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 varies from 0 percent to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percent. 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 include anatomical loss or loss of use of extremities or creative organs.

56 Regional offices
15,855 employees
5.5 million compensation and service-connected death benefit recipients

A note on the data:
The 2020 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VBA corporate database.
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 section are receiving compensation benefit payments as of Sept. 30, 2020. The category of 0 percent indicates payment due to special monthly compensation or two or more permanent 0-percent service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability. Veterans with a 0-percent combined degree of disability not receiving payment are not counted in this section.

Please see the section: “The Presentation of FY 2020 Compensation Data” on page 2 for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

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The Presentation of FY 2020 Compensation Data

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<th>New to the rolls</th>
<th>On the rolls</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Individuals who began receiving benefits during fiscal year 2020 (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020) are considered “New to the rolls,” and the tables are outlined in blue.</td>
<td>All individuals receiving benefits on September 30, 2020 are considered “On the rolls” and the tables are outlined in green. These tables include “New to the rolls” recipients.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 91.

Data regarding payments do not reflect actual amounts paid by VA. This document only addresses monthly benefit payments and does not include retroactive payments. Also, estimated average annual individual payments for the same combined degree differ slightly due to additional payments for dependents and/or special monthly compensation. Also, all payment information is annual unless stated otherwise. Please refer to the official budget internet site here https://www.va.gov/budget/ for actual amounts paid by VA.

This document counts all Veterans with 0-percent combined disability as long as they receive payment for special monthly compensation or a 10-percent rate because they have two or more separate permanent 0-percent service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability. This document does not count Veterans with 0 percent combined disabilities who are not receiving payment of any kind.

VA has incorporated Global War on Terror (GWOT) data to the main data tables as a subset of the Gulf War era (GW) period of service. Since September 11, 2001, the Department of Defense has deployed personnel overseas in support of GWOT, including Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OIF/OEF/OND). For more information, see pages 73, 86 through 90, and 108 through 113.

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

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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<td>Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits</td>
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<tr>
<td>Survivors who began receiving service-connected death benefits</td>
<td>34,065</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
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### Estimated annual payments - new recipients

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<td>Compensation</td>
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<td>$3.53 Billion</td>
<td>$13,641</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service-Connected Death¹</td>
<td>34,065</td>
<td>$585.0 Million</td>
<td>$17,175</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>292,709</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4.11 Billion</strong></td>
<td><strong>$14,052</strong></td>
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### Most prevalent service-connected (SC) disabilities of new compensation recipients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disability</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tinnitus</td>
<td>149,368</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>98,492</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain</td>
<td>69,611</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scars, burns (2nd degree)</td>
<td>67,293</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of motion of the arm</td>
<td>65,827</td>
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<td>Hearing loss</td>
<td>61,158</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of motion of the ankle</td>
<td>51,131</td>
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<td>Post-traumatic stress disorder</td>
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<td>Paralysis of the sciatic nerve</td>
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<tr>
<td>Migraine</td>
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<td><strong>Total number of most prevalent disabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>691,684</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total number of disabilities²</strong></td>
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### Average number of SC disabilities per new compensation recipient

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</strong></td>
<td><strong>5.66</strong></td>
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¹ Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Death Compensation.
² See page 91 for more information.
## Totals – all recipients

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<th>Estimated annual total payments</th>
<th>Estimated annual average individual payment</th>
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<td>$91.43 Billion</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service-Connected Death</td>
<td>445,503</td>
<td>$7.54 Billion</td>
<td>$16,927</td>
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## Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<th>Number</th>
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<td>2,327,387</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hearing loss</td>
<td>1,343,013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>1,313,306</td>
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<tr>
<td>Post-traumatic stress disorder</td>
<td>1,186,818</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain</td>
<td>1,129,931</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scars, general</td>
<td>1,017,297</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paralysis of the sciatic nerve</td>
<td>1,010,640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Limitation of motion of the ankle</td>
<td>767,270</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Migraine</td>
<td>667,878</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Limitation of motion of the arm</td>
<td>661,045</td>
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**Total number of most prevalent disabilities:** 11,424,585  
**Total number of disabilities:** 28,970,943

## Average number of SC disabilities per compensation recipient

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<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Veterans:</td>
<td>5,081,692</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total number of disabilities:</td>
<td>28,970,943</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</strong></td>
<td><strong>5.70</strong></td>
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3 Total does not reflect all claimed disabilities as some disabilities are determined not to be related to service.
### Quick Reference: Recipients and Disabilities by Period of Service

#### All compensation recipients by period of service

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Period of Service</th>
<th>Recipients</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>World War II 1941 – 1946</td>
<td>32,076</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Korean Conflict 1950 – 1955</td>
<td>91,238</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vietnam Era 1961 – 1975</td>
<td>1,422,097</td>
<td>28.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gulf War Era 1990 – Present</td>
<td>2,722,962</td>
<td>53.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peacetime Era (Other)</td>
<td>813,319</td>
<td>16.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,081,692</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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#### All dependency and indemnity compensation recipients by Veteran’s period of service

