



# 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.



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56 Regional offices  
15,021 employees  
5.7 million compensation and service-connected death benefit recipients

### A note on the data:

The 2021 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, 2021. 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 2021 Compensation Data" on page 2 for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation data are found beginning on page [114](#).



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## The Presentation of FY 2021 Compensation Data

### New to the rolls

Individuals who began receiving benefits during fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021) are considered “New to the rolls,” and the tables are outlined in blue.

### On the rolls

All individuals receiving benefits on September 30, 2021 are considered “On the rolls” and the tables are outlined in green.

These tables include “New to the rolls” recipients.

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

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## Quick Reference: Recipients, Payments and Disabilities

### Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits	280,698
Survivors who began receiving service-connected death benefits	39,103
<b>Total:</b>	<b>319,801</b>

### Estimated annual payments – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	280,698	\$3.71 Billion	\$13,224
Service-Connected Death <sup>1</sup>	39,103	\$0.68 Billion	\$17,400
<b>Total:</b>	<b>319,801</b>	<b>\$4.39 Billion</b>	<b>\$13,734</b>

### Most prevalent service-connected (SC) disabilities of new compensation recipients

Tinnitus	167,862
Limitation of flexion, knee	105,097
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	78,807
Limitation of motion of the arm	68,576
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	64,125
Hearing loss	63,396
Limitation of motion of the ankle	52,608
Post-traumatic stress disorder	48,595
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	45,143
Migraine	43,520
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities</b>	<b>737,729</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,520,560</b>

### Average number of SC disabilities per new compensation recipient

New recipients: 280,698	Total number of disabilities: 1,520,560
<b>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>5.42</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> See page [91](#) for more information.





### Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving compensation benefits	5,225,420
Survivors receiving service-connected death benefits	460,591
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,686,011</b>

### Estimated annual payments– all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	5,225,420	\$98.54 Billion	\$18,858
Service-Connected Death	460,591	\$7.90 Billion	\$17,161
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,686,011</b>	<b>\$106.45 Billion</b>	<b>\$18,721</b>

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Tinnitus	2,500,581
Limitation of flexion, knee	1,474,667
Hearing loss	1,377,713
Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,257,940
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,217,631
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,149,565
Scars, general	992,770
Limitation of motion of the ankle	840,514
Limitation of motion of the arm	769,384
Migraine	743,156
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities:</b>	<b>12,323,921</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>

### Average number of SC disabilities per compensation recipient

All Veterans: 5,225,420	Total number of disabilities <sup>3</sup> : 31,102,270
<b>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>5.95</b>

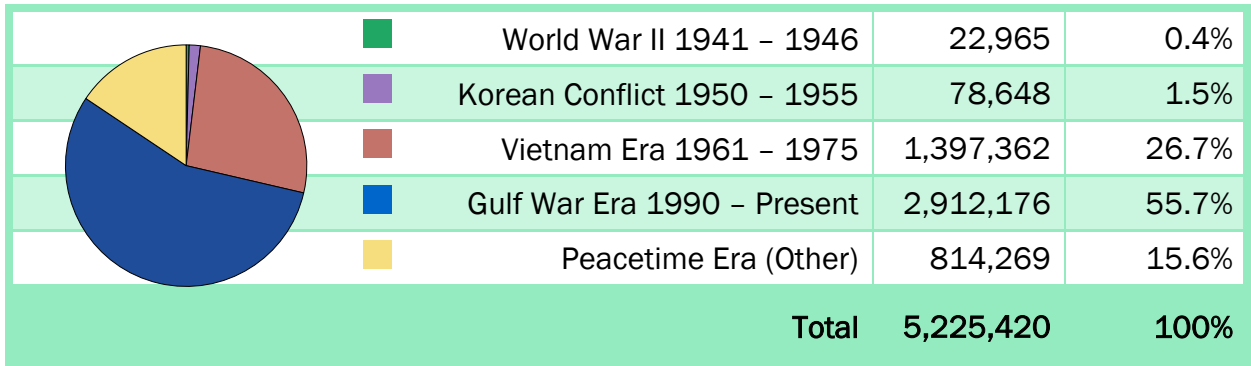
<sup>3</sup> Total does not reflect all claimed disabilities as some disabilities are determined not to be related to service.



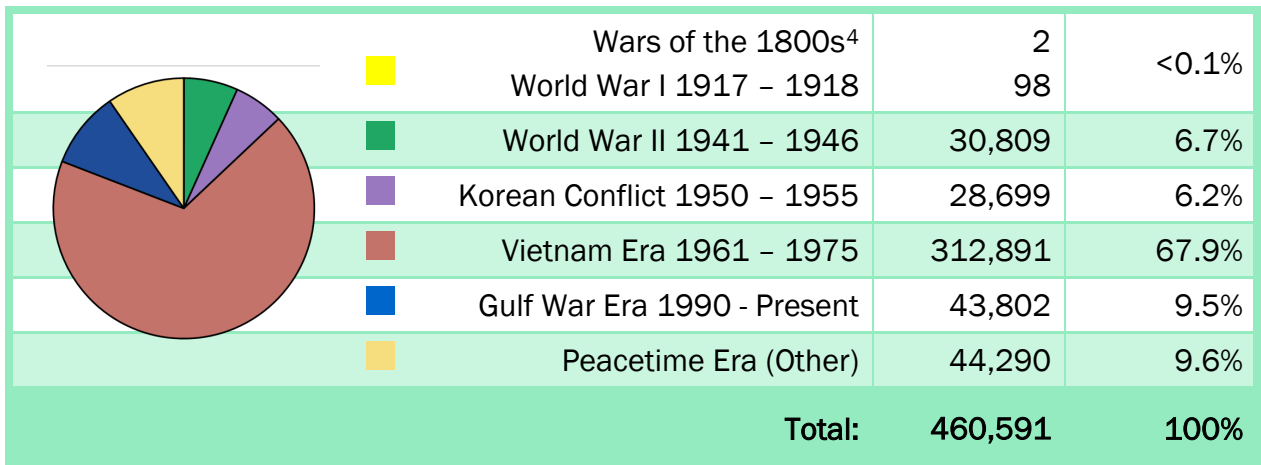


## Quick Reference: Recipients and Disabilities by Period of Service

### All compensation recipients by period of service



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



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

	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era	Peacetime Periods	Total
All Veterans	22,965	78,648	1,397,362	2,912,176	814,269	5,225,420
Disabilities	55,565	195,455	5,645,702	22,311,223	2,894,325	31,102,270
Average # of SC disabilities per Veteran	2.42	2.49	4.04	7.66	3.55	5.95
Total Veteran population <sup>5</sup>	219,684	863,076	5,665,282	8,211,348	4,203,099	19,162,489

<sup>4</sup> Wars of 1800s include the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898-1902), and the Mexican Border Period (1916-1917).

<sup>5</sup> According to VetPop2018

[https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran\\_Population.asp](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp).

## 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

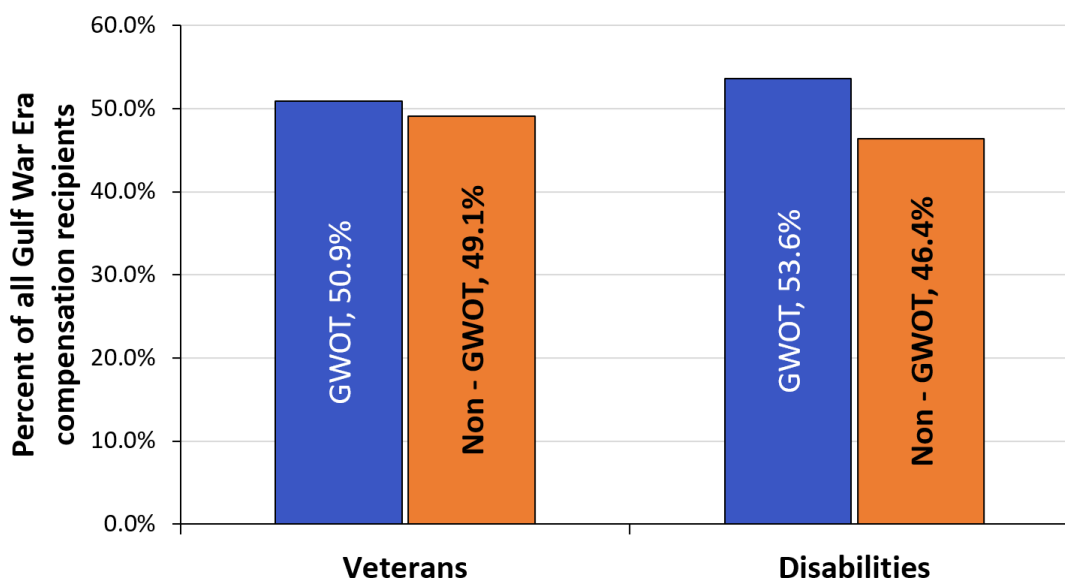
GWOT	1,483,210	50.9%
Non-GWOT	1,428,966	49.1%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>2,912,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

