



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 Indemnity Compensation data is found beginning on page [48](#)



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A Note on How the FY 2013 Compensation Data Are Presented

In an effort to make the FY 2013 data clearer and more organized, some data tables were moved, combined, or had their headings changed. 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 are considered “New to the rolls” and are outlined in blue.

They began receiving benefits during the period from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

On the Rolls

All individuals who are receiving benefits on September 30, 2013 are considered “On the rolls” and are outlined in green.

They began receiving benefits at any point before September 30, 2013 (including “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 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.

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 [7](#), [20](#) through [24](#) and [42](#) through [47](#).

The Office of Performance Analysis and Integrity is available to answer any questions regarding the data contained in this report by emailing us at PAI.VBACO@va.gov.

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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
Total:	307,438

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 ¹	14,763	\$14,824	\$219 Million
Total:	307,438	\$10,582	\$3.25 Billion

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
Total number of most prevalent disabilities	609,789
Total number of disabilities²	1,422,371

Average number of disabilities per new compensation recipient

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



Totals – all recipients

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

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
Total:	4,120,238	\$13,330	\$54.92 Billion

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
Total number of most prevalent disabilities:	5,518,824
Total number of disabilities	16,105,400

Average number of disabilities per compensation recipient

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





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 ⁴	1,245,660	2,073,580	7,330,032	6,484,914	5,497,681	22,631,868

³ Wars of 1800s include the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898-1902), and the Mexican Border Period (1916-1917)

⁴ According to VetPop2011 http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp



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

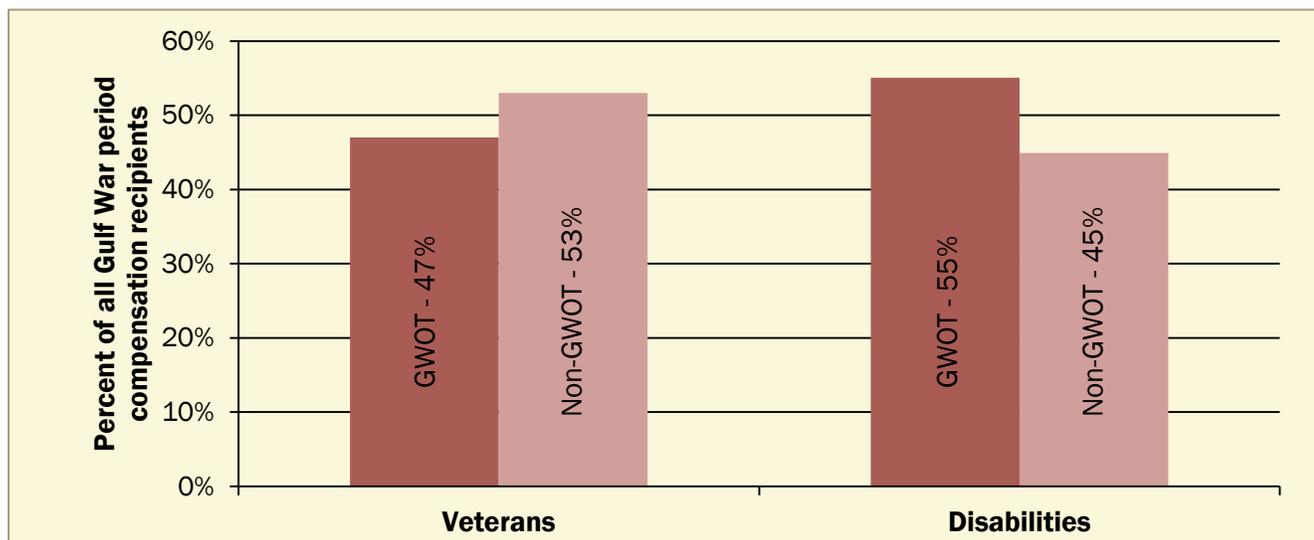
GWOT	714,380	47%
Non-GWOT	794,302	53%
Gulf War Era Total:	1,508,682	100%

Number of disabilities of all Gulf War era compensation recipients by GWOT status

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

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

GWOT	Non-GWOT	Gulf War Era Total
6.66	4.89	5.73





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% ⁵	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%
Total	205,066	224,903	223,007	261,839	292,675	12%

⁵ 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%
Total	3,069,652	3,210,261	3,354,741	3,536,802	3,743,259	6%





Veterans by combined degree of disability and gender

New compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ⁶	% 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%
Total	257,073		29,557		292,675	



⁶ Total includes 6,045 Veterans with no gender indicated in award record.



All compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ⁷	% 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%
Total	3,341,594		329,377		3,743,259	

⁷ 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-estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total ⁸
0% ⁹	\$ 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
Total	\$ 2,634,321,378	\$ 343,719,798	\$ 3,034,581,978

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

⁹ 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.





All compensation recipients-estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total ¹⁰
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
Total	\$ 44,036,996,172	\$ 4,111,560,990	\$ 49,151,877,576

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





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-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
Total	\$ 10,247	\$ 11,629	\$ 10,368



All compensation recipients-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
Total	\$ 13,178	\$ 12,483	\$ 13,131





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
Total¹¹	292,675	\$ 3,034,581,978	\$ 10,368

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
Total¹²	3,743,259	\$ 49,151,864,094	\$ 13,131

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

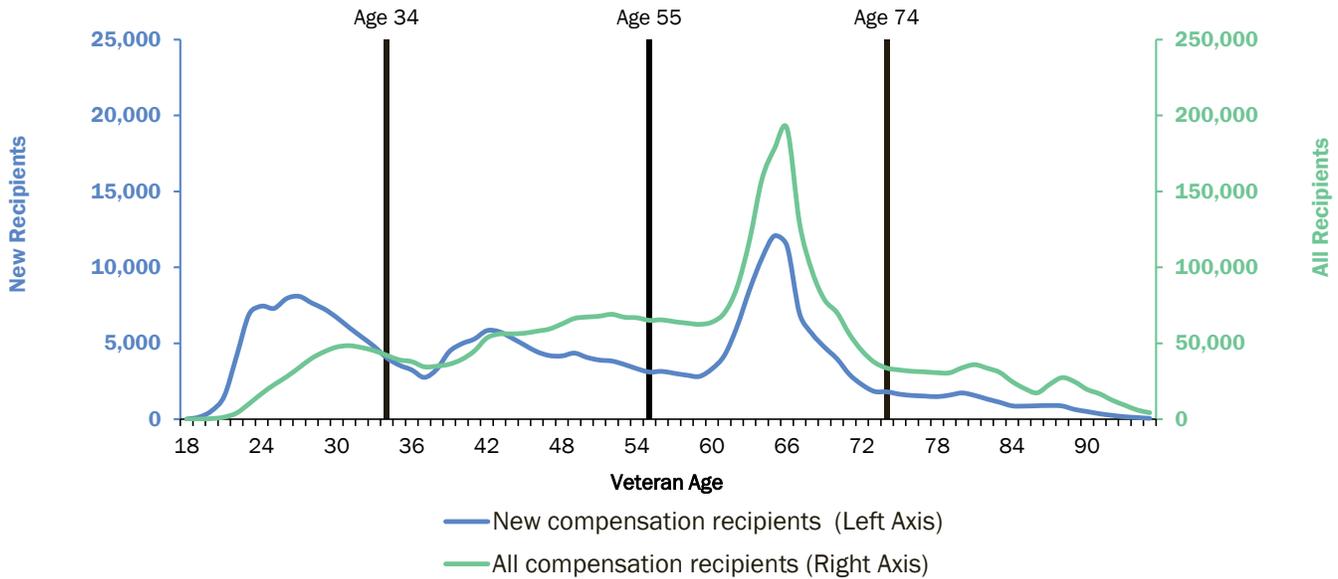
¹² Total includes 1,083 Veterans and \$ 7,644,024 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