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<tr>
<th>Period of Service</th>
<th>Recipients</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wars of the 1800s</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>World War I 1917 – 1918</td>
<td>114</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>World War II 1941 – 1946</td>
<td>35,819</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Korean Conflict 1950 – 1955</td>
<td>30,202</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>Vietnam Era 1961 – 1975</td>
<td>295,988</td>
<td>66.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gulf War Era 1990 - Present</td>
<td>40,718</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peacetime Era (Other)</td>
<td>42,660</td>
<td>9.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>445,503</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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#### Average SC disabilities per Veteran by period of service – all compensation recipients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Period of Service</th>
<th>Disabilities</th>
<th>Average # of SC disabilities per Veteran</th>
<th>Total Veteran population</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>World War II</td>
<td>77,578</td>
<td>2.42</td>
<td>299,124</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Korean Conflict</td>
<td>226,475</td>
<td>2.48</td>
<td>991,993</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vietnam Era</td>
<td>5,674,991</td>
<td>3.99</td>
<td>5,858,262</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gulf War Era</td>
<td>20,154,982</td>
<td>7.40</td>
<td>8,051,480</td>
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<td>Peacetime Periods</td>
<td>2,836,917</td>
<td>3.49</td>
<td>4,341,082</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>28,970,943</td>
<td>5.70</td>
<td>19,541,942</td>
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4 Wars of 1800s include the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898-1902), and the Mexican Border Period (1916-1917).

5 According to VetPop2018

GWOT Quick Reference: Veterans Involved Global War on Terror

VBA has incorporated GWOT data within the “Gulf War Era” in all other tables. For more information see pages 86 through 90 and 108 through 113.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>GWOT</th>
<th>1,356,341</th>
<th>49.8%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Non-GWOT</td>
<td>1,366,621</td>
<td>50.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Gulf War Era Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,722,962</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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### Number of SC disabilities of all Gulf War Era compensation recipients by GWOT status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>GWOT</th>
<th>11,131,591</th>
<th>55.2%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Non-GWOT</td>
<td>9,023,391</td>
<td>44.8%</td>
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<td><strong>Gulf War Era Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,154,982</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>

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

| GWOT | 8.21 | Non-GWOT | 6.60 | Gulf War Era Total | 7.40 |

![Diagram showing percent distribution of veterans and disabilities by GWOT status](image-url)
## Veterans by Fiscal Year and Combined Degree of Disability

Note: These tables count Veterans in receipt of individual unemployability benefits by their combined evaluation, rather than as totally disabled i.e. evaluated as 100%.

### New compensation recipients FY 2016 to FY 2020

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Combined degree</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>% Chg. FY 2019 to 2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>0%</td>
<td>490</td>
<td>517</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>341</td>
<td>443</td>
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<tr>
<td>10%</td>
<td>72,639</td>
<td>79,841</td>
<td>76,106</td>
<td>93,819</td>
<td>72,118</td>
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<td>20%</td>
<td>26,222</td>
<td>26,904</td>
<td>23,706</td>
<td>26,106</td>
<td>20,174</td>
<td>-23%</td>
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<tr>
<td>30%</td>
<td>27,193</td>
<td>26,615</td>
<td>22,697</td>
<td>24,812</td>
<td>19,983</td>
<td>-19%</td>
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<tr>
<td>40%</td>
<td>23,871</td>
<td>23,728</td>
<td>20,563</td>
<td>22,169</td>
<td>17,377</td>
<td>-22%</td>
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<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>21,712</td>
<td>21,561</td>
<td>19,191</td>
<td>20,845</td>
<td>18,174</td>
<td>-13%</td>
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<td>24,571</td>
<td>24,338</td>
<td>21,130</td>
<td>22,426</td>
<td>18,398</td>
<td>-18%</td>
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<tr>
<td>70%</td>
<td>24,974</td>
<td>25,331</td>
<td>23,252</td>
<td>25,801</td>
<td>23,365</td>
<td>-9%</td>
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<td>80%</td>
<td>20,204</td>
<td>19,875</td>
<td>18,631</td>
<td>19,022</td>
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<td>-13%</td>
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<td>17,247</td>
<td>18,683</td>
<td>17,982</td>
<td>18,788</td>
<td>17,465</td>
<td>-7%</td>
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<td>30,918</td>
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<td>274,528</td>
<td>309,091</td>
<td>258,644</td>
<td>-16%</td>
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6 This document counts all Veterans with 0-percent combined disability as long as they receive payment for special monthly compensation or a 10-percent rate because they have two or more separate permanent 0-percent service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability. This document does not count Veterans with a 0-percent combined disability who are not receiving payment of any kind.
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<td>857,134</td>
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<td>384,798</td>
<td>383,752</td>
<td>378,730</td>
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<td>50%</td>
<td>284,836</td>
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*7 Total includes 677 Veterans with no gender indicated in the award record.*
## All compensation recipients

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**Total** 4,462,504 549,879 5,081,692