GWOT	11,953,646	53.6%
Non-GWOT	10,357,577	46.4%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>22,311,223</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

GWOT	Non-GWOT	Gulf War Era Total
8.06	7.25	7.66



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## 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 2017 to FY 2021

Combined degree	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chg. FY 2020 to 2021
0% <sup>6</sup>	517	352	341	443	291	-34%
10%	79,841	76,106	93,819	72,118	82,974	15%
20%	26,904	23,706	26,106	20,174	21,036	4%
30%	26,615	22,697	24,812	19,983	20,645	3%
40%	23,728	20,563	22,169	17,377	19,826	14%
50%	21,561	19,191	20,845	18,174	19,231	6%
60%	24,338	21,130	22,426	18,398	20,824	13%
70%	25,331	23,252	25,801	23,365	25,557	9%
80%	19,875	18,631	19,022	16,519	18,097	10%
90%	18,683	17,982	18,788	17,465	18,525	6%
100%	29,325	30,918	34,962	34,628	33,692	-3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>296,718</b>	<b>274,528</b>	<b>309,091</b>	<b>258,644</b>	<b>280,698</b>	<b>9%</b>

<sup>6</sup> 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.





### All compensation recipients FY 2017 to FY 2021

Combined degree	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chg. FY 2020 to 2021
0%	9,567	9,019	8,446	8,055	7,481	-7%
10%	870,547	883,629	900,686	897,386	894,954	0%
20%	447,341	441,456	435,374	425,264	411,876	-3%
30%	402,871	398,301	392,592	383,648	370,451	-3%
40%	384,240	384,798	383,752	378,730	370,749	-2%
50%	292,608	297,779	300,811	301,172	297,301	-1%
60%	407,506	421,137	431,720	436,617	437,719	0%
70%	423,956	447,330	469,606	486,296	498,884	3%
80%	394,925	426,483	455,239	478,731	501,701	5%
90%	309,933	348,325	387,876	422,989	461,406	9%
100%	609,325	684,851	778,173	862,804	972,898	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,552,819</b>	<b>4,743,108</b>	<b>4,944,275</b>	<b>5,081,692</b>	<b>5,225,420</b>	<b>3%</b>



## Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### New compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>7</sup>	% Total
0%	262	0.11%	28	0.07%	291	0.10%
10%	76,101	31.56%	6,302	16.43%	82,974	29.56%
20%	18,617	7.72%	2,277	5.94%	21,036	7.49%
30%	17,609	7.30%	2,959	7.72%	20,645	7.35%
40%	17,111	7.10%	2,662	6.94%	19,826	7.06%
50%	15,735	6.53%	3,425	8.93%	19,231	6.85%
60%	17,644	7.32%	3,118	8.13%	20,824	7.42%
70%	20,658	8.57%	4,839	12.62%	25,557	9.10%
80%	14,609	6.06%	3,452	9.00%	18,097	6.45%
90%	14,746	6.12%	3,745	9.77%	18,525	6.60%
100%	28,023	11.62%	5,540	14.45%	33,692	12.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>241,115</b>		<b>38,347</b>		<b>280,698</b>	



### All compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>8</sup>	% Total
0%	6,481	0.14%	569	0.10%	7,481	0.14%
10%	813,766	17.80%	61,783	10.57%	894,951	17.13%
20%	367,680	8.04%	36,230	6.20%	411,876	7.88%
30%	322,950	7.06%	40,752	6.97%	370,450	7.09%
40%	325,081	7.11%	40,473	6.92%	365,555	7.00%
50%	254,523	5.57%	39,214	6.71%	297,301	5.69%
60%	383,196	8.38%	49,800	8.52%	432,998	8.29%
70%	428,654	9.37%	65,660	11.23%	498,883	9.55%
80%	431,292	9.43%	66,677	11.41%	497,975	9.53%
90%	392,547	8.58%	66,139	11.31%	458,687	8.78%
100%	846,548	18.51%	117,286	20.06%	963,839	18.45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,572,718</b>		<b>584,583</b>		<b>5,225,420</b>	

<sup>8</sup> Total includes 68,099 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/>, for actual amounts paid by VA.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>9</sup>
0% <sup>10</sup>	\$346,670	\$37,493	\$385,504
10%	\$131,721,362	\$10,909,854	\$143,622,330
20%	\$64,140,918	\$7,779,577	\$72,407,005
30%	\$97,815,240	\$16,568,430	\$114,803,754
40%	\$137,649,666	\$21,459,719	\$159,527,844
50%	\$179,056,104	\$38,977,534	\$218,832,506
60%	\$256,253,970	\$45,186,552	\$302,326,735
70%	\$378,199,190	\$88,477,243	\$467,761,261
80%	\$314,952,184	\$73,817,419	\$389,543,862
90%	\$366,034,746	\$91,173,941	\$458,050,912
100%	\$1,155,087,472	\$224,330,267	\$1,384,647,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,081,257,523</b>	<b>\$618,718,029</b>	<b>\$3,711,909,584</b>

<sup>9</sup> Total includes \$11,934,032 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.

<sup>10</sup> 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

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>11</sup>
0%	\$7,994,699	\$751,416	\$9,280,342
10%	\$1,417,362,546	\$107,861,227	\$1,559,108,454
20%	\$1,277,623,142	\$124,536,608	\$1,430,046,169
30%	\$1,886,086,823	\$240,087,154	\$2,165,208,218
40%	\$2,746,642,392	\$343,141,731	\$3,089,791,752
50%	\$3,040,997,137	\$468,023,065	\$3,550,954,291
60%	\$6,272,623,380	\$780,108,623	\$7,052,811,727
70%	\$10,105,579,638	\$1,470,266,859	\$11,691,067,130
80%	\$11,424,134,487	\$1,666,210,364	\$13,090,581,155
90%	\$11,710,004,865	\$1,865,271,744	\$13,575,316,470
100%	\$35,779,339,033	\$4,848,677,441	\$40,628,249,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,668,388,142</b>	<b>\$11,914,936,230</b>	<b>\$98,543,376,806</b>

<sup>11</sup> Total includes \$959,426,894 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.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual average individual payment		
	Male	Female	Total
0%	\$1,323	\$1,339	\$1,325
10%	\$1,731	\$1,731	\$1,731
20%	\$3,445	\$3,417	\$3,442
30%	\$5,555	\$5,599	\$5,561
40%	\$8,045	\$8,062	\$8,046
50%	\$11,379	\$11,380	\$11,379
60%	\$14,524	\$14,492	\$14,518
70%	\$18,308	\$18,284	\$18,303
80%	\$21,559	\$21,384	\$21,525
90%	\$24,823	\$24,346	\$24,726
100%	\$41,219	\$40,493	\$41,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,779</b>	<b>\$16,135</b>	<b>\$13,224</b>



### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual average individual payment		
	Male	Female	Total
0%	\$1,234	\$1,325	\$1,242
10%	\$1,742	\$1,746	\$1,742
20%	\$3,475	\$3,437	\$3,472
30%	\$5,840	\$5,891	\$5,845
40%	\$8,449	\$8,478	\$8,452
50%	\$11,948	\$11,935	\$11,944
60%	\$16,369	\$15,665	\$16,288
70%	\$23,575	\$22,392	\$23,434
80%	\$26,488	\$24,989	\$26,288
90%	\$29,831	\$28,202	\$29,596
100%	\$42,265	\$41,341	\$42,153
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,735</b>	<b>\$20,382</b>	<b>\$18,858</b>



## Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Age 34 and under	92,614	\$1,348,680,262	\$14,562
Age 35 through 54	94,900	\$1,526,129,917	\$16,081
Age 55 through 74	70,250	\$598,006,852	\$8,513
Age 75 and over	22,933	\$239,049,325	\$10,424
<b>Total</b>	<b>280,698</b>	<b>\$3,711,909,584</b>	<b>\$13,224</b>

### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Age 34 and under	590,578	\$10,926,838,150	\$18,502
Age 35 through 54	1,669,020	\$34,099,220,667	\$20,431
Age 55 through 74	2,136,658	\$39,348,028,724	\$18,416
Age 75 and over	828,913	\$14,167,624,301	\$17,092
<b>Total<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>5,225,420</b>	<b>\$98,543,376,806</b>	<b>\$18,858</b>

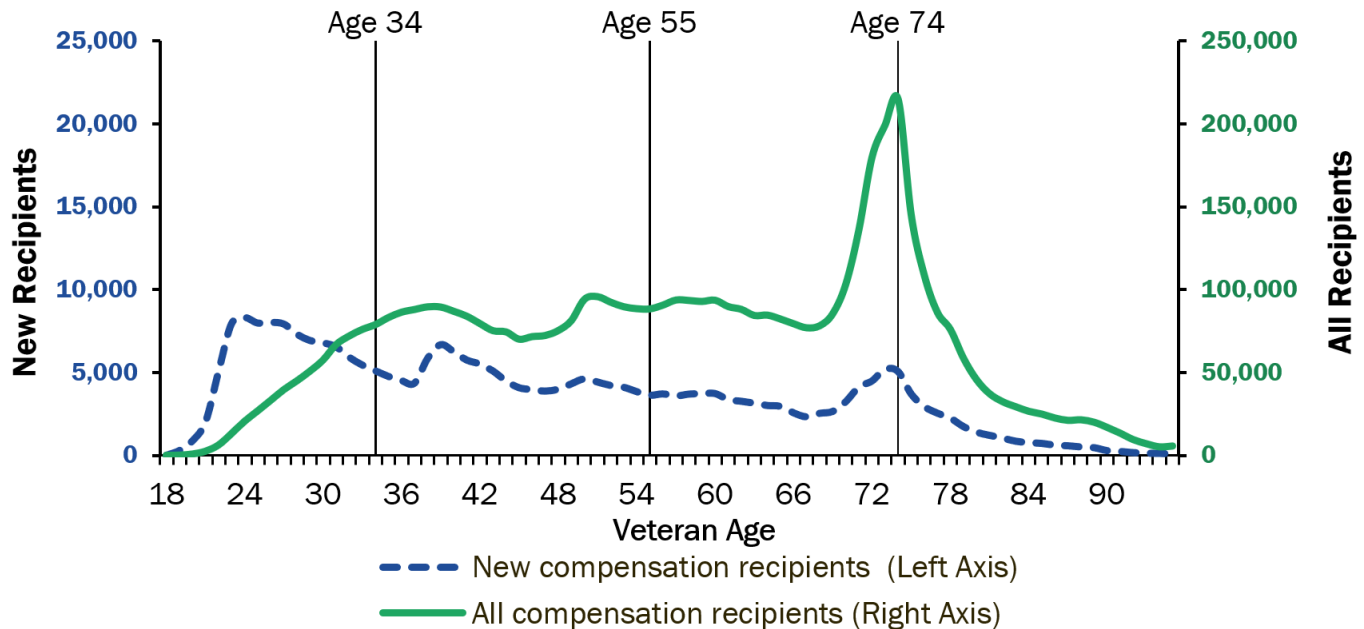
<sup>12</sup> Total includes 251 Veterans and \$1,664,965 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

## Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age



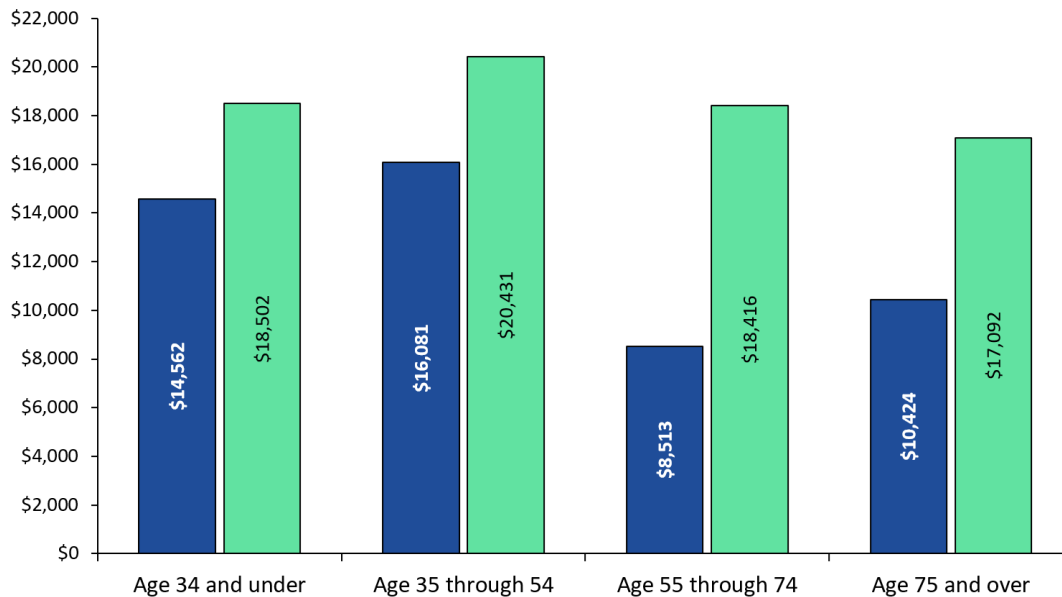
The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2021 (blue line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green line, right axis).

### 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 2021 (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



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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 annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
World War II	519	\$7,632,529	\$14,706
Korean Conflict	2,210	\$25,438,693	\$11,511
Vietnam Era	42,488	\$421,760,793	\$9,927
Gulf War Era	198,384	\$3,011,413,606	\$15,180
Peacetime Era	37,097	\$245,663,962	\$6,622
<b>Total</b>	<b>280,698</b>	<b>\$3,711,909,584</b>	<b>\$13,224</b>

### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Period of service	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
World War II	22,965	\$327,391,341	\$14,256
Korean Conflict	78,648	\$1,028,557,642	\$13,078
Vietnam Era	1,397,362	\$28,003,353,308	\$20,040
Gulf War Era	2,912,176	\$58,174,107,059	\$19,976
Peacetime Era	814,269	\$11,009,967,456	\$13,521
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,225,420</b>	<b>\$98,543,376,806</b>	<b>\$18,858</b>