Charts: Veterans and estimated annual payments by age



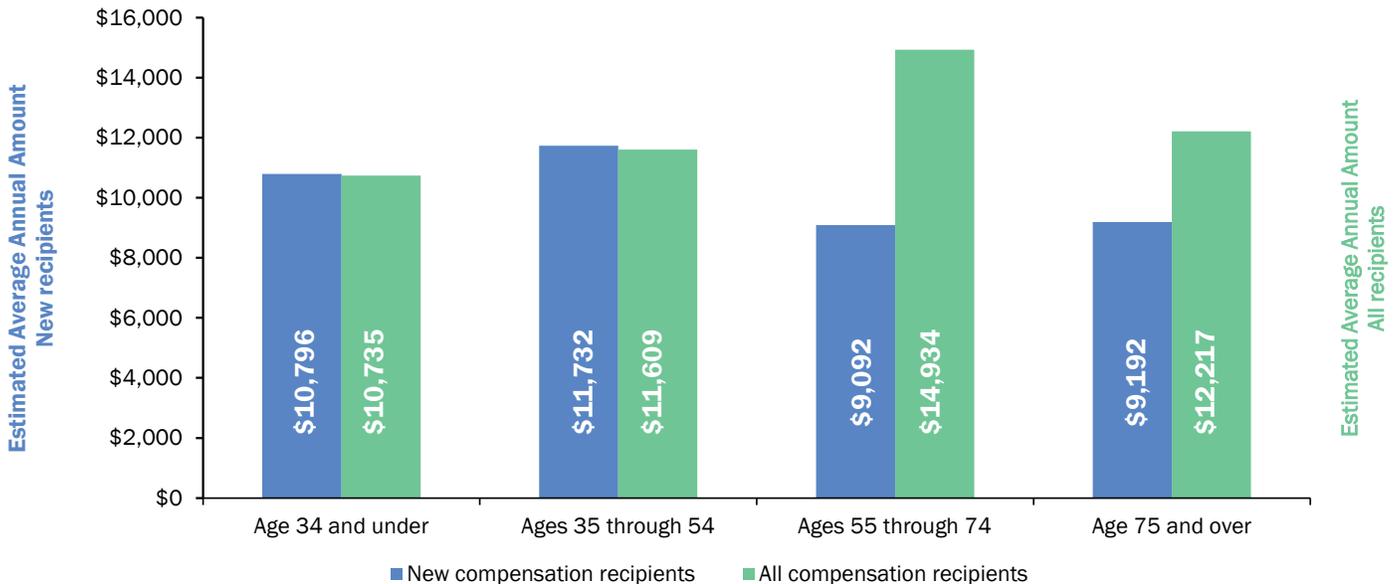
The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2013 (Blue line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (Green Line, right axis).

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	\$ 10,497.47
Korean Conflict	7,779	\$ 61,682,064	\$ 7,929.31
Vietnam Era	82,419	\$ 795,237,648	\$ 9,648.72
Gulf War Era	162,652	\$ 1,902,580,416	\$ 11,697.25
Peacetime Era	34,916	\$ 223,549,746	\$ 6,402.50
Total	292,675	\$ 2,921,367,810	\$ 9,981.61

All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

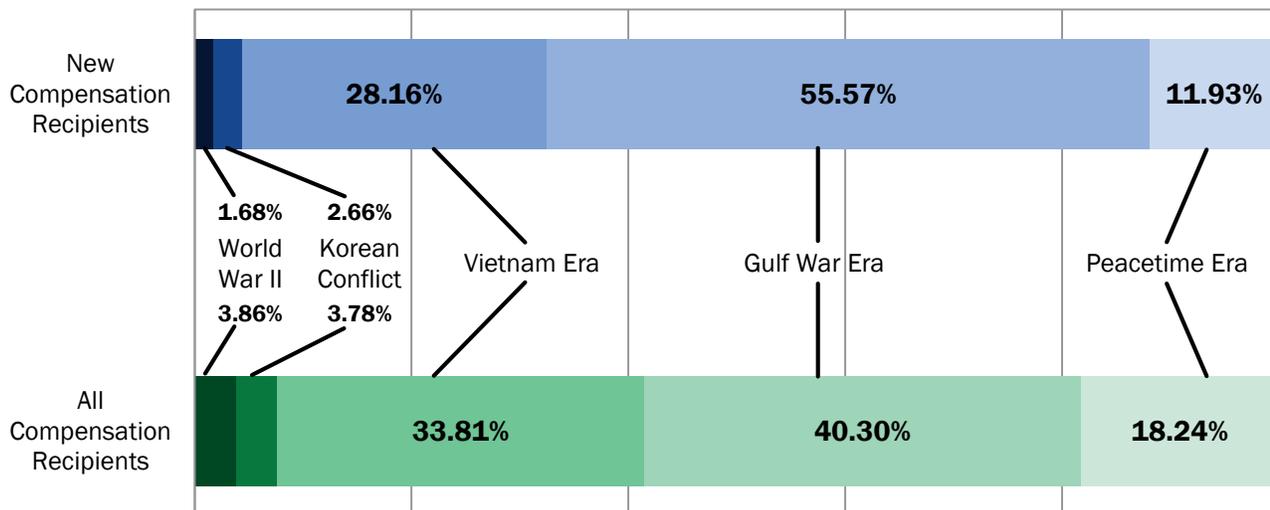
Period of service	Number of Veterans	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
World War II	144,524	\$ 1,685,920,386	\$ 11,665
Korean Conflict	141,548	\$ 1,593,791,592	\$ 11,260
Vietnam Era	1,265,727	\$ 21,078,169,302	\$ 16,653
Gulf War Era	1,508,682	\$ 17,735,811,810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