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⁸ Total includes 69,309 Veterans with no gender indicated in the award record.
Estimated Annual Total Payments  
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 payments and does not include retroactive payments. Please refer to the official budget internet site here [https://www.va.gov/budget/](https://www.va.gov/budget/) for actual amounts paid by VA.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

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9 Total includes $7,532,244 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.
10 All amounts of payment in the category of 0-percent combined disability are due to receipt of special monthly compensation or a 10-percent rate resulting from two or more permanent 0-percent service-connected disabilities which clearly interfere with normal employability.
### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

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11 Total includes $962,888,120 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.
Estimated Annual Average Individual Payments by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

Note: Estimated annual average individual payments for the same combined degree differ slightly due to additional payments for dependents and/or special monthly compensation.

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### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

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### Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

#### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

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#### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

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12 Total includes 280 Veterans and $1,770,136 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 2020 (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 annual estimated average individual payments to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2020 (blue bars on the left) vs. the estimated annual average individual payments for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green bars on the right) according to age.

**New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients by estimated annual average individual payment by age**

- **Age 34 and under:**
  - New compensation recipients: $15,382
  - All compensation recipients: $17,389

- **Age 35 through 54:**
  - New compensation recipients: $16,960
  - All compensation recipients: $19,134

- **Age 55 through 74:**
  - New compensation recipients: $9,284
  - All compensation recipients: $17,977

- **Age 75 and over:**
  - New compensation recipients: $10,206
  - All compensation recipients: $16,044
### Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service

**New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments**

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**All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments**

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<td>$18,810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peacetime Era</td>
<td>813,319</td>
<td>$10,593,191,347</td>
<td>$13,025</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>5,081,692</td>
<td>$91,425,811,253</td>
<td>$17,991</td>
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</table>
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

New compensation recipients compared to all compensation recipients
by estimated annual average individual payment and period of service

The chart below displays the estimated annual average individual payments to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2020 (blue bars on the left) vs. the estimated annual average individual payments for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green bars on the right) broken down by period of service.
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 are included with all other discussions of period of service.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Number of Veterans</th>
<th>Estimated annual total payments</th>
<th>Estimated annual average individual payment</th>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>49,904</td>
<td>$843,987,376</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>9,405</td>
<td>$180,865,591</td>
<td>$19,231</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>59,348</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,025,628,977</strong></td>
<td><strong>$17,282</strong></td>
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</table>

All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Number of Veterans</th>
<th>Estimated annual total payments</th>
<th>Estimated annual average individual payment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>1,170,073</td>
<td>$23,954,737,032</td>
<td>$20,473</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>191,357</td>
<td>$4,044,187,920</td>
<td>$21,134</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,366,621</strong></td>
<td><strong>$28,090,886,676</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,555</strong></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

13 Total includes 39 Veterans and $776,010 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record.
14 Total includes 5,191 Veterans and $91,961,724 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record.
### GWOT Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Combined Disability Degree

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Combined degree</th>
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<th>Estimated annual total payments</th>
<th>Estimated annual average individual payment</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>$1,271</td>
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<td>9,466</td>
<td>$16,151,306</td>
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<td>2,800</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>4,218</td>
<td>$23,740,607</td>
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<td>40%</td>
<td>3,947</td>
<td>$32,110,816</td>
<td>$8,135</td>
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<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>4,915</td>
<td>$56,395,535</td>
<td>$11,474</td>
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<td>60%</td>
<td>5,084</td>
<td>$73,855,869</td>
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<td>7,507</td>
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<td>5,330</td>
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<td>90%</td>
<td>5,974</td>
<td>$148,019,154</td>
<td>$24,777</td>
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<td>10,079</td>
<td>$413,719,579</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>59,348</td>
<td>$1,025,628,977</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Combined degree</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>% Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>0%</td>
<td>488</td>
<td>0.04%</td>
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<td>20%</td>
<td>62,289</td>
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<td>8,886</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>74,534</td>
<td>6.37%</td>
<td>11,968</td>
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<tr>
<td>40%</td>
<td>85,285</td>
<td>7.29%</td>
<td>13,650</td>
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<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>76,677</td>
<td>6.55%</td>
<td>12,805</td>
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<tr>
<td>60%</td>
<td>125,032</td>
<td>10.69%</td>
<td>18,070</td>
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<tr>
<td>70%</td>
<td>136,345</td>
<td>11.65%</td>
<td>21,763</td>
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<tr>
<td>80%</td>
<td>153,738</td>
<td>13.14%</td>
<td>25,743</td>
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<tr>
<td>90%</td>
<td>141,281</td>
<td>12.07%</td>
<td>25,967</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100%</td>
<td>218,092</td>
<td>18.64%</td>
<td>39,850</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>1,170,073</td>
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<td>191,357</td>
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\(^{15}\) Total includes 5,191 Veterans with no gender indicated in the award record.
# GWOT Estimated Annual Total Payment
by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