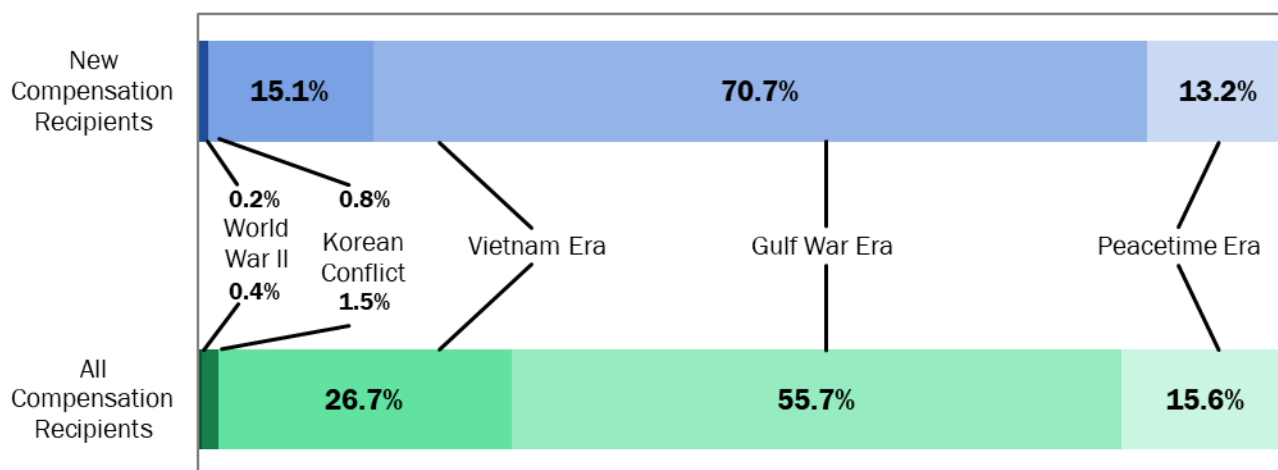


## Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service



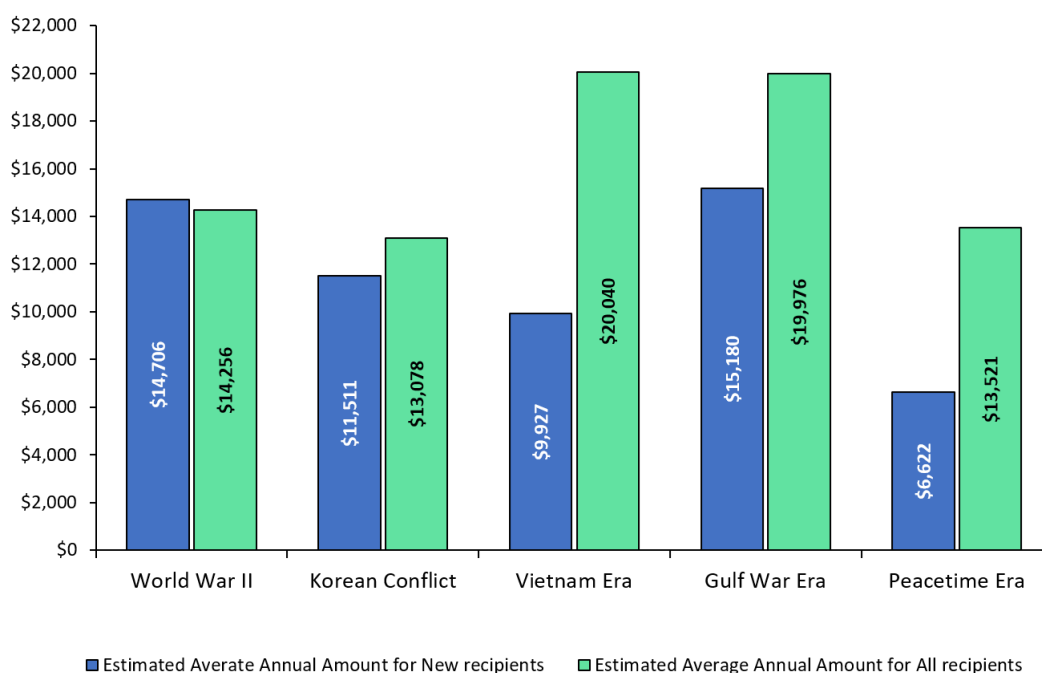
The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The blue bars in the top row are new compensation recipients and the green bars on the bottom row indicate all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year.

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



The chart below displays the estimated annual average individual payments to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2021 (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.

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



■ Estimated Average Annual Amount for New recipients ■ Estimated Average Annual Amount for All recipients



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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 are included with all other discussions of period of service.

### New GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Male	50,784	\$774,601,578	\$15,253
Female	8,961	\$159,892,566	\$17,843
<b>Total<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>59,804</b>	<b>\$935,253,182</b>	<b>\$15,639</b>

### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Male	1,222,287	\$26,554,566,685	\$21,725
Female	201,029	\$4,530,219,489	\$22,535
<b>Total<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>1,428,966</b>	<b>\$31,195,292,766</b>	<b>\$21,831</b>

<sup>13</sup> Total includes 59 Veterans and \$759,038 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record.

<sup>14</sup> Total includes 5,650 Veterans and \$110,506,592 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 annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
0%	30	\$38,731	\$1,291
10%	12,265	\$21,212,576	\$1,730
20%	3,164	\$10,825,699	\$3,422
30%	4,225	\$23,951,342	\$5,669
40%	4,361	\$35,715,384	\$8,190
50%	4,792	\$55,336,590	\$11,548
60%	5,279	\$77,769,210	\$14,732
70%	7,725	\$142,536,951	\$18,451
80%	4,731	\$102,662,552	\$21,700
90%	5,009	\$124,369,968	\$24,829
100%	8,223	\$340,834,180	\$41,449
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,804</b>	<b>\$935,253,182</b>	<b>\$15,639</b>



## GWOT Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### All GWOT compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>15</sup>	% Total
0%	476	0.04%	82	0.04%	567	0.04%
10%	95,297	7.80%	12,127	6.03%	108,208	7.57%
20%	59,796	4.89%	8,509	4.23%	68,830	4.82%
30%	71,101	5.82%	11,317	5.63%	82,769	5.79%
40%	82,407	6.74%	13,081	6.51%	95,838	6.71%
50%	74,685	6.11%	12,378	6.16%	87,385	6.12%
60%	123,484	10.10%	17,854	8.88%	141,799	9.92%
70%	139,410	11.41%	22,271	11.08%	162,177	11.35%
80%	159,369	13.04%	26,737	13.30%	186,695	13.07%
90%	152,848	12.51%	27,971	13.91%	181,363	12.69%
100%	263,414	21.55%	48,702	24.23%	313,335	21.93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,222,287</b>		<b>201,029</b>		<b>1,428,966</b>	

## GWOT Estimated Annual Total Payment by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender



### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>16</sup>
0%	\$635,504	\$108,611	\$756,183
10%	\$165,926,499	\$21,088,181	\$188,381,476
20%	\$205,794,597	\$29,220,368	\$236,818,025
30%	\$427,218,677	\$67,799,902	\$497,151,495
40%	\$712,074,684	\$112,356,394	\$827,450,196
50%	\$910,693,962	\$149,581,247	\$1,064,218,304
60%	\$1,910,722,681	\$272,783,567	\$2,190,732,444
70%	\$2,899,757,532	\$459,111,132	\$3,368,999,964
80%	\$3,879,263,300	\$638,565,569	\$4,532,007,581
90%	\$4,293,255,322	\$766,392,985	\$5,075,059,061
100%	\$11,149,223,927	\$2,013,211,533	\$13,213,718,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,554,566,685</b>	<b>\$4,530,219,489</b>	<b>\$31,195,292,766</b>

<sup>16</sup> Total includes \$110,506,592 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

Combined degree	Estimated annual average individual payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>17</sup>
0%	\$1,341	\$1,341	\$1,341
10%	\$1,741	\$1,739	\$1,741
20%	\$3,442	\$3,434	\$3,441
30%	\$6,009	\$5,991	\$6,006
40%	\$8,641	\$8,589	\$8,634
50%	\$12,194	\$12,084	\$12,179
60%	\$15,473	\$15,279	\$15,450
70%	\$20,800	\$20,615	\$20,774
80%	\$24,341	\$23,883	\$24,275
90%	\$28,088	\$27,400	\$27,983
100%	\$42,326	\$41,337	\$42,171
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,725</b>	<b>\$22,535</b>	<b>\$21,831</b>

<sup>17</sup> Total includes average of \$19,559 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 2021. 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 2021.

