



Pension & Fiduciary

Veterans Non-Service-Connected Pension and Survivors Pension

Pension is a needs-based benefit designed to provide certain wartime Veterans and their survivors with a minimum level of income that raises their standard of living.

Wartime Veterans who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service-connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth may be eligible. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for pension at the increased housebound or aid and attendance (A&A) rates. Surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased wartime Veterans are eligible for monthly pension benefits if they meet the net worth and income requirements.

The Fiduciary Program

The Fiduciary program provides oversight for VA's most vulnerable beneficiaries who are unable to manage their own VA benefits. Upon appointment by VA, a fiduciary is authorized to receive direct payment of a beneficiary's VA benefits and to disburse funds to creditors and the beneficiary according to the best interests of the beneficiary.

3 Pension Management Centers
304,556 Veterans and
211,714 Survivors
Receive Pension
Benefits

A note on the data:

The 2014 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VETSNET corporate database.

The availability of gender and age data is limited as some records have no gender or birthdate available. Those records are accounted for in the totals for each table but not in the category columns. Please see footnotes for additional information.

The Old Law Pension Program and Section 306 Pension Program are closed to new applicants. The term "Other Pension" is used to reference them.

Please see the section on page 2: "A Note on How the FY 2014 Pension Data is Presented" for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

Data regarding the fiduciaries of Veterans and survivors receiving VA benefit payments are stored in the Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System (BFFS) while data regarding claims, benefit types and award amounts for fiduciary related records are stored in the VETSNET corporate database.

Information on the fiduciary program begins on page [20](#)



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A Note on How the FY 2014 Pension Data is Presented

New to the Rolls

Individuals who began receiving pension during fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014) are considered “new to the rolls” and the tables are outlined in purple.

On the Rolls

All individuals who are receiving pension on September 30, 2014 are considered “on the rolls” and are outlined in tan.

These tables include “new to the rolls” recipients.

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.

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Pension Programs

Pension Benefits for Veterans

Wartime Veterans who meet one or more of the following basic eligibility criteria may be entitled to pension benefits:

- Permanent and total disability from non-service-connected causes. Veterans are considered permanently and totally disabled if they are:
 - A patient in a nursing home,
or
 - In receipt of Social Security disability benefits,
or
 - Unemployable due to disability as determined by VA.
- 65 years of age or older

Entitlement is subject to income and net worth limitations. Additional amounts may be paid to Veterans who have dependents or who, due to disability, are in need of the aid and attendance (A&A) of another person or are housebound.

Pension Benefits for Surviving Spouses

Surviving spouses of wartime Veterans have basic eligibility for survivors pension if they meet the income and net worth limitations. Additional amounts may be paid to surviving spouses who have dependents or who, due to disability, are in need of A&A of another person or are housebound.

Pension Benefits for Surviving Children

Surviving children of wartime Veterans have basic eligibility for survivors pension if they meet income and net worth limitations and are:

- Unmarried, and
 - Under the age of 18 years,
or
 - Between the age of 18 and 23 years and attending an accredited school,
or
 - Became permanently incapable of self-support prior to reaching 18 years of age.

Special Monthly Pension: Aid and Attendance and Housebound

Veterans and survivors who need the A&A of another person or are housebound may be eligible for additional amounts of pension called special monthly pension. Because pension at the A&A and housebound rates is based upon a higher income limit, claimants ineligible for basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for pension benefits if they are determined to need A&A or are housebound.

Aid and Attendance (A&A)

- Veterans or surviving spouses may be eligible for pension at the A&A rate if:
 - They require the assistance of another person in order to perform activities of daily living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting themselves from the hazards of their daily environment,
or
 - They are bedridden, in that their disability or disabilities require that they remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment,
or
 - They are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity,
or
 - They have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

Housebound

- Veterans may be eligible for pension at the housebound rate if:
 - They have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and,
or
 - Due to a disability or disabilities, they are permanently and substantially confined to their immediate premises,
or
 - They have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and another disability or disabilities, independently evaluated as 60-percent or more disabling.
- Surviving spouses may be eligible for pension at the housebound rate if disability or disabilities permanently and substantially confine them to their immediate premises.

Old Law and Section 306 Pension

Old Law and Section 306 Pension for Veterans and their surviving spouses and children use laws and regulations different from the current pension program to determine entitlement and the amount of monthly benefits. VA does not accept any new applications for benefits under these older programs. If a beneficiary loses entitlement to Old Law or Section 306 Pension due to changes in circumstances (for example, a change in income), the beneficiary must establish entitlement under the rules of the current Veterans pension or survivors pension program.