## All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Combined degree</th>
<th>Estimated annual total payments</th>
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<th></th>
<th>Total&lt;sup&gt;16&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<td>Female</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
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<td>$645,919</td>
<td>$111,192</td>
<td>$769,025</td>
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<td>$165,598,886</td>
<td>$21,586,952</td>
<td>$188,529,586</td>
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<tr>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$211,600,532</td>
<td>$30,112,539</td>
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<td>$442,992,437</td>
<td>$70,882,530</td>
<td>$516,006,684</td>
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<tr>
<td>40%</td>
<td>$729,590,484</td>
<td>$115,959,347</td>
<td>$848,610,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>$925,593,314</td>
<td>$153,141,579</td>
<td>$1,082,734,883</td>
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<tr>
<td>60%</td>
<td>$1,913,244,207</td>
<td>$272,968,021</td>
<td>$2,193,212,228</td>
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<tr>
<td>70%</td>
<td>$2,798,652,188</td>
<td>$441,981,830</td>
<td>$3,240,633,818</td>
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<tr>
<td>80%</td>
<td>$3,699,107,408</td>
<td>$606,283,102</td>
<td>$4,305,389,509</td>
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<tr>
<td>90%</td>
<td>$3,929,162,678</td>
<td>$702,461,599</td>
<td>$4,631,624,277</td>
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<tr>
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<sup>16</sup> Total includes $91,961,724 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.
### GWOT Estimated Annual Average Individual Payment by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

<table>
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<td>$1,324</td>
<td>$1,324</td>
<td>$1,324</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>$1,719</td>
<td>$1,717</td>
<td>$1,719</td>
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<tr>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$3,397</td>
<td>$3,389</td>
<td>$3,396</td>
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<tr>
<td>30%</td>
<td>$5,943</td>
<td>$5,923</td>
<td>$5,941</td>
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<tr>
<td>40%</td>
<td>$8,555</td>
<td>$8,495</td>
<td>$8,547</td>
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<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>$12,071</td>
<td>$11,960</td>
<td>$12,055</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>$15,106</td>
<td>$15,278</td>
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<tr>
<td>70%</td>
<td>$20,526</td>
<td>$20,309</td>
<td>$20,495</td>
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<tr>
<td>80%</td>
<td>$24,061</td>
<td>$23,551</td>
<td>$23,987</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90%</td>
<td>$27,811</td>
<td>$27,052</td>
<td>$27,693</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>100%</td>
<td>$41,902</td>
<td>$40,871</td>
<td>$41,742</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,473</strong></td>
<td><strong>$21,134</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,555</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

17 Total includes average of $17,716 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.
Regarding Service-Connected Disability Data

The tables on the following pages present information on the number of service-connected disabilities, as opposed to the number of Veterans with those disability evaluations.

Tables labeled “Number of SC disabilities of new compensation recipients” display counts of service-connected disabilities which VBA rated for new recipients during FY 2020. Tables labeled “Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients” display counts of all rated service-connected disabilities for all Veterans receiving compensation at the end of FY 2020.

VBA has abbreviated the names of the body systems to allow for a clearer presentation of the information. The three body systems with the greatest changes in terminology 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 SC Disabilities by Body System and Fiscal Year

#### Number of SC disabilities of new compensation recipients FY 2016 to FY 2020

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Body system</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020(^\text{18})</th>
<th>% Chg. FY 2019 to 2020</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>602,983</td>
<td>611,857</td>
<td>606,604</td>
<td>656,407</td>
<td>627,325</td>
<td>-4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>233,324</td>
<td>247,944</td>
<td>239,837</td>
<td>278,501</td>
<td>217,866</td>
<td>-22%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Neurological</td>
<td>145,346</td>
<td>145,617</td>
<td>143,876</td>
<td>152,415</td>
<td>148,527</td>
<td>-3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>148,897</td>
<td>150,311</td>
<td>142,790</td>
<td>154,559</td>
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<td>-9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mental</td>
<td>99,840</td>
<td>97,897</td>
<td>91,746</td>
<td>97,120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Respiratory</td>
<td>75,514</td>
<td>74,633</td>
<td>69,838</td>
<td>72,565</td>
<td>65,037</td>
<td>-10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Digestive</td>
<td>54,874</td>
<td>55,438</td>
<td>52,425</td>
<td>54,521</td>
<td>49,785</td>
<td>-9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Genitourinary</td>
<td>40,496</td>
<td>41,871</td>
<td>38,678</td>
<td>39,969</td>
<td>39,436</td>
<td>-1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cardiovascular</td>
<td>39,584</td>
<td>37,260</td>
<td>33,131</td>
<td>34,062</td>
<td>30,945</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Eye</td>
<td>16,065</td>
<td>15,388</td>
<td>15,445</td>
<td>16,676</td>
<td>15,882</td>
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<tr>
<td>Endocrine</td>
<td>18,006</td>
<td>17,000</td>
<td>13,308</td>
<td>13,249</td>
<td>12,921</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dental/Oral</td>
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<td>8,504</td>
<td>9,771</td>
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<td>8,040</td>
<td>9,054</td>
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<td>Hemic/Lymphatic</td>
<td>3,660</td>
<td>4,311</td>
<td>3,838</td>
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<td>1,870</td>
<td>1,949</td>
<td>4%</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1,516,948</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,469,806</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,594,475</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,465,006</strong></td>
<td><strong>-8%</strong></td>
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\(^{18}\) Total includes 31 disabilities with no body system indicated in the record.
### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients FY 2016 to FY 2020