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 2017 to FY 2021

Body system	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chg. FY 2020 to 2021
Musculoskeletal	611,857	606,604	656,407	627,325	664,187	5.5%
Auditory	247,944	239,837	278,501	217,866	238,456	8.6%
Neurological	145,617	143,876	152,415	148,527	151,550	2.0%
Skin	150,311	142,790	154,559	140,281	136,490	-2.8%
Mental	97,897	91,746	97,120	92,176	100,253	8.1%
Respiratory	74,633	69,838	72,565	65,037	66,758	2.6%
Digestive	55,438	52,425	54,521	49,785	49,571	-0.4%
Genitourinary	41,871	38,678	39,969	39,436	35,937	-9.7%
Cardiovascular	37,260	33,131	34,062	30,945	28,305	-9.3%
The Eye	15,388	15,445	16,676	15,882	16,228	2.1%
Dental/Oral	17,000	13,308	13,249	12,921	9,327	-38.5%
Gynecological	8,365	8,504	9,771	10,010	9,249	-8.2%
Endocrine	7,316	8,040	9,054	9,099	8,828	-3.1%
Hemic/Lymphatic	4,311	3,838	3,734	3,736	3,328	-12.3%
Infection/ Immune/Nutrition	1,740	1,746	1,870	1,949	2,093	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,516,948</b>	<b>1,469,806</b>	<b>1,594,475</b>	<b>1,465,006</b>	<b>1,520,560</b>	<b>3.7%</b>



## Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients FY 2017 to FY 2021

Body system	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chg. FY 2020 to 2021
Musculoskeletal	8,481,844	9,232,650	10,034,349	10,787,062	11,724,365	8.0%
Auditory	3,101,223	3,363,237	3,651,672	3,848,413	4,064,400	5.3%
Neurological	2,561,741	2,842,749	3,147,086	3,426,676	3,770,120	9.1%
Skin	2,503,676	2,719,071	2,952,061	3,147,221	3,364,340	6.5%
Mental	1,622,814	1,754,644	1,891,552	2,019,735	2,163,197	6.6%
Respiratory	1,058,623	1,147,705	1,241,294	1,324,533	1,427,166	7.2%
Digestive	992,557	1,049,665	1,108,885	1,161,794	1,228,124	5.4%
Cardiovascular	973,411	997,129	1,020,994	1,039,481	1,052,549	1.2%
Genitourinary	785,903	837,693	890,453	939,979	989,955	5.0%
Endocrine	510,195	515,030	517,852	520,946	513,783	-1.4%
The Eye	282,611	298,751	315,408	329,298	345,080	4.6%
Gynecological	118,540	129,502	141,707	153,689	167,913	8.5%
Dental/Oral	107,895	118,309	129,816	140,832	154,112	8.6%
Hemic/Lymphatic	63,783	68,280	72,257	75,796	78,984	4.0%
Infection/Immune /Nutrition	51,679	52,714	53,933	55,444	58,182	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,216,495</b>	<b>25,127,129</b>	<b>27,169,321</b>	<b>28,970,943</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>	<b>6.9%</b>



## Number of SC Disabilities by Evaluation and Gender

### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability Evaluation	Male <sup>18</sup>	Female	Total <sup>19</sup>
0%	8,182,189	1,363,876	9,621,961
10%	10,494,594	1,656,343	12,248,124
20%	3,106,342	378,341	3,514,221
30%	1,657,712	331,765	2,008,916
40%	623,681	85,329	715,979
50%	1,126,631	196,087	1,331,118
60%	317,107	31,127	352,625
70%	621,531	109,309	735,687
80%	23,470	1,495	25,380
90%	5,211	194	5,510
100%	487,825	48,335	542,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,646,293</b>	<b>4,202,201</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>

<sup>18</sup> Total include 8 male disabilities unidentifiable by evaluation.

<sup>19</sup> Total includes 253,776 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



## Number of SC Disabilities by Body System and Gender



### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total <sup>20</sup>
Musculoskeletal	9,852,845	1,794,911	11,724,365
Auditory	3,792,992	224,037	4,064,400
Neurological	3,223,526	519,350	3,770,120
Skin	2,853,115	481,544	3,364,340
Mental	1,822,665	322,863	2,163,197
Respiratory	1,199,105	218,941	1,427,166
Digestive	1,041,181	177,841	1,228,124
Cardiovascular	951,030	91,150	1,052,549
Genitourinary	922,863	57,448	989,955
Endocrine	466,826	38,585	513,783
The Eye	291,399	50,265	345,080
Gynecological	7,190	158,813	167,913
Dental/Oral	115,998	36,895	154,112
Hemic/Lymphatic	57,270	20,683	78,984
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	48,288	8,875	58,182
<b>Total all disabilities</b>	<b>26,646,293</b>	<b>4,202,201</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>

<sup>20</sup> Total includes 253,776 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



## 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

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	150,822	12.1%	16,255	6.0%	167,862	11.0%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	86,759	7.0%	18,199	6.7%	105,097	6.9%
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	Musculoskeletal	63,322	5.1%	15,364	5.7%	78,807	5.2%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	59,107	4.7%	9,368	3.5%	68,576	4.5%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	52,437	4.2%	11,543	4.3%	64,125	4.2%
6100-Hearing loss	Auditory	60,927	4.9%	1,936	0.7%	63,396	4.2%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	43,578	3.5%	8,939	3.3%	52,608	3.5%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	39,037	3.1%	9,438	3.5%	48,595	3.2%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	37,809	3.0%	7,221	2.7%	45,143	3.0%
Migraine	Neurological	31,980	2.6%	11,466	4.2%	43,520	2.9%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>625,778</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>109,729</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>737,729</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>21</sup></b>		<b>1,246,422</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>270,241</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,520,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>21</sup> Total includes 3,897 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	2,305,775	8.7%	170,035	4.0%	2,500,581	8.0%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	1,247,244	4.7%	220,879	5.3%	1,474,667	4.7%
Hearing loss	Auditory	1,326,350	5.0%	31,340	0.7%	1,377,713	4.4%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	1,104,385	4.1%	143,565	3.4%	1,257,940	4.0%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>22</sup>	Musculoskeletal	1,003,179	3.8%	207,484	4.9%	1,217,631	3.9%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	1,020,664	3.8%	121,082	2.9%	1,149,565	3.7%
Scars, general	Skin	853,545	3.2%	127,962	3.0%	992,770	3.2%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	724,299	2.7%	112,121	2.7%	840,514	2.7%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	678,770	2.5%	87,385	2.1%	769,384	2.5%
Migraine	Neurological	557,708	2.1%	181,560	4.3%	743,156	2.4%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities<sup>23</sup></b>		<b>10,821,919</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,403,413</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>12,323,921</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>24</sup></b>		<b>26,646,293</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,202,201</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> Total includes 98,589 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>24</sup> Total includes 253,776 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



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## 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

Body system	Detail table	Total number	Percent of all disabilities	Most common degree of disability
Musculoskeletal	1	11,724,365	37.7%	10%
Auditory	1	4,064,400	13.1%	10%
Neurological	1	3,770,120	12.1%	10%
Skin	1	3,364,340	10.8%	0%
Mental	2	2,163,197	7.0%	70%
Respiratory	2	1,427,166	4.6%	0%
Digestive	2	1,228,124	3.9%	0%
Cardiovascular	2	1,052,549	3.4%	0%
Genitourinary	3	989,955	3.2%	0%
Endocrine	3	513,783	1.7%	20%
The Eye	3	345,080	1.1%	10%
Gynecological	3	167,913	0.5%	0%
Dental/Oral	4	154,112	0.5%	10%
Hemic/Lymphatic	4	78,984	0.3%	0%
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	4	58,182	0.2%	0%
<b>Total all conditions<sup>25</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10%</b>

## Number of SC Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System and Evaluation



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

Rating %	Musculoskeletal		Auditory		Neurological		Skin	
0%	2,725,004	23.2%	1,143,301	28.1%	560,225	14.9%	2,584,295	76.8%
10%	6,137,892	52.4%	2,682,149	66.0%	1,463,253	38.8%	594,188	17.7%
20%	1,844,909	15.7%	61,890	1.5%	963,990	25.6%	42,868	1.3%
30%	451,810	3.9%	66,239	1.6%	392,008	10.4%	104,840	3.1%
40%	355,107	3.0%	35,349	0.9%	189,520	5.0%	3,328	0.1%
50%	118,362	1.0%	24,275	0.6%	153,112	4.1%	5,618	0.2%
60%	54,821	0.5%	12,171	0.3%	16,634	0.4%	27,397	0.8%
70%	5,308	<0.1%	7,856	0.2%	15,341	0.4%	11	<0.1%
80%	1,223	<0.1%	7,653	0.2%	5,886	0.2%	1,226	<0.1%
90%	1,012	<0.1%	3,045	0.1%	492	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
100%	28,917	0.2%	20,472	0.5%	9,659	0.3%	566	<0.1%
<b>Total<sup>26</sup></b>	<b>11,724,365</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,064,400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,770,120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,364,340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 2**