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Quick Reference: Recipients and Amounts by Program

Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving pension benefits	44,345
Survivors ¹ who began receiving pension benefits	42,583
Total	86,928

Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	44,345	\$ 13,591	\$ 602,712,738
Survivors Pension	42,583	\$ 10,049	\$ 427,897,250
Total	86,928	\$ 11,856	\$ 1,030,609,988

Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving pension benefits	304,556
Survivors receiving pension benefits	211,714
Total	516,270

Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	304,556	\$11,682	\$3,557,873,077
Survivors Pension	211,714	\$7,513	\$1,590,667,111
Total	516,270	\$9,973	\$5,148,540,188

¹ The term “survivors” includes surviving spouses and children

Recipients by Period of Service



New improved pension recipients by period of service

	Pre-World War I ²	World War I	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era
Veterans Pension			17,016	10,904	14,504	1,921
Survivors Pension	10	41	29,460	8,607	4,047	418
Total	10	41	46,476	19,511	18,551	2,339

All improved pension recipients by period of service

	Pre-World War I ³	World War I	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era
Veterans			65,765	57,097	166,685	15,009
Survivors	109	3,126	142,243	39,579	25,161	1,496
Total	109	3,126	208,008	96,676	191,846	16,505

Recipients and Amounts by Fiscal Year

All recipients FY 2010 to FY 2014

Benefit program	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Chg. FY 2013 to 2014
Veterans Pension	313,563	313,665	314,790	308,116	304,556	-1.2%
Survivors Pension	198,832	201,955	207,453	210,450	211,714	0.6%
Total	512,395	515,620	522,243	518,566	516,270	-0.4%

All recipients estimated average individual amount paid annually FY 2010 to FY 2014

Benefit Program	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Chg. FY 2013 to 2014
Veterans Pension	\$10,080	\$10,401	\$11,038	\$11,315	\$11,682	3.2%
Survivors Pension	\$5,478	\$5,905	\$6,521	\$6,988	\$7,513	7.5%
Total	\$8,295	\$8,640	\$9,243	\$9,559	\$9,973	4.3%

² New to the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in The Spanish American War (9) and The Mexican Border War (1).

³ On the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (93), The Mexican Border War (15) and the Civil War (1).



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New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of Veterans	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ⁴	0	NA	NA
Improved Pension	44,345	\$ 13,591	\$ 602,712,738
Total	44,345	\$ 13,591	\$ 602,712,738

New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	24,792	55.9%	\$ 16,449	\$ 407,809,249
With housebound (HB)	389	0.9%	\$ 9,590	\$ 3,730,550
Total with A&A or HB ⁵	25,181	56.8%	\$ 16,343	\$ 411,539,799
Total without A&A or HB	19,164	43.2%	\$ 9,976	\$ 191,172,939
Total all	44,345	100%	\$ 13,591	\$ 602,712,738

New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	39,739	89.6%	\$ 13,548	\$538,371,299
Female Veterans	1,878	4.2%	\$ 14,193	\$26,654,893
Gender not indicated	2,728	6.2%	\$ 13,815	\$37,686,546
Total	44,345	100%	\$ 13,591	\$602,712,738

⁴ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.

⁵ A subtotal of all beneficiaries with aid and attendance or housebound – used in all tables concerning special monthly pension.



All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of Veterans	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ⁶	2,026	\$1,672	\$ 3,388,307
Improved Pension	302,530	\$11,749	\$3,554,484,769
Total	304,556	\$11,682	\$3,557,873,076

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	121,701	40.0%	\$ 15,861	\$ 1,930,283,103
With housebound (HB)	7,063	2.3%	\$ 9,698	\$ 68,499,365
Total with A&A or HB	128,764	42.3%	\$ 15,523	\$ 1,998,782,468
Total without A&A or HB	175,792	57.7%	\$ 8,869	\$ 1,559,090,608
Total all	304,556	100%	\$ 11,682	\$ 3,557,873,076

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	280,264	92.0%	\$ 11,608	\$3,253,170,263
Female Veterans	12,515	4.1%	\$ 12,468	\$156,030,817
Gender not indicated	11,777	3.9%	\$ 12,624	\$148,671,996
Total	304,556	100%	\$ 11,682	\$3,557,873,076

⁶ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.





New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	21,884	55.1%	\$ 16,444	\$359,854,923
	With housebound (HB)	361	0.9%	\$ 9,528	\$3,439,430
	Total with A&A or HB	22,245	56.0%	\$ 16,332	\$363,294,353
	Total without A&A or HB	17,494	44.0%	\$ 10,008	\$175,076,946
	Total	39,739	100%	\$ 13,548	\$538,371,299

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	1,141	60.8%	\$ 16,471	\$18,793,303
	With housebound (HB)	12	0.6%	\$ 10,932	\$131,184
	Total with A&A or HB	1,153	61.4%	\$ 16,413	\$18,924,487
	Total without A&A or HB	725	38.6%	\$ 10,663	\$7,730,406
	Total	1,878	100%	\$ 14,193	\$26,654,893

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	108,777	38.8%	\$ 15,807	\$ 1,719,456,488
	With housebound (HB)	6,589	2.4%	\$ 9,716	\$ 64,016,516
	Total with A&A or HB	115,366	41.2%	\$ 15,459	\$ 1,783,473,004
	Total without A&A or HB	164,898	58.8%	\$ 8,913	\$ 1,469,697,260
	Total	280,264	100%	\$ 11,608	\$ 3,253,170,264

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	6,010	48.0%	\$ 16,042	\$ 96,412,840
	With housebound (HB)	276	2.2%	\$ 9,479	\$ 2,616,126
	Total with A&A or HB	6,286	50.2%	\$ 15,754	\$ 99,028,966
	Total without A&A or HB	6,229	49.8%	\$ 9,151	\$ 57,001,851
	Total	12,515	100%	\$ 12,468	\$ 156,030,817



⁷ Certain records do not indicate gender information and are not included in the totals.