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<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019(^{19})</th>
<th>2020(^{20})</th>
<th>% Chg. FY 2019 to 2020</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>7,779,603</td>
<td>8,481,844</td>
<td>9,232,650</td>
<td>10,034,349</td>
<td>10,787,062</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>2,846,483</td>
<td>3,101,223</td>
<td>3,363,237</td>
<td>3,651,672</td>
<td>3,848,413</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Neurological</td>
<td>2,299,581</td>
<td>2,561,741</td>
<td>2,842,749</td>
<td>3,147,086</td>
<td>3,426,676</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>2,292,040</td>
<td>2,503,676</td>
<td>2,719,071</td>
<td>2,952,061</td>
<td>3,147,221</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mental</td>
<td>1,492,483</td>
<td>1,622,814</td>
<td>1,754,644</td>
<td>1,891,552</td>
<td>2,019,735</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Respiratory</td>
<td>971,673</td>
<td>1,058,623</td>
<td>1,147,705</td>
<td>1,241,294</td>
<td>1,324,533</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Digestive</td>
<td>936,490</td>
<td>992,557</td>
<td>1,049,665</td>
<td>1,108,885</td>
<td>1,161,794</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular</td>
<td>946,832</td>
<td>973,411</td>
<td>997,129</td>
<td>1,020,994</td>
<td>1,039,481</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
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<td>Genitourinary</td>
<td>732,526</td>
<td>785,903</td>
<td>837,693</td>
<td>890,453</td>
<td>939,979</td>
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<td>500,362</td>
<td>510,195</td>
<td>515,030</td>
<td>517,852</td>
<td>520,946</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>267,124</td>
<td>282,611</td>
<td>298,751</td>
<td>315,408</td>
<td>329,298</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<tr>
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<td>129,816</td>
<td>140,832</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hemic/Lymphatic</td>
<td>58,737</td>
<td>63,783</td>
<td>68,280</td>
<td>72,257</td>
<td>75,796</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infection/Immune / Nutrition</td>
<td>50,851</td>
<td>51,679</td>
<td>52,714</td>
<td>53,933</td>
<td>55,444</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>21,382,399</strong></td>
<td><strong>23,216,495</strong></td>
<td><strong>25,127,129</strong></td>
<td><strong>27,169,321</strong></td>
<td><strong>28,970,943</strong></td>
<td><strong>7%</strong></td>
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\(^{19}\) Total includes 2 disabilities with no body system indicated in the record.

\(^{20}\) Total includes 44 disabilities with no body system indicated in the record.
Number of SC Disabilities by Evaluation and Gender

Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<th>Disability Evaluation</th>
<th>Male 21</th>
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<th>Total 22</th>
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<td>1,264,951</td>
<td>9,161,628</td>
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21 Total include 4 male disabilities unidentifiable by evaluation.
22 Total includes 248,085 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.
### Number of SC Disabilities by Body System and Gender

#### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<td>163,841</td>
<td>1,161,794</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular</td>
<td>942,688</td>
<td>85,745</td>
<td>1,039,481</td>
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<td>Genitourinary</td>
<td>877,809</td>
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<td>520,946</td>
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<td>The Eye</td>
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<td>Dental/Oral</td>
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<td>Hemic/Lymphatic</td>
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\(^{23}\) Total includes 248,085 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total includes 37 male and 7 female disabilities unidentifiable by evaluation.
### Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Gender

The table below shows the most prevalent SC disabilities and the ratio of the total number of SC disabilities each disability represents. The ten disabilities listed below represent almost half of all service-connected disabilities. Almost 900 other disabilities comprise the other half.

#### Most prevalent SC disabilities of new compensation recipients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disability</th>
<th>Body system</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>%</th>
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<th>%Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tinnitus</td>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>135,303</td>
<td>11.2%</td>
<td>13,691</td>
<td>5.5%</td>
<td>149,368</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>81,208</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>17,189</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
<td>98,492</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>55,923</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>13,629</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
<td>69,611</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scars, burns (2nd degree)</td>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>55,598</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>11,612</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>67,293</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
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<td>Limitation of motion of the arm</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>56,984</td>
<td>4.7%</td>
<td>8,795</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>65,827</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6100-Hearing loss</td>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>59,335</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
<td>1,573</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
<td>61,158</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of motion of the ankle</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>42,697</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>8,378</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
<td>51,131</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Post-traumatic stress disorder</td>
<td>Mental</td>
<td>36,285</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
<td>8,787</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>45,153</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paralysis of the sciatic nerve</td>
<td>Neurological</td>
<td>36,106</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
<td>6,118</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>42,303</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Migraine</td>
<td>Neurological</td>
<td>30,523</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>10,788</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>41,348</td>
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#### Total most prevalent disabilities