Charts: Veterans and estimated annual payments by period of service



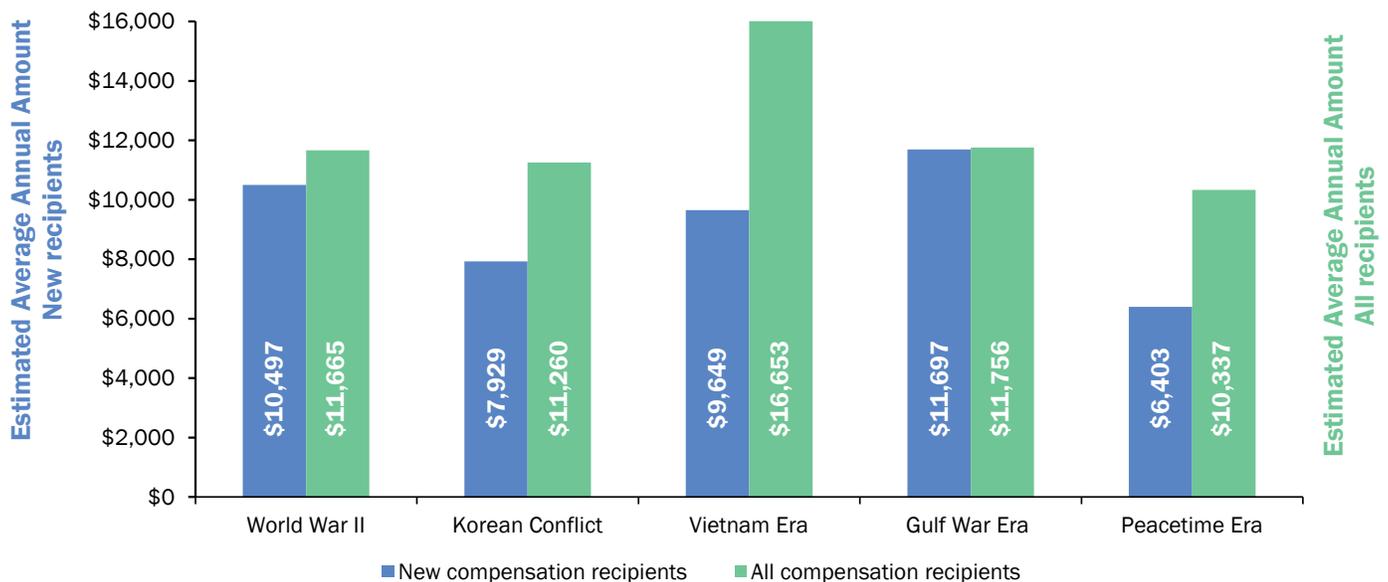
The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The blue bars in the top row are new compensation recipients and the green bars on the bottom row indicate all veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year.

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 amounts 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
Total¹³	119,636	\$1,505,633,820	\$ 12,585

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	\$ 12,841.28
Female	97,186	\$ 1,216,434,216	\$ 12,516.56
Total¹⁴	714,380	\$ 9,134,739,468	\$ 12,786.95

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

¹⁴ Total includes 2,696 Veterans and \$ 30,185,244 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
Total	119,636	\$ 1,505,633,820	\$ 12,585





GWOT Veterans by combined degree of disability and gender

All GWOT compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ¹⁵	% 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%
Total	614,348	100%	97,186	100%	714,380	100%



¹⁵ Total includes 2,846 Veterans with no gender indicated in award record.