New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

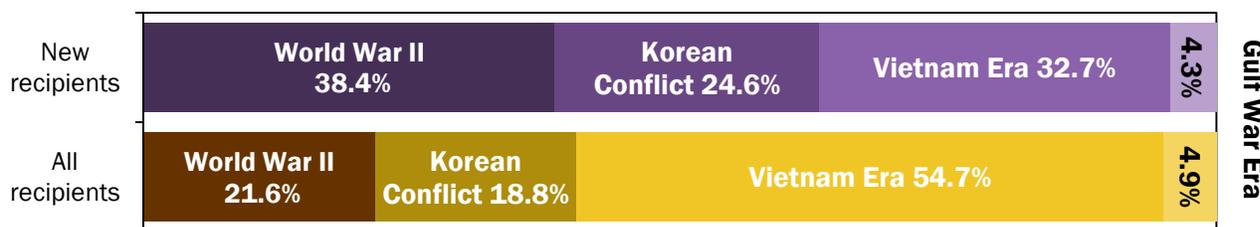
Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	17,016	38.4%	\$16,780	\$285,530,386
Korean Conflict	10,904	24.6%	\$14,462	\$157,694,552
Vietnam Era	14,504	32.7%	\$9,372	\$135,929,008
Gulf War Era	1,921	4.3%	\$12,264	\$23,558,792
Total	44,345	100%	\$13,591	\$602,712,738

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	65,765	21.6%	\$14,793	\$972,835,802
Korean Conflict	57,097	18.8%	\$11,199	\$639,408,391
Vietnam Era	166,685	54.7%	\$10,534	\$1,755,897,379
Gulf War Era	15,009	4.9%	\$12,641	\$189,731,504
Total	304,556	100%	\$11,682	\$3,557,873,076

New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by period of service

The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The purple bars in the top row are new recipients and the brown/tan bars on the bottom row indicate all Veterans receiving pension benefits at the end of the fiscal year.



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New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	262	0.6%	\$12,261	\$3,212,373
Age 35 through 64	8,110	18.3%	\$10,987	\$89,105,019
Age 65 through 74	7,411	16.7%	\$7,815	\$57,914,779
Age 75 and over	28,561	64.4%	\$15,842	\$452,455,919
Total⁸	44,345	100%	\$13,591	\$602,712,738

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	1,303	0.4%	\$12,866	\$16,764,024
Age 35 through 64	101,726	33.4%	\$11,668	\$1,186,895,374
Age 65 through 74	75,758	24.9%	\$9,360	\$709,112,712
Age 75 and over	125,711	41.3%	\$13,080	\$1,644,353,143
Total⁹	304,556	100%	\$11,682	\$3,557,873,076

⁸ Total includes 1 Veteran and \$24,648 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.

⁹ Total includes 58 Veterans and \$747,823 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.



New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 14 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

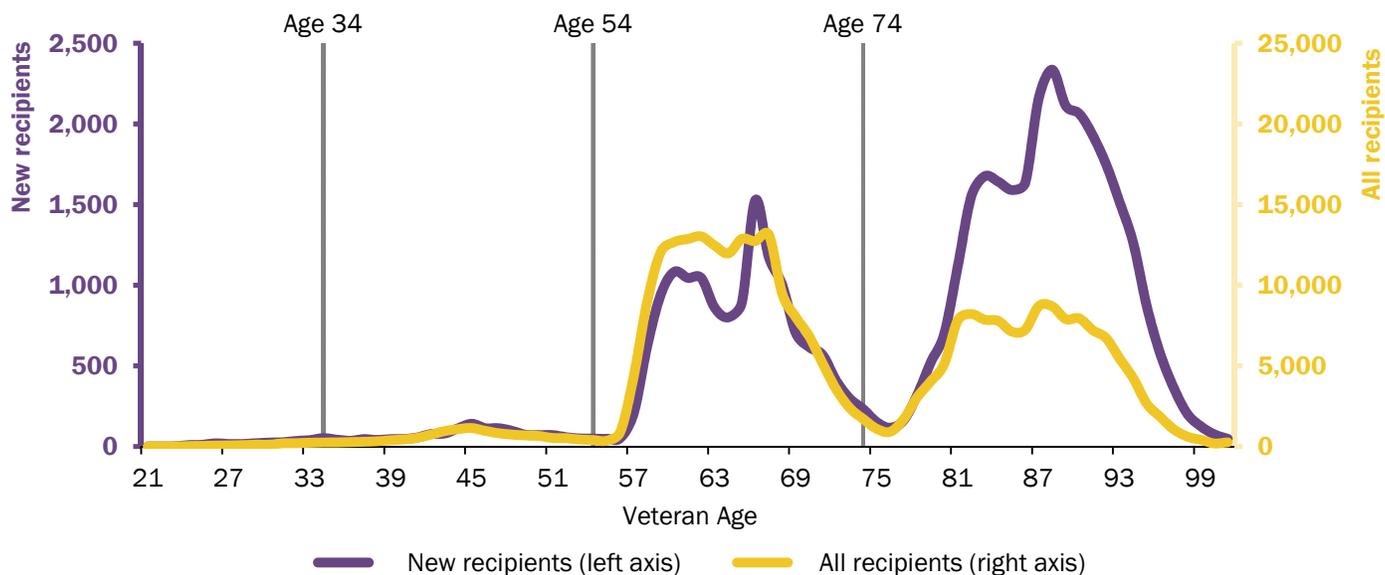
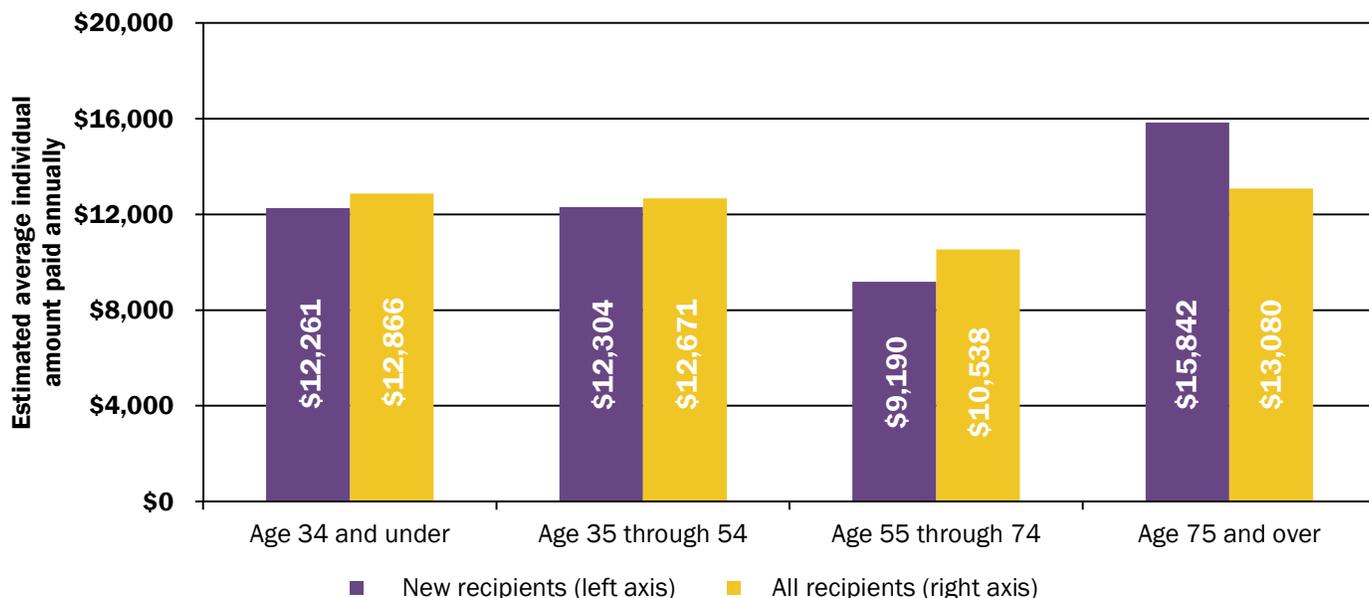