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<td>Total most prevalent disabilities</td>
<td>589,962</td>
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<td>100,560</td>
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#### Total number of disabilities

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<td>1,212,151</td>
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<td>250,658</td>
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<td>1,465,006</td>
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24 Total includes 2,197 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.
### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<th>%</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>%Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tinnitus</td>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>2,154,642</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
<td>147,723</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
<td>2,327,387</td>
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<td>Hearing loss</td>
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<td>1,293,342</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>28,532</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>1,343,013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>1,113,889</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
<td>193,828</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
<td>1,313,306</td>
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<td>1,049,100</td>
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<td>127,648</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
<td>1,186,818</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lumbosacral or cervical strain²⁵</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>933,776</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
<td>189,763</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>1,129,931</td>
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<td>Scars, general</td>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>876,169</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>129,610</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
<td>1,017,297</td>
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<td>Neurological</td>
<td>904,077</td>
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<td>98,978</td>
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<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
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<td>100,065</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>767,270</td>
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<td>Migraine</td>
<td>Neurological</td>
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<td>164,912</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
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<td>73,733</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
<td>661,045</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total most prevalent disabilities</strong>²⁶</td>
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<td>10,072,813</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>1,254,792</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>11,424,585</td>
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<td><strong>Total number of disabilities</strong>²⁷</td>
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<td>24,934,156</td>
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<td>28,970,943</td>
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²⁵ The number of lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities in this report includes disabilities which, in Annual Benefits Reports prior to FY 13, were counted under 5 discontinued disability names related to lumbosacral or cervical strain.

²⁶ Total includes 96,980 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

²⁷ Total includes 248,085 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.
### Number of SC Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System

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

#### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<th>Most common degree of disability</th>
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<td>10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3,848,413</td>
<td>13.3%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Neurological</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3,426,676</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3,147,221</td>
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<td>Digestive</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular</td>
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<td>The Eye</td>
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28 Total includes 44 disabilities unidentifiable by body system.
### Table 1

**Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients**

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<th>Neurological</th>
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<td>5,660,627 52.5%</td>
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<td>841,084 24.5%</td>
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<td><strong>3,426,676</strong> 100.0%</td>
<td><strong>3,147,221</strong> 100.0%</td>
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**29 Totals include 1 auditory, and 3 musculoskeletal disabilities with unknown evaluation.**

### Table 2

**Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients**

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<th>Digestive</th>
<th>Cardiovascular</th>
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<td>15,615 1.3%</td>
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<td>70%</td>
<td>624,303 30.9%</td>
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<td>22,499 1.7%</td>
<td>11,342 1.0%</td>
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<td><strong>2,019,735</strong> 100.0%</td>
<td><strong>1,324,533</strong> 100.0%</td>
<td><strong>1,161,794</strong> 100.0%</td>
<td><strong>1,039,481</strong> 100.0%</td>
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### Number of SC Disabilities, Prevalence by Body System and Evaluation (Continued)

#### Table 3

**Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients**

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<th>Genitourinary</th>
<th>Endocrine</th>
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<th>Gynecological</th>
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<td>578,280</td>
<td>24,664</td>
<td>183,056</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>52,972</td>
<td>78,946</td>
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<td>77,307</td>
<td>381,356</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>32,354</td>
<td>6,512</td>
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<td>63,236</td>
<td>18,580</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
<td>2,984</td>
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<td>60%</td>
<td>76,356</td>
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<td>2,693</td>
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<td>70%</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>80%</td>
<td>7,575</td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
<td>783</td>
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<td>90%</td>
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<td>877</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>939,979</strong></td>
<td><strong>520,946</strong></td>
<td><strong>329,298</strong></td>
<td><strong>153,689</strong></td>
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#### Table 4

**Rating %**

**Dental/Oral** | **Hemic/Lymphatic** | **Infection/Immune/Nutrition** | **Total all body systems**

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<td>11,409,250</td>
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<td>17,929</td>
<td>2,979</td>
<td>1,876</td>
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<td>9,998</td>
<td>6,537</td>
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<td>5,108</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>2,719</td>
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<td>704</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1,195,199</td>
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<td>60%</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>469</td>
<td>6,741</td>
<td>342,216</td>
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<td>70%</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>631</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>655,040</td>
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<td>80%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>59</td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>75,796</strong></td>
<td><strong>55,444</strong></td>
<td><strong>28,970,943</strong></td>
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30 Totals include 4 disabilities with unknown evaluations and 44 disabilities unidentifiable by body system.
The Three Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Body System

The following table shows the three most prevalent SC disabilities associated with each of VA’s 15 body systems, which contain a total of about 900 disabilities.