Rating %	Mental		Respiratory		Digestive		Cardiovascular	
0%	39,783	1.8%	556,750	39.0%	629,113	51.2%	334,819	31.8%
10%	113,939	5.3%	238,156	16.7%	375,337	30.6%	332,276	31.6%
20%	564	<0.1%	2,758	0.2%	43,070	3.5%	52,801	5.0%
30%	453,764	21.0%	144,166	10.1%	142,058	11.6%	130,643	12.4%
40%	574	<0.1%	311	<0.1%	6,109	0.5%	22,306	2.1%
50%	562,510	26.0%	438,707	30.7%	2,049	0.2%	386	<0.1%
60%	458	<0.1%	23,376	1.6%	17,986	1.5%	102,383	9.7%
70%	703,955	32.5%	23	<0.1%	333	<0.1%	52	<0.1%
80%	8	<0.1%	13	<0.1%	592	<0.1%	17	<0.1%
90%	36	<0.1%	5	<0.1%	3	<0.1%	22	<0.1%
100%	287,606	13.3%	22,901	1.6%	11,474	0.9%	76,844	7.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,163,197</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,427,166</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,228,124</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,052,549</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>26</sup> Totals include 1 auditory, 5 musculoskeletal, 1 respiratory, and 1 digestive disabilities with unknown evaluation.



## Number of SC Disabilities, Prevalence by Body System and Evaluation (Continued)

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

Rating %	Genitourinary		Endocrine		The Eye		Gynecological	
0%	616,407	62.3%	28,670	5.6%	196,049	56.8%	90,617	54.0%
10%	53,667	5.4%	77,878	15.2%	78,272	22.7%	16,973	10.1%
20%	81,838	8.3%	370,942	72.2%	23,302	6.8%	259	0.2%
30%	31,988	3.2%	7,259	1.4%	28,206	8.2%	35,710	21.3%
40%	67,982	6.9%	18,013	3.5%	6,264	1.8%	804	0.5%
50%	28	<0.1%	18	<0.1%	3,012	0.9%	22,255	13.3%
60%	78,735	8.0%	7,145	1.4%	2,751	0.8%	349	0.2%
70%	13	<0.1%	3	<0.1%	2,158	0.6%	2	<0.1%
80%	7,652	0.8%	1	<0.1%	815	0.2%	257	0.2%
90%	-	-	1	<0.1%	888	0.3%	-	-
100%	51,645	5.2%	3,853	0.7%	3,363	1.0%	687	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>989,955</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>513,783</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>345,080</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>167,913</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 4**

Rating %	Dental/Oral		Hemic/Lymphatic		Infection/ Immune/Nutrition		Total all body systems <sup>27</sup>	
0%	46,857	30.4%	36,191	45.8%	33,880	58.2%	9,621,961	30.9%
10%	67,586	43.9%	10,654	13.5%	5,904	10.1%	12,248,124	39.4%
20%	20,046	13.0%	3,000	3.8%	1,984	3.4%	3,514,221	11.3%
30%	12,056	7.8%	6,390	8.1%	1,779	3.1%	2,008,916	6.5%
40%	6,716	4.4%	363	0.5%	3,233	5.6%	715,979	2.3%
50%	761	0.5%	7	<0.1%	18	<0.1%	1,331,118	4.3%
60%	5	<0.1%	530	0.7%	7,884	13.6%	352,625	1.1%
70%	23	<0.1%	604	0.8%	5	<0.1%	735,687	2.4%
80%	2	<0.1%	2	<0.1%	33	0.1%	25,380	0.1%
90%	1	<0.1%	-	-	2	<0.1%	5,510	<0.1%
100%	59	<0.1%	21,243	26.9%	3,460	5.9%	542,749	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,112</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78,984</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>58,182</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>27</sup> Totals include 6 disabilities with unknown evaluations.

## 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

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,474,667	12.58%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,217,631	10.39%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	840,514	7.17%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>3,532,812</b>	<b>30.1%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>11,724,365</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	2,500,581	61.52%
	Hearing loss	1,377,713	33.90%
	Labyrinthitis	63,475	1.56%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>3,941,769</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>4,064,400</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,149,565	30.49%
	Migraine	743,156	19.71%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	263,454	6.99%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>2,156,175</b>	<b>57.2%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>3,770,120</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	992,770	29.51%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	595,492	17.70%
	Eczema	481,521	14.31%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>2,069,783</b>	<b>61.5%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>3,364,340</b>	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,257,940	58.15%
	Major depressive disorder	265,374	12.27%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	132,923	6.14%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>1,656,237</b>	<b>76.6%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>2,163,197</b>	





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

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of body system disabilities
Respiratory	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	452,343	31.70%
	Allergic rhinitis	365,140	25.58%
	Bronchial asthma	142,049	9.95%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>959,532</b>	<b>67.2%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>1,427,166</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	407,960	33.22%
	Hemorrhoids	285,334	23.23%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	163,719	13.33%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>857,013</b>	<b>69.8%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>1,228,124</b>	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	448,398	42.60%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	227,274	21.59%
	Varicose veins	80,017	7.60%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>755,689</b>	<b>71.8%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>1,052,549</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	425,903	43.02%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	146,506	14.80%
	Prostate gland injuries	62,724	6.34%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>635,133</b>	<b>64.2%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>989,955</b>	
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	433,301	84.34%
	Hypothyroidism	52,684	10.25%
	Hyperthyroidism	8,972	1.75%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>494,957</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>513,783</b>	





## Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of body system disabilities
The Eye	Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other	65,758	19.06%
	Excessive tearing	37,502	10.87%
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	34,934	10.12%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>138,194</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>345,080</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	26,431	15.74%
	Disease or injury of the ovary	19,672	11.72%
	Removal of uterus and both ovaries	18,669	11.12%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>64,772</b>	<b>38.6%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>167,913</b>	
Dental/Oral	Limited motion of the jaw	126,854	82.31%
	Loss of teeth	9,308	6.04%
	Malunion of lower jaw	8,380	5.44%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>144,542</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>154,112</b>	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	22,556	28.56%
	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	12,946	16.39%
	Leukemia	9,305	11.78%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>44,807</b>	<b>56.7%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>78,984</b>	
Infection/Immune/ Nutrition	Malaria	21,805	37.48%
	Chronic fatigue syndrome	16,771	28.83%
	HIV-related illness	5,579	9.59%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>44,155</b>	<b>75.9%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>58,182</b>	



## 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 <sup>28</sup> 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 30.1% are listed and two of them are related to limited motion. The table below lists the top 75.7% of Musculoskeletal disabilities, grouping all limitation-of-motion disabilities regardless of body part affected.

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Body system	Disability type	Total number	% of body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Limitation of motion of a joint or appendage <sup>28</sup>	5,171,686	44.11%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,217,631	10.39%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	601,102	5.13%
	Impairment of the knee, general	455,012	3.88%
	Flatfoot, acquired	451,594	3.85%
	Intervertebral Disc Syndrome	389,702	3.32%
	Thigh condition, general	305,656	2.61%
	Residuals of foot injury	284,901	2.43%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>8,877,284</b>	<b>75.7%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>11,724,365</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>28</sup>	2,432,655	64.52%
	Migraine	743,156	19.71%
	Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>28</sup>	204,158	5.42%
	Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>28</sup>	143,000	3.79%
	Brain disease due to trauma	138,833	3.68%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>3,661,802</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>3,770,120</b>	
The Eye	Blind in one or both eyes <sup>28</sup>	79,629	23.08%
	Impaired vision - one or both eyes <sup>28</sup>	55,025	15.95%
	Excessive tearing	37,502	10.87%
	Conjunctivitis <sup>28</sup>	35,379	10.25%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>207,535</b>	<b>60.1%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>345,080</b>	

## Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Period of Service



### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service (POS)	Disability	Total number	% of all POS disabilities
World War II	Hearing loss	13,084	23.5%
	Tinnitus	9,405	16.9%
	Residuals of cold injury	2,538	4.6%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	2,415	4.3%
	Scars, general	1,727	3.1%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	1,014	1.8%
	Generalized anxiety disorder	741	1.3%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	714	1.3%
	Scars, head, face or neck	669	1.2%
	Traumatic arthritis	616	1.1%
Total most prevalent World War II disabilities		32,923	59.3%
All World War II disabilities		55,565	
Korean Conflict	Hearing loss	51,158	26.2%
	Tinnitus	42,806	21.9%
	Residuals of cold injury	8,946	4.6%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	6,516	3.3%
	Scars, general	5,660	2.9%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	3,269	1.7%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	2,840	1.5%
	Scars, head, face or neck	2,136	1.1%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,979	1.0%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,867	1.0%
Total most prevalent Korean Conflict disabilities		127,177	65.1%
All Korean Conflict disabilities		195,455	



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

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of POS disabilities
Vietnam Era	Tinnitus	639,032	11.3%
	Hearing loss	580,781	10.3%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	393,639	7.0%
	Diabetes mellitus	355,793	6.3%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	346,073	6.1%
	Scars, general	213,731	3.8%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (Coronary artery disease)	186,789	3.3%
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	164,809	2.9%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	129,451	2.3%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	82,665	1.5%
Total most prevalent Vietnam Era disabilities		3,092,763	54.8%
All Vietnam Era disabilities		5,645,702	
Gulf War Era	Tinnitus	1,482,514	6.6%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,313,624	5.9%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,056,543	4.7%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	797,001	3.6%
	Scars, general	736,666	3.3%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	702,900	3.2%
	Migraine	689,917	3.1%
	Limitation of motion of the arm	672,463	3.0%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	659,827	3.0%
	Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	494,276	2.2%
Total most prevalent Gulf War Era disabilities		8,605,731	38.6%
All Gulf War Era disabilities		22,311,223	



### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of POS disabilities
Peacetime	Tinnitus	326,824	11.3%
	Hearing loss	251,891	8.7%
	Scars, general	111,825	3.9%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	109,592	3.8%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	101,665	3.5%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	89,561	3.1%
	Impairment of the knee, general	67,146	2.3%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	64,423	2.2%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	58,369	2.0%
	Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	57,221	2.0%
<b>Total most prevalent Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>1,238,517</b>	<b>42.8%</b>
<b>All Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>2,894,325</b>	

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

	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era	Peacetime Periods	Total
New Veterans	519	2,210	42,488	198,384	37,097	280,698
Disabilities	903	4,026	98,399	1,339,425	77,807	1,520,560
Average # of disabilities per Veteran	1.7	1.8	2.3	6.8	2.1	5.4

## 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

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total <sup>29</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	31,857	10.1%	4,238	6.0%	36,130	9.3%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	22,220	7.0%	4,550	6.4%	26,793	6.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	16,806	5.3%	2,914	4.1%	19,736	5.1%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>30</sup>	Musculoskeletal	15,485	4.9%	3,749	5.3%	19,251	5.0%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	16,057	5.1%	2,513	3.6%	18,583	4.8%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	14,118	4.5%	3,143	4.5%	17,272	4.5%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	11,525	3.6%	2,309	3.3%	13,841	3.6%
Migraine	Neurological	8,775	2.8%	3,007	4.3%	11,795	3.1%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	9,509	3.0%	1,904	2.7%	11,425	3.0%
Limitation of flexion of the thigh	Musculoskeletal	7,555	2.4%	2,838	4.0%	10,398	2.7%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>153,907</b>	<b>48.7%</b>	<b>31,165</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>185,224</b>	<b>47.9%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>315,759</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>70,560</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>386,609</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>29</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 152 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 290 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>30</sup> 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

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total <sup>31</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	739,504	7.3%	78,159	4.3%	820,416	6.9%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	602,242	6.0%	97,358	5.4%	702,318	5.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	488,885	4.8%	66,110	3.6%	556,616	4.7%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain <sup>32</sup>	Musculoskeletal	459,644	4.6%	89,267	4.9%	551,291	4.6%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	343,197	3.4%	49,559	2.7%	394,344	3.3%
Migraine	Neurological	297,884	3.0%	81,868	4.5%	381,468	3.2%
Scars, general	Skin	311,261	3.1%	58,572	3.2%	371,542	3.1%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	320,217	3.2%	38,680	2.1%	360,250	3.0%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	303,550	3.0%	49,352	2.7%	354,075	3.0%
Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	Musculoskeletal	250,668	2.5%	37,450	2.1%	289,213	2.4%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>4,117,052</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>646,375</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>4,781,533</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>10,090,571</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,813,915</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,953,646</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>31</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 18,106 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 49,160 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>32</sup> 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.



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## GWOT SC Disabilities by Body System and Gender

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

Body system	Male	Female	Total <sup>33</sup>
Musculoskeletal	4,402,070	777,900	5,202,201
Neurological	1,124,855	224,540	1,354,664
Skin	1,111,871	215,144	1,332,828
Auditory	1,013,307	98,386	1,115,319
Mental	734,825	134,645	872,409
Respiratory	559,529	96,563	658,858
Digestive	417,285	77,118	496,511
Cardiovascular	246,900	37,978	286,083
Genitourinary	251,115	24,225	276,426
The Eye	107,028	23,262	130,901
Dental/Oral	53,182	16,474	70,037
Gynecological	2,781	58,853	62,281
Endocrine	43,798	15,886	59,988
Hemic/Lymphatic	11,386	9,447	20,947
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	10,639	3,494	14,193
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,090,571</b>	<b>1,813,915</b>	<b>11,953,646</b>



## GWOT Three Most Prevalent SC Disabilities by Body System



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

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of body system disabilities
Musculoskeletal	Limitation of flexion, knee	702,318	13.50%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	551,291	10.60%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	394,344	7.58%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>1,647,953</b>	<b>31.7%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>5,202,201</b>	
Neurological	Migraine	381,468	28.16%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	354,075	26.14%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	93,252	6.88%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>828,795</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>1,354,664</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	371,542	27.88%
	Eczema	221,490	16.62%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	220,817	16.57%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>813,849</b>	<b>61.1%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,332,828</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	820,416	73.56%
	Hearing loss	239,153	21.44%
	Labyrinthitis	25,839	2.32%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>1,085,408</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>1,115,319</b>	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	556,616	63.80%
	Major depressive disorder	83,510	9.57%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	57,283	6.57%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>697,409</b>	<b>79.9%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>872,409</b>	



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

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

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of body system disabilities
Respiratory	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	261,416	39.68%
	Allergic rhinitis	189,539	28.77%
	Bronchial asthma	57,466	8.72%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>508,421</b>	<b>77.2%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>658,858</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	210,168	42.33%
	Hemorrhoids	104,169	20.98%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	75,704	15.25%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>390,041</b>	<b>78.6%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>496,511</b>	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	182,850	63.92%
	Varicose veins	29,441	10.29%
	Residuals of cold injury	10,928	3.82%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>223,219</b>	<b>78.0%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>286,083</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	138,696	50.17%
	Nephrolithiasis (kidney stones)	23,441	8.48%
	Prostate gland injuries	19,155	6.93%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>181,292</b>	<b>65.6%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>276,426</b>	
The Eye	Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other	26,991	20.62%
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	16,731	12.78%
	Excessive tearing	16,721	12.77%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>60,443</b>	<b>46.2%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>130,901</b>	



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

Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of body system disabilities
Dental/Oral	Limited motion of the jaw	63,617	90.83%
	Loss of teeth	2,890	4.13%
	Malunion of lower jaw	1,314	1.88%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>67,821</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>70,037</b>	
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	26,623	44.38%
	Hypothyroidism	22,463	37.45%
	Hyperthyroidism	3,057	5.10%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>52,143</b>	<b>86.9%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>59,988</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	9,883	15.87%
	Disease or injury of the ovary	8,749	14.05%
	Disease or injury of the uterus	5,856	9.40%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>24,488</b>	<b>39.3%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>62,281</b>	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	10,678	50.98%
	Iron Deficiency Anemia	2,421	11.56%
	Thrombocytopenia	1,444	6.89%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>14,543</b>	<b>69.4%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>20,947</b>	
Infection/ Immune/ Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	6,989	49.24%
	Systemic lupus erythematosus	1,593	11.22%
	Avitaminosis	1,538	10.84%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>10,120</b>	<b>71.3%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>14,193</b>	