Chart: New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 14 (purple bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan bars on the right) by age group.



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**New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments
by type of pension**

Type of pension	Number of survivors	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ¹¹	0	NA	NA
Improved Pension	42,583	\$10,049	\$427,897,251
Total	42,583	\$10,049	\$427,897,251

**New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments
by type of special monthly pension**

Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	36,333	85.3%	\$10,861	\$394,629,389
With housebound (HB)	124	0.3%	\$6,163	\$764,170
Total with A&A or HB ¹²	36,457	85.6%	\$10,845	\$395,393,559
Total without A&A or HB	6,126	14.4%	\$5,306	\$32,503,692
Total all	42,583	100%	\$10,049	\$427,897,251

**New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments
by gender**

Gender	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	67	0.1%	\$9,963	\$667,524
Female survivors	35,970	84.5%	\$10,051	\$361,549,927
Gender not indicated	6,546	15.4%	\$10,034	\$65,679,800
Total	42,583	100%	\$10,049	\$427,897,251

¹⁰ The term “survivors” throughout this section includes surviving spouses and children.

¹¹ The “Other Pension” category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.

¹² A subtotal of all beneficiaries with aid and attendance or housebound – used in all tables concerning special monthly pension.



All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of survivors	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ¹³	16,324	\$ 1,000	\$ 16,326,654
Improved Pension	195,390	\$ 8,057	\$ 1,574,340,457
Total	211,714	\$ 7,513	\$ 1,590,667,111

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	123,908	58.5%	\$9,968	\$1,235,124,309
With housebound (HB)	1,557	0.8%	\$5,276	\$8,214,573
Total with A&A or HB	125,465	59.3%	\$9,910	\$1,243,338,882
Total without A&A or HB	86,249	40.7%	\$4,027	\$347,328,229
Total all	211,714	100%	\$7,513	\$1,590,667,111

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	1,585	0.8%	\$2,016	\$3,194,826
Female survivors	147,222	69.5%	\$8,295	\$1,221,200,268
Gender not indicated	62,907	29.7%	\$5,822	\$366,272,017
Total	211,714	100%	\$7,513	\$1,590,667,111

¹³ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.