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Body system</th>
<th>Disability</th>
<th>Total number of disabilities</th>
<th>% of body system disabilities</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>1,313,306</td>
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<td>Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain</td>
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<td>Limitation of motion of the ankle</td>
<td>767,270</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,210,507</strong></td>
<td><strong>29.8%</strong></td>
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<td>All musculoskeletal disabilities</td>
<td><strong>10,787,062</strong></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auditory</td>
<td>Tinnitus</td>
<td>2,327,387</td>
<td>60.48%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Hearing loss</td>
<td>1,343,013</td>
<td>34.90%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Labyrinthitis</td>
<td>56,908</td>
<td>1.48%</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,727,308</strong></td>
<td><strong>96.9%</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>All auditory disabilities</td>
<td><strong>3,848,413</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Neurological</td>
<td>Paralysis of the sciatic nerve</td>
<td>1,010,640</td>
<td>29.49%</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Migraine</td>
<td>667,878</td>
<td>19.49%</td>
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<td>Paralysis of the median nerve</td>
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<td>All neurological disabilities</td>
<td><strong>3,426,676</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Skin</td>
<td>Scars, general</td>
<td>1,017,297</td>
<td>32.32%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Eczema</td>
<td>465,900</td>
<td>14.80%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Scars, burns (2nd degree)</td>
<td>451,422</td>
<td>14.34%</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mental</td>
<td>Post-traumatic stress disorder</td>
<td>1,186,818</td>
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<td>Major depressive disorder</td>
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<td>Chronic adjustment disorder</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</strong></td>
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The Three Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Body System (Continued)

Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<th>% of body system disabilities</th>
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<td>Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)</td>
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<td>Allergic rhinitis</td>
<td>333,440</td>
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<td>Bronchial asthma</td>
<td>135,848</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Digestive</td>
<td>Hiatal hernia</td>
<td>378,683</td>
<td>32.59%</td>
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<td>Hemorrhoids</td>
<td>275,635</td>
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<td>Irritable bowel syndrome</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>796,975</strong></td>
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<td>Cardiovascular</td>
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<td>Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)</td>
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<td>Prostate gland injuries</td>
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<td>Endocrine</td>
<td>Diabetes mellitus</td>
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<td>Hypothyroidism</td>
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<td>Hyperthyroidism</td>
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### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<td>Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other</td>
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<td>Impairment to field of vision</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis, chronic</td>
<td>32,673</td>
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<td><strong>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Gynecological</strong></td>
<td>Removal of uterus</td>
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<td>16.49%</td>
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<td>Removal of uterus and both ovaries</td>
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<td>11.94%</td>
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<td>Disease or injury of the ovary</td>
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<td><strong>Dental/Oral</strong></td>
<td>Limited motion of the jaw</td>
<td>114,191</td>
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<td>Loss of teeth</td>
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<td>Malunion of lower jaw</td>
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<td>Anemia</td>
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<td>Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma</td>
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<td>Leukemia</td>
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<td><strong>Infection/Immune/Nutrition</strong></td>
<td>Malaria</td>
<td>22,897</td>
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<td>Chronic fatigue syndrome</td>
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<td><strong>55,444</strong></td>
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Most Prevalent SC Disabilities – by Disability Type

The disabilities listed on pages 101 through 103 are grouped by one of over 900 individual disability codes. Disability types in the table below with a 31 footnote are groups of these codes based on the general disability type or condition. VBA created these groups to show more clearly the most prevalent types of disabilities which affect Veterans.

For example: on page 101 under Musculoskeletal Disabilities, only the top 29.8% are listed and two of them are related to limited motion. The table below lists the top 73.9% of Musculoskeletal disabilities, grouping all limitation-of-motion disabilities regardless of body part affected.

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<td>Limitation of motion of a joint or appendage 31</td>
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<td>1,129,931</td>
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<td>Degenerative arthritis of the spine</td>
<td>568,874</td>
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<td>Impairment of the knee, general</td>
<td>447,347</td>
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<td>Flatfoot, acquired</td>
<td>414,494</td>
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<td>Intervertebral Disc Syndrome</td>
<td>361,398</td>
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<td>Residuals of foot injury</td>
<td>272,776</td>
<td>2.53%</td>
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<td>Degenerative arthritis</td>
<td>255,656</td>
<td>2.37%</td>
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<td><strong>7,969,785</strong></td>
<td><strong>73.9%</strong></td>
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<td>Neurological</td>
<td>Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (all types) 31</td>
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<td>667,878</td>
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<td>Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (all types) 31</td>
<td>207,038</td>
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<td>Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (all types) 31</td>
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<td>Brain disease due to trauma</td>
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<td>The Eye</td>
<td>Blind in one or both eyes 31</td>
<td>77,237</td>
<td>23.46%</td>
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<td>Impaired vision - one or both eyes 31</td>
<td>55,327</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis 31</td>
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<td>Excessive tearing</td>
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31 This disability type is composed of several disability codes.
# Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Period of Service

## Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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

#### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

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<td>Hearing loss</td>
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**Total most prevalent Peacetime disabilities**  
**All Peacetime disabilities**

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### SC disabilities per Veteran by period of service – New compensation recipients

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<th>Peacetime Periods</th>
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<td>165,359</td>
<td>38,078</td>
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<td>Disabilities</td>
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<td>6,274</td>
<td>123,598</td>
<td>1,248,966</td>
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<td>Average # of disabilities per Veteran</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>7.6</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>5.7</td>
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GWOT Most Prevalent SC 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. VA cannot identify which of these Veterans filed claims for disabilities incurred during their actual overseas GWOT deployment.