GWOT estimated total amounts paid annually by combined degree of disability and gender



All GWOT compensation recipients-estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated total amount paid annually		
	Male	Female	Total ¹⁶
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
Total	\$ 7,889,012,940	\$ 1,216,434,216	\$ 9,134,739,468

¹⁶ 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-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
Total	\$ 12,841	\$ 12,517	\$ 12,787



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%
Total	818,954	865,766	804,901	1,188,154	1,423,328	20%



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%
Total	11,768,391	12,208,882	13,126,497	14,472,103	16,105,400	11%





Number of disabilities by rating evaluation percent and gender

Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating evaluation percent	Male	Female	Total ¹⁷
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
Total	14,179,086	1,691,759	16,105,400

Number of disabilities by body system and gender



Number of disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total ¹⁸
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
Total all disabilities	14,179,086	1,691,759	16,105,400

¹⁸ Total includes 234,555 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.





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 ¹⁹	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%
Total Most Prevalent Disabilities		533,855	44.1%	67,585	34.9%	609,789	42.9%
Total number of Disabilities		1,211,613	100%	193,589	100%	1,422,371	100%



¹⁹ New to the rolls Veterans are no longer being rated under the discontinued disability types



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 ²⁰	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%
Total Most Prevalent Disabilities		5,196,029	37%	412,016	24%	5,694,966	35%
Total number of Disabilities		14,179,086	100%	1,691,759	100%	16,105,400	100%

²⁰ The number of Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain disabilities in this report includes 176,142 disabilities which, in annual benefits reports prior to FY2013, 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.





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	35.90%	10%
Auditory	1	2,116,528	13.10%	10%
Skin	1	1,726,884	10.70%	0%
Neurological	1	1,557,654	9.70%	10%
Mental	2	1,110,050	6.90%	30%
Cardiovascular	2	834,775	5.20%	10%
Digestive	2	772,021	4.80%	30%
Respiratory	2	719,770	4.50%	10%
Genitourinary	3	570,093	3.50%	0%
Endocrine	3	447,399	2.80%	20%
The Eye	3	216,955	1.30%	0%
Gynecological	3	85,043	0.50%	20%
Dental /Oral	4	72,588	0.50%	0%
Infection /Immune /Nutrition	4	48,928	0.30%	0%
Hemic /Lymphatic	4	46,517	0.30%	0%
Total All Conditions	4	16,105,400	100%	10%

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%
Total	5,780,195	100%	2,116,528	100%	1,726,884	100%	1,557,654	100%

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%
Total	1,110,050	100%	834,775	100%	772,021	100%	719,770	100%



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%
Total	570,093	100%	447,399	100%	216,955	100%	85,043	100%

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%
Total	48,928	100%	72,588	100%	46,517	100%	16,105,400	100%



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 ²¹	616,937	10.67%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	453,704	7.85%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	343,834	5.95%
Total Most Prevalent Musculoskeletal Disabilities		1,414,475	24.47%
All Musculoskeletal Disabilities		5,780,195	
Auditory	Tinnitus	1,121,709	53.00%
	Hearing Loss	854,855	40.39%
	Impaired Hearing	23,092	1.09%
Total Most Prevalent Auditory Disabilities		1,999,656	94.48%
All Auditory Disabilities		2,116,528	
Skin	Scars, General	574,191	33.25%
	Scars, Superficial (Tender)	282,610	16.37%
	Eczema	256,610	14.86%
Total Most Prevalent Skin Disabilities		1,113,411	64.48%
All Skin Disabilities		1,726,884	
Neurological	Paralysis of the Sciatic Nerve	346,572	22.25%
	Migraine	277,455	17.81%
	Paralysis of the Median Nerve	197,016	12.65%
Total Most Prevalent Neurological Disabilities		821,043	52.71%
All Neurological Disabilities		1,557,654	
Mental	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	648,992	58.47%
	Major Depressive Disorder	130,155	11.73%
	Generalized Anxiety Disorder	51,043	4.60%
Total Most Prevalent Mental Disabilities		830,190	74.79%
All Mental Disabilities		1,110,050	