New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender¹⁴

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	55	82.1%	\$10,710	\$589,056
	With housebound (HB)	0	0.0%	NA	NA
	Total with A&A or HB	55	82.1%	\$10,710	\$589,056
	Total without A&A or HB	12	17.9%	\$6,539	\$78,468
Total		67	100%	\$9,963	\$667,524

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	30,737	85.5%	\$10,848	\$333,434,398
	With housebound (HB)	115	0.3%	\$5,997	\$689,626
	Total with A&A or HB	30,852	85.8%	\$10,830	\$334,124,024
	Total without A&A or HB	5,118	14.2%	\$5,359	\$27,425,903
Total		35,970	100%	\$10,051	\$361,549,927

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender¹⁴

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	156	9.9%	\$9,373	\$1,462,236
	With housebound (HB)	2	0.1%	\$5,298	\$10,596
	Total with A&A or HB	158	10.0%	\$9,322	\$1,472,832
	Total without A&A or HB	1,427	90.0%	\$1,207	\$1,721,994
Total		1,585	100%	\$2,016	\$3,194,826

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	99,602	67.7%	\$10,042	\$1,000,249,268
	With housebound (HB)	1,232	0.8%	\$5,236	\$6,451,035
	Total with A&A or HB	100,834	68.5%	\$9,984	\$1,006,700,303
	Total without A&A or HB	46,388	31.5%	\$4,624	\$214,499,965
Total		147,222	100%	\$8,295	\$1,221,200,268



¹⁴ Certain records do not indicate gender information and are not included in the totals.



New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

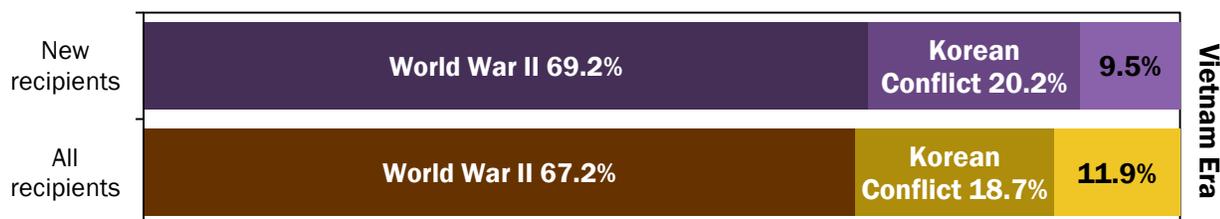
Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	10	0.0%	\$6,361	\$63,612
World War I	41	0.1%	\$8,607	\$352,872
World War II	29,460	69.2%	\$10,524	\$310,039,743
Korean Conflict	8,607	20.2%	\$9,627	\$82,861,627
Vietnam Era	4,047	9.5%	\$7,828	\$31,679,209
Gulf War Era	418	1.0%	\$6,938	\$2,900,188
Total	42,583	100%	\$10,049	\$427,897,251

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	109	0.1%	\$3,268	\$356,205
World War I	3,126	1.4%	\$3,159	\$9,875,683
World War II	142,243	67.2%	\$7,727	\$1,099,047,348
Korean Conflict	39,579	18.7%	\$7,175	\$283,986,926
Vietnam Era	25,161	11.9%	\$7,412	\$186,500,727
Gulf War Era	1,496	0.7%	\$7,286	\$10,900,222
Total	211,714	100%	\$7,513	\$1,590,667,111

Chart: New compared to all Survivors Pension recipients by Veteran's period of service¹⁵

The chart below displays the distribution of the number of survivors by the Veteran's period of service. The purple bars in the top row are new recipients and the brown/tan bars on the bottom row indicate all survivors receiving pension benefits at the end of the fiscal year.



¹⁵ Survivors of Veterans of the Gulf War Era, World War I and Pre-World War I do not make up a significant enough portion of the total to be visible on the chart.





New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	45	0.1%	\$9,012	\$405,552
Age 18 through 34	149	0.3%	\$4,012	\$597,859
Age 35 through 64	3,160	7.4%	\$6,809	\$21,517,101
Age 65 through 74	1,672	3.9%	\$7,033	\$11,759,217
Age 75 and over	37,548	88.2%	\$10,480	\$393,518,773
Total¹⁶	42,583	100%	\$10,049	\$427,897,251

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	147	0.1%	\$4,369	\$642,266
Age 18 through 34	390	0.2%	\$4,817	\$1,878,787
Age 35 through 64	30,095	14.2%	\$6,058	\$182,327,242
Age 65 through 74	17,644	8.3%	\$4,944	\$87,235,307
Age 75 and over	162,505	76.8%	\$8,061	\$1,309,927,452
Total¹⁷	211,714	100%	\$7,513	\$1,590,667,111

¹⁶ Total includes 9 survivors and \$98,749 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.

¹⁷ Total includes 933 survivors and \$8,656,057 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.



Chart: New compared to all Survivors Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 14 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

