgmt. Center**

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Building 104  
St. Louis, MO 63120-8950

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St. Louis, MO 63103-2676

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Jackson, MS 39206-5102

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Ft. Harrison, MT 59636

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Winston-Salem, NC 27155-1000

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White River, NH 5001

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275 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, NH 3101

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Newark, NJ 07102-3174

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**VA Regional Office**

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New York, NY 10014-4805

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Philadelphia, PA 19101

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Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004

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San Juan, PR 00968-8024

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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**Houston TX**  
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Houston, TX 77030-4200

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**VA Regional Office**

One Veterans Plaza  
701 Clay Avenue  
Waco, TX 76799-0001

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**VA Regional Office**

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Salt Lake City, UT 84113

**Roanoke VA**  
**VA Regional Office**

116 North Jefferson Street  
Roanoke, VA 24016

**Seattle WA**  
**VA Regional Office**

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915 Second Avenue, Room 1392  
Seattle, WA 98174-1060

**Milwaukee WI**  
**VA Regional Office**

5400 W. National Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53214

**Huntington WV**  
**VA Regional Office**

640 Fourth Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701-1340

**Cheyenne WY**  
**VA Benefits Office**

2360 E. Pershing Blvd. Cheyenne,  
WY 82001-5356

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of Wyoming.

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St. Louis, MO 63103

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