²¹ 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%
Total Most Prevalent Cardiovascular Disabilities		583,457	69.89%
All Cardiovascular Disabilities		834,775	
Digestive	Hiatal Hernia	204,384	26.47%
	Hemorrhoids	202,444	26.22%
	Inguinal Hernia	68,842	8.92%
Total Most Prevalent Digestive Disabilities		475,670	61.61%
All Digestive Disabilities		772,021	
Respiratory	Sleep Apnea Syndromes (Obstructive, Central, Mixed)	143,278	19.91%
	Allergic Rhinitis	138,805	19.28%
	Bronchial Asthma	94,388	13.11%
Total Most Prevalent Respiratory Disabilities		376,471	52.30%
All Respiratory Disabilities		719,770	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Genitourinary Disabilities		344,586	60.44%
All Genitourinary Disabilities		570,093	
Endocrine	Diabetes Mellitus	398,480	89.07%
	Hypothyroidism	30,713	6.86%
	Hyperthyroidism	7,390	1.65%
Total Most Prevalent Endocrine Disabilities		436,583	97.58%
All Endocrine Disabilities		447,399	



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%
Total Most Prevalent Eye Related Disabilities		53,582	24.70%
All Eye Related Disabilities		216,955	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Gynecological Disabilities		40,170	47.23%
All Gynecological Disabilities		85,043	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Dental/Oral Disabilities		63,711	87.77%
All Dental/Oral Disabilities		72,588	
Infection/Immune/ Nutrition	Malaria	29,540	60.37%
	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	6,911	14.12%
	HIV-Related Illness	4,045	8.27%
Total Most Prevalent Infection/Immune/Nutrition Disabilities		40,496	82.77%
All Infection/Immune/Nutrition Disabilities		48,928	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	13,753	29.58%
	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	7,998	17.20%
	Splenectomy (Removal of Spleen)	7,172	15.43%
Total Most Prevalent Hemic/Lymphatic Disabilities		28,923	62.18%
All Hemic/Lymphatic Disabilities		46,517	



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 ²² 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 ²²	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%
Total Most Prevalent Musculoskeletal Disabilities		3,727,439	64.5%
All Musculoskeletal Disabilities		5,780,195	
Neurological	Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (All Types) ²²	884,815	56.80%
	Migraine	277,455	17.81%
	Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (All Types) ²²	157,609	10.12%
	Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (All Types) ²²	84,637	5.43%
	Brain disease due to trauma	69,929	4.49%
Total Most Prevalent Neurological Disabilities		1,474,445	94.66%
All Neurological Disabilities		1,557,654	
The Eye	Impaired vision - one or both eyes ²²	49,038	22.60%
	Blind in one or both eyes ²²	27,681	12.76%
	Conjunctivitis ²²	20,184	9.30%
	Unhealed eye injury	15,775	7.27%
Total Most Prevalent Eye Related Disabilities		112,678	51.94%
All Eye Related Disabilities		216,955	

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%
Total Most Prevalent World War II Disabilities		167,190	48.48%
All World War II Disabilities		344,859	
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 ²³	4,657	1.36%
	Traumatic arthritis	4,639	1.35%
	Duodenal ulcer	3,941	1.15%
Total Most Prevalent Korean Conflict Disabilities		183,220	53.48%
All Korean Conflict Disabilities		342,621	

²³ 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%
Total Most Prevalent Vietnam Era Disabilities		2,241,687	48.30%
All Vietnam Era Disabilities		4,610,503	
Gulf War Era	Tinnitus	514,978	5.96%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain ²⁴	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%
Total Most Prevalent Gulf War Era Disabilities		3,049,394	34.29%
All Gulf War Era Disabilities		8,641,012	

²⁴ 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 ²⁵	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%
Total Most Prevalent Peacetime Disabilities		779,248	35.97%
All Peacetime Disabilities		2,166,405	

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

²⁵ 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 ²⁶	%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 ²⁷	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%
Total Most Prevalent Disabilities		316,765	41%	45,905	35.1%	363,892	40.6%
Total number of Disabilities		763,363	100%	130,778	100%	897,337	100%

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

²⁷ 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 ²⁸	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	296,683	7.3%	24,869	3.7%	322,602	6.8%
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain ²⁹	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%
Total Most Prevalent Disabilities		1,610,255	39.6%	226,752	33.5%	1,843,832	38.7%
Total number of Disabilities		4,062,389	100%	677,523	100%	4,759,483	100%

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

²⁹ The number of discontinued disabilities added to the Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain disability did not change its prevalence among GWOT Veterans.