Most prevalent SC disabilities of new GWOT compensation recipients

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<th>%</th>
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<th>%Total</th>
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<td>Auditory</td>
<td>30,948</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
<td>4,529</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
<td>35,495</td>
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<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>27,283</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
<td>5,641</td>
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<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
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<td>23,177</td>
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<td>Lumbosacral or cervical strain</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>18,373</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
<td>4,407</td>
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<td>22,795</td>
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32 Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 153 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 333 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

33 VA is no longer evaluating Veterans who are New to the rolls under the discontinued disability types.
### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

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<td>Lumbosacral or cervical strain35</td>
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34 Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 15,693 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 43,134 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

35 The number of lumbosacral or cervical strain disabilities in this report includes disabilities which, in Annual Benefits Reports prior to FY 13, were counted under 5 discontinued disability names related to lumbosacral or cervical strain.
### GWOT SC Disabilities by Body System and Gender

#### Number of SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

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\(^{36}\) Total includes 43,134 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.
## GWOT Three Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Body System

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

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<td>Musculoskeletal</td>
<td>Limitation of flexion, knee</td>
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<td>Lumbosacral or cervical strain</td>
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<td>Eczema</td>
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<td>Scars, burns (2nd degree)</td>
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<td>Hearing loss</td>
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GWOT Three Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Body System

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Most prevalent SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

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<td>Allergic rhinitis</td>
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<td>Bronchial asthma</td>
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<td>Varicose veins</td>
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<td>Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)</td>
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<td>The Eye</td>
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<td>26,003</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis, chronic</td>
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<td>Excessive tearing</td>
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<td><strong>56,298</strong></td>
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## Most prevalent SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

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<td>Limited motion of the jaw</td>
<td>59,206</td>
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<td>Loss of teeth</td>
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<td>Malunion of lower jaw</td>
<td>1,307</td>
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<td>Removal of uterus</td>
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<td>Iron Deficiency Anemia</td>
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<td>Thrombocytopenia</td>
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<td>Infection/Immune/Nutrition</td>
<td>Chronic fatigue syndrome</td>
<td>5,745</td>
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<td>Systemic lupus erythematosus</td>
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### Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

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

#### New DIC recipients during FY 2016 to FY 2020 by relationship

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<th>Relationship</th>
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<th>2020</th>
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<td>Surviving spouses</td>
<td>27,464</td>
<td>30,280</td>
<td>29,855</td>
<td>30,436</td>
<td>32,461</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
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<td>Surviving children</td>
<td>1,238</td>
<td>1,444</td>
<td>1,398</td>
<td>1,294</td>
<td>1,437</td>
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<td>Surviving parents</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>278</td>
<td>205</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>167</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>28,891</td>
<td>32,002</td>
<td>31,458</td>
<td>31,908</td>
<td>34,065</td>
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#### All DIC recipients by relationship

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<td>Surviving spouses</td>
<td>427,860</td>
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<td>Surviving children</td>
<td>14,357</td>
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<td>3,258</td>
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#### New surviving spouse DIC recipients

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<td>35 and under</td>
<td>510</td>
<td>$11,259,535</td>
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<td>36 - 56</td>
<td>2,284</td>
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<td>57 - 75</td>
<td>21,376</td>
<td>$372,106,153</td>
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<td>Over 75</td>
<td>8,194</td>
<td>$146,799,295</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>32,461</td>
<td>$576,391,906</td>
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37 Total includes 28 recipients unidentifiable by relationship.
38 Total includes 97 recipients and $1,833,145 in estimated annual payments amounts unidentifiable by age.
### All surviving spouse DIC recipients by age

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<td>57 - 75</td>
<td>227,119</td>
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<td>Over 75</td>
<td>169,691</td>
<td>$2,979,160,637</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>427,860</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,425,261,672</strong></td>
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### New surviving child DIC recipients by age

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<td>Under age 18</td>
<td>971</td>
<td>$5,075,609</td>
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<td>Age 18 and over – in school</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>$535,064</td>
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<td>Age 18 and over – helpless</td>
<td>271</td>
<td>$2,220,286</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,437</strong></td>
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<td>Under age 18</td>
<td>5,636</td>
<td>$31,538,489</td>
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<td>Age 18 and over – in school</td>
<td>323</td>
<td>$1,465,942</td>
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<td>Age 18 and over – helpless</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,357</strong></td>
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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 be between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

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39 Total includes 1,005 recipients and $17,764,564 estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.
40 Total includes 77 recipients and $338,598 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.
41 Total includes 135 recipients and $665,612 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.
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