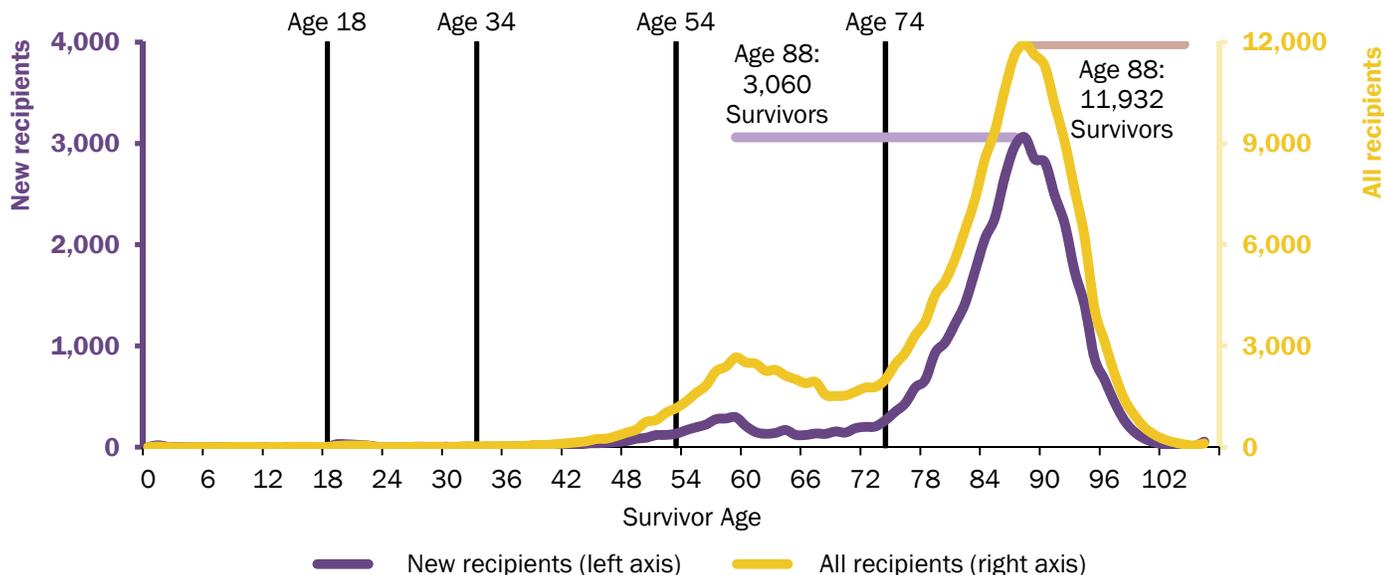
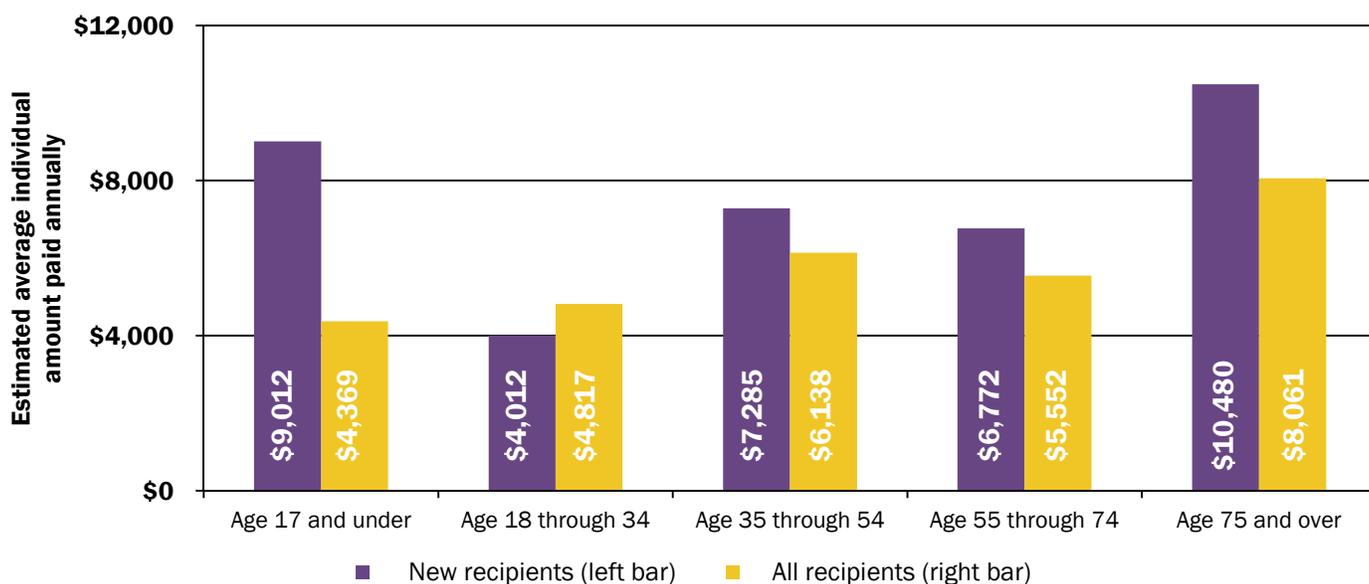


Chart: New compared to all Survivor Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 14 (purple bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan bars on the right) broken down by age.





Fiduciary

Purpose of the Fiduciary Program



VA's Fiduciary Program provides protection to Veterans and other beneficiaries who are unable to manage their financial affairs. Under this program, VA appoints fiduciaries to manage VA benefits and ensure the welfare and needs of beneficiaries by using the least restrictive, yet most effective payment method. The program closely monitors fiduciaries for compliance with program responsibilities to ensure that VA benefits are being used for the sole purpose of meeting the needs, security, and comfort of beneficiaries and their dependents.