GWOT disabilities by body system and gender

Number of disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total ³⁰
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
Total	4,062,389	677,523	4,759,483

³⁰ 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 ³¹	236,629	11.13%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	233,556	10.99%
	Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	160,249	7.54%
Total Most Prevalent Musculoskeletal Disabilities		630,434	29.65%
All Musculoskeletal Disabilities		2,126,061	
Skin	Scars, general	160,399	28.82%
	Eczema	94,900	17.05%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	89,286	16.04%
Total Most Prevalent Skin Disabilities		344,585	61.92%
All Skin Disabilities		556,539	
Auditory	Tinnitus	322,602	70.80%
	Hearing loss	110,754	24.31%
	Labyrinthitis	9,154	2.01%
Total Most Prevalent Auditory Disabilities		442,510	97.11%
All Auditory Disabilities		455,675	
Neurological	Migraine	137,498	34.11%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	50,240	12.46%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	48,052	11.92%
Total Most Prevalent Neurological Disabilities		235,790	58.49%
All Neurological Disabilities		403,131	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	194,166	59.59%
	Major depressive disorder	37,477	11.50%
	Anxiety disorder, unspecified	25,751	7.90%
Total Most Prevalent Mental Disabilities		257,394	79.00%
All Mental Disabilities		325,820	

³¹ 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%
Total Most Prevalent Respiratory Disabilities		203,834	73.98%
All Respiratory Disabilities		275,525	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	99,229	45.09%
	Hemorrhoids	48,612	22.09%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	20,708	9.41%
Total Most Prevalent Digestive Disabilities		168,549	76.59%
All Digestive Disabilities		220,077	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	98,783	68.18%
	Varicose veins	13,961	9.64%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (Coronary artery disease)	5,144	3.55%
Total Most Prevalent Cardiovascular Disabilities		117,888	81.37%
All Cardiovascular Disabilities		144,878	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Genitourinary Disabilities		64,133	62.03%
All Genitourinary Disabilities		103,397	
The Eye	Conjunctivitis, chronic	8,513	15.48%
	Unhealed eye injury	5,320	9.68%
	Retina, localized scars	3,719	6.76%
Total Most Prevalent Eye Related Disabilities		17,552	31.92%
All Eye Related Disabilities		54,984	





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%
Total Most Prevalent Endocrine Disabilities		26,873	89.65%
All Endocrine Disabilities		30,005	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Dental/Oral Disabilities		25,994	95.78%
All Dental/Oral Disabilities		27,139	
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%
Total Most Prevalent Gynecological Disabilities		10,296	44.21%
All Gynecological Disabilities		23,291	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	5,355	62.12%
	Splenectomy (removal of spleen)	663	7.69%
	Thrombocytopenia	574	6.66%
Total Most Prevalent Hemic/Lymphatic Disabilities		6,592	76.46%
All Hemic/Lymphatic Disabilities		8,621	
Infection/ Immune/ Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	1,683	38.78%
	HIV-Related Illness	766	17.65%
	Systemic lupus erythematosus	682	15.71%
Total Most Prevalent Infection/ Immune/ Nutrition Disabilities		3,131	72.14%
All Infection/ Immune/ Nutrition Disabilities		4,340	



Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a tax-free monetary benefit generally payable to a surviving spouse, child, or parent of Service members 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 of a Service member or Veteran who died from a service-related cause.

New DIC recipients during FY 2009 to FY 2013 by relationship

	2009	2010	2011	2012 ³²	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%
Total³³	17,628	28,246	15,287	26,509	14,763	-44.31%

All DIC recipients by relationship

Relationship	Number of recipients	Percent of total
Surviving Spouse	359,916	95.5%
Surviving Children	12,773	3.4%
Surviving Parents	4,290	1.1%
Total	376,979	100%

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%
Total³⁴	13,401	\$212,588,826	100%

³² 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.

³³ Total for 2012 includes 1 recipient of unknown relationship.

³⁴ 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%
Total³⁵	362,697	\$5,710,335,030	100%

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%
Total³⁶	1,031	\$5,497,717	100%

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%
Total³⁷	12,769	\$90,581,242	100%

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 they must be younger than 26 years old and attending school.

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

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

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



Appendix

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