Number of accounts of beneficiaries managed by beneficiary type¹⁸

Beneficiary Type	Number of Beneficiaries
Veteran	96,926
Surviving spouse	59,098
Adult disabled child	13,945
Minor child ¹⁹	2,819
Dependent parent	80
Total	172,868

Amount of benefits managed by benefit type²⁰

Benefit Paid	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Compensation	\$1,577,157,860	\$34,818
Veterans Pension	\$658,522,155	\$16,095
Survivors Pension	\$476,795,774	\$9,214
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	\$159,548,884	\$14,147
Total	\$2,872,024,674	

¹⁸ Source: Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System

¹⁹ Includes minors in receipt of one-time insurance awards due to being named a beneficiary on an insurance policy

²⁰ Source: VETSNET Corporate Database



Number of beneficiaries by fiduciary relationship¹⁸

Relationship	Number of Beneficiaries
Legal Custodian	133,109
Spouse Payee	20,070
Court Appointed Fiduciary	7,352
Supervised Direct Pay	4,488
Institutional Award	1,869
Custodian in Fact	43
Superintendent of Indian Reservation	11
Temporary Fiduciary	0
Proposed Fiduciary	5,926
Total	172,868

Misuse

During fiscal year 2014, fiduciary personnel conducted 742 misuse investigations of which 324 fiduciaries were removed based upon a finding of misuse of benefits. Of the cases VA referred to the VA Office of the Inspector General (OIG), 24 misuse cases were accepted by OIG for further investigation.

OIG reported the following actions have been taken²¹:

- Investigations opened: 27
- Investigations completed and referred to prosecutor's office: 26
- Cases accepted for prosecution: 8
- Cases declined for prosecution: 14
- Cases pending: 4

The number of OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2014¹⁹:

- Arrests: 16
- Indictments: 10
- Convictions: 16

The amount of funds involved in OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2014¹⁹:

- The total amount of restitution ordered in cases arising from the misuse of benefits by a fiduciary is \$886,472.
- The total amount of money recovered by the government in misuse cases is \$8,920.
- The total amount of benefits reissued to beneficiaries is \$472,661.

²¹ Includes action taken by OIG on cases referred as of the end of fiscal year 2014. Figures may include cases referred during previous fiscal years.



Appendix – Fiduciary Hub Addresses and Regional Offices Served

Salt Lake City – UT VA Fiduciary Hub

PO Box 58086

Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Regional offices served:

Salt Lake City	UT
Albuquerque	NM
Los Angeles	CA
Anchorage	AK
Oakland	CA
Boise	ID
Phoenix	AZ
Cheyenne	WY
Portland	OR
Denver	CO
Reno	NV
Ft. Harrison	MT
Honolulu	HI
San Diego	CA
Seattle	WA

Lincoln – NE VA Fiduciary Hub

PO Box 5444

Lincoln, NE 68505-5444

Regional offices served:

Lincoln	NE
Wichita	KS
Sioux Falls	SD
Muskogee	OK
Fargo	ND
Waco	TX
Houston	TX

Milwaukee – WI VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. BOX 14975

Milwaukee, WI 53214

Regional offices served:

Milwaukee	WI
Little Rock	AR
Des Moines	IA
St. Louis	MO
St. Paul	MN
New Orleans	LA
Chicago	IL

Louisville – KY VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 3487

Louisville, KY 40201

Regional offices served:

Louisville	KY
Roanoke	VA
Huntington	WV
Jackson	MS
Nashville	TN
Montgomery	AL
San Juan	PR

Indianapolis – IN VA Fiduciary Hub

575 North Pennsylvania Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Regional offices served:

Indianapolis	IN
Detroit	MI
Newark	NJ
Baltimore	MD
Manchester	NH
White River	
Junction	VT
Boston	MA
Pittsburgh	PA
Philadelphia	PA
Wilmington	DE
Hartford	CT
New York	NY
Providence	RI
Buffalo	NY
Togus	ME
Cleveland	OH

Columbia – SC VA Fiduciary Hub

6437 Garners Ferry Road

Columbia, SC 29209-2495

Regional offices served:

Columbia	SC
Winston-Salem	NC
Atlanta	GA
St. Petersburg	FL

The Manila Regional Office oversees all fiduciary matters in the Philippines.

Fiduciary Hub Call Center:

1-888-407-0144



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Philadelphia – PA Pension Management Center

PO Box 8079
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Regional offices served:

Hartford	CT
Wilmington	DE
St. Petersburg	FL
Atlanta	GA
Boston	MA
Baltimore	MD
Togus	ME
Winston-Salem	NC
Manchester	NH
Newark	NJ
Buffalo	NY
New York	NY
Philadelphia	PA
Pittsburgh	PA
San Juan	PR
Providence	RI
Columbia	SC
Roanoke	VA
White River	
Junction	VT
Huntington	WV

Milwaukee – WI Pension Management Center

P.O. BOX 14975
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Regional offices served:

Montgomery	AL
Little Rock	AR
Chicago	IL
Indianapolis	IN
Louisville	KY
New Orleans	LA
Detroit	MI
St. Louis	MO
Jackson	MS
Cleveland	OH
Nashville	TN
Milwaukee	WI

St. Paul – MN Pension Management Center

1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling St. Paul, MN 55111

Regional offices served:

Anchorage	AK
Phoenix	AZ
Los Angeles	CA
Oakland	CA
San Diego	CA
Denver	CO
Honolulu	HI
Des Moines	IA
Boise	ID
Wichita	KS
St. Paul	MN
Ft. Harrison	MT
Fargo	ND
Lincoln	NE
Albuquerque	NM
Reno	NV
Muskogee	OK
Portland	OR
Sioux Falls	SD
Houston	TX
Waco	TX
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Cheyenne	WY

**The Manila Regional Office
processes all pension claims in
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National Pension Call Center:

1-877-294-6380



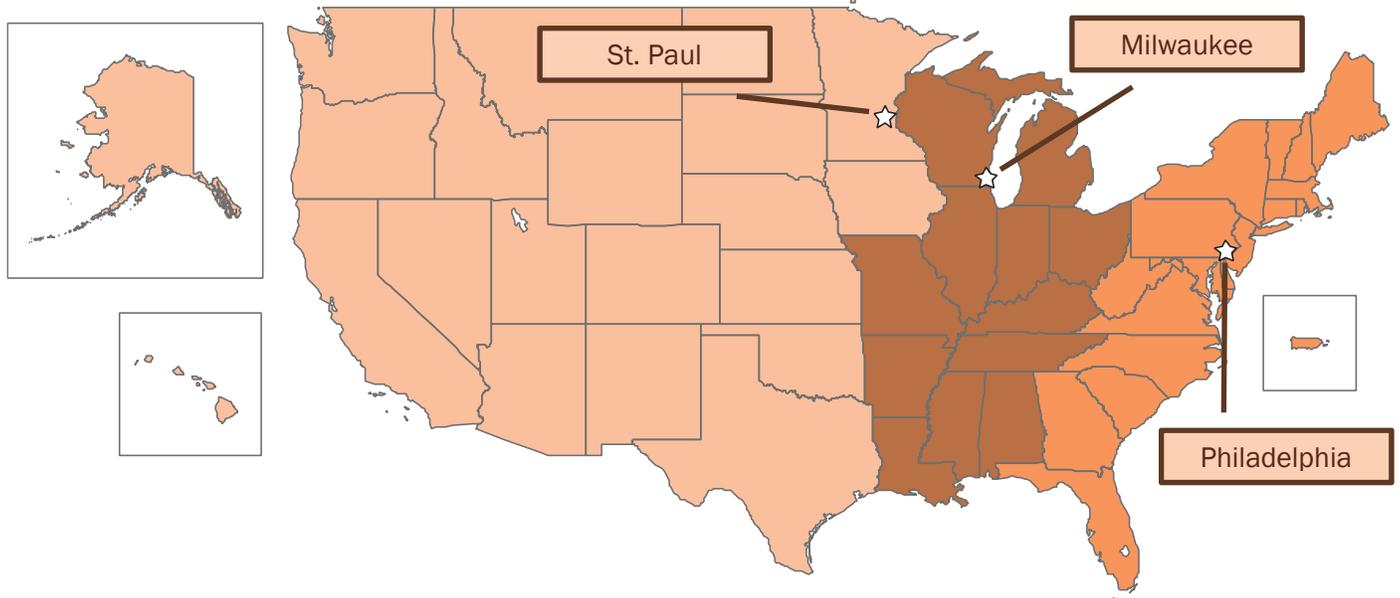
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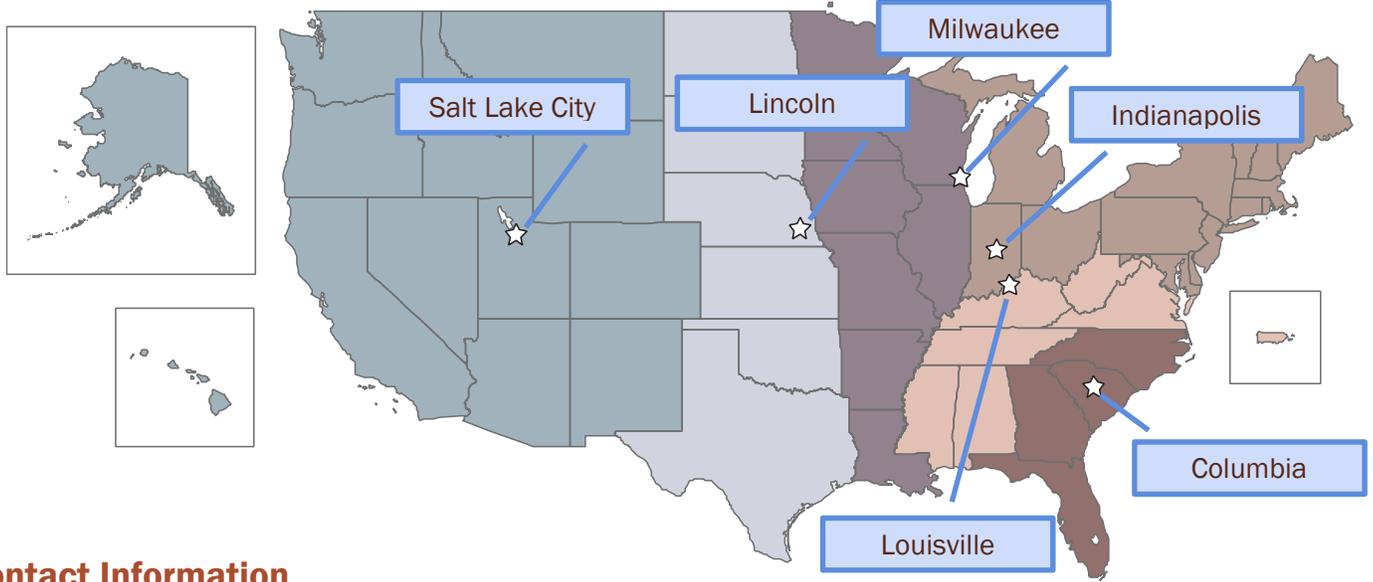
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Appendix – Maps of Fiduciary Hub and Pension Management Center Jurisdiction

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