## 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 2017 to FY 2021 by relationship

Relationship	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chg. FY 2020 to FY 2021
Surviving spouses	30,280	29,855	30,436	32,461	37,126	14.4%
Surviving children	1,444	1,398	1,294	1,437	1,781	23.9%
Surviving parents	278	205	178	167	196	17.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,002</b>	<b>31,458</b>	<b>31,908</b>	<b>34,065</b>	<b>39,103</b>	<b>14.8%</b>

### All DIC recipients by relationship

Relationship	Number of recipients	Percent of total
Surviving spouses	442,518	96.1%
Surviving children	14,854	3.2%
Surviving parents	3,193	0.7%
<b>Total<sup>34</sup></b>	<b>460,591</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New surviving spouse DIC recipients

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
35 and under	654	\$13,904,231	2.1%
36 - 56	2,624	\$52,470,252	7.8%
57 - 75	24,263	\$430,329,134	64.2%
Over 75	9,575	\$173,020,971	25.8%
<b>Total<sup>35</sup></b>	<b>37,126</b>	<b>\$669,901,917</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>34</sup> Total includes 26 recipients unidentifiable by relationship.

<sup>35</sup> Total includes 10 recipients and \$177,330 in estimated annual payments amounts unidentifiable by age.



### All surviving spouse DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
35 and under	3,943	\$80,345,216	1.0%
36 - 56	25,886	\$477,735,157	6.1%
57 - 75	236,149	\$4,089,907,619	52.6%
Over 75	175,683	\$3,118,508,483	40.1%
<b>Total<sup>36</sup></b>	<b>442,518</b>	<b>\$7,781,771,618</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
Under age 18	1,060	\$5,531,607	55.8%
Age 18 and over – in school	179	\$828,505	8.4%
Age 18 and over – helpless	334	\$2,691,235	27.1%
<b>Total<sup>37</sup></b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>\$9,920,031</b>	<b>100%</b>

### All surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
Under age 18	5,920	\$33,220,041	29.6%
Age 18 and over – in school	314	\$1,451,549	1.3%
Age 18 and over – helpless	8,174	\$74,909,033	66.8%
<b>Total<sup>38</sup></b>	<b>14,854</b>	<b>\$112,078,583</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

<sup>36</sup> Total includes 857 recipients and \$15,275,143 estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.

<sup>37</sup> Total includes 208 recipients and \$868,684 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.

<sup>38</sup> Total includes 446 recipients and \$2,497,960 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.



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## Appendix

### VBA Regional Office Addresses

<b>Anchorage VA Regional Office</b> 1201 North Muldoon Road Anchorage, AK 99504	<b>AK</b>	<b>Hartford VA Regional Office</b> 555 Willard Avenue, Building 2E – Room 5137 Newington, CT 06111-2693 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 310909 Newington, CT 06131	<b>CT</b>	<b>Chicago VA Regional Office</b> 2122 W. Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60612	<b>IL</b>
<b>Montgomery VA Regional Office</b> 345 Perry Hill Road Montgomery, AL 36109-3798	<b>AL</b>	<b>Wilmington VA Regional Office</b> 1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19805	<b>DE</b>	<b>Indianapolis VA Regional Office</b> 575 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, IN 46204-1526	<b>IN</b>
<b>Little Rock VA Regional Office</b> 2200 Fort Roots Drive, Building 65 North Little Rock, AR 72114-1756	<b>AR</b>	<b>St. Petersburg VA Regional Office</b> 9500 Bay Pines Boulevard St. Petersburg, FL 33708 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1437 St. Petersburg, FL 33731	<b>FL</b>	<b>Wichita VA Regional Office</b> Robert J. Dole Regional Office 5500 E. Kellogg Avenue Wichita, KS 67218-1698	<b>KS</b>
<b>Phoenix VA Regional Office</b> 3333 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012-2405	<b>AZ</b>	<b>Atlanta VA Regional Office</b> 1700 Clairmont Road Atlanta, GA 30033-4032 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100026 Decatur, GA 30031-7026	<b>GA</b>	<b>Louisville VA Regional Office</b> 321 West Main Street, Suite 390 Louisville, KY 40202-3835	<b>KY</b>
<b>Oakland VA Regional Office</b> Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building 1301 Clay Street – Suite 1400N Oakland, CA 94612-5209	<b>CA</b>	<b>Honolulu VA Regional Office</b> 459 Patterson Road, East Wing Honolulu, HI 96819	<b>HI</b>	<b>New Orleans VA Regional Office</b> 1250 Polydras Street, Rm 200 New Orleans, LA 70113-2692	<b>LA</b>
<b>San Diego VA Regional Office</b> 8810 Rio San Diego Drive San Diego, CA 92108-1508	<b>CA</b>	<b>Des Moines VA Regional Office</b> 210 Walnut Street – Room 1063 Des Moines, IA 50309-9825	<b>IA</b>	<b>Boston VA Regional Office</b> John F. Kennedy Building Government Center – Room 1265 Boston, MA 02203-0393	<b>MA</b>
<b>Los Angeles VA Regional Office</b> Federal Building 11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024-3602	<b>CA</b>	<b>Boise VA Regional Office</b> 444 West Fort Street Boise, ID 83702	<b>ID</b>	<b>Baltimore VA Regional Office</b> Federal Building 31 Hopkins Plaza – Room 233 Baltimore, MD 21201-0001	<b>MD</b>
<b>Denver VA Regional Office</b> 155 Van Gordon Street Denver, CO 80228	<b>CO</b>			<b>Togus VA Regional Office</b> One VA Center Augusta, ME 04330-6795	<b>ME</b>



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Patrick V. McNamara  
Federal Building  
477 Michigan Avenue –  
Room 1400  
Detroit, MI 48226-2591

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

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

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

4300 Goodfellow Boulevard  
Building 104  
St. Louis, MO 63120-8950

**St. Louis MO****VA Regional Office**

9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63103

**Jackson MS****VA Regional Office**

1600 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue  
Jackson, MS 39216

**Ft. Harrison MT****VA Regional Office**

3633 Veterans Drive  
Ft. Harrison, MT 59636

**Winston-Salem NC****VA Regional Office**

Federal Building  
251 North Main Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27155-1000

**Fargo ND****VA Regional Office**

2101 Elm Street  
Fargo, ND 58102

**Lincoln NE****VA Regional Office**

3800 Village Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68516-4198  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 85816  
Lincoln, NE 68501-5816

**Manchester NH****VA Regional Office**

Norris Cotton Federal Building  
275 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

**Newark NJ****VA Regional Office**

20 Washington Place  
Newark, NJ 07102-3174

**Albuquerque NM****VA Regional Office**

500 Gold Avenue, South West  
Albuquerque, NM 87102-3118

**Reno NV****VA Regional Office**

5460 Reno Corporate Drive  
Reno, NV 89511

**Buffalo NY****VA Regional Office**

130 South Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14202-2478

**New York NY****VA Regional Office**

245 W. Houston Street  
New York, NY 10014-4805

**Cleveland OH****VA Regional Office**

Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Federal Building  
1240 East 9th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44199-2001

**Muskogee OK****VA Regional Office**

Federal Building  
125 South Main Street  
Muskogee, OK 74401-7025

**Portland OR****VA Regional Office**

100 SW Main Street, Floor 2  
Portland, OR 97204-2998  
Mailing Address:  
100 SW Main St FL 2  
Portland, OR 97204

**Philadelphia PA****VA Regional Office**

5000 Wissahickon Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 8079  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

**Pittsburgh PA****VA Regional Office**

1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004

**San Juan PR****VA Regional Office**

50 Carr 165  
Guaynabo  
San Juan, PR 00968-8024

**Providence RI****VA Regional Office**

380 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903-3246

**Columbia SC****VA Regional Office**

6437 Garners Ferry Road  
Columbia, SC 29209-2495

**Sioux Falls SD****VA Regional Office**

2501 West 22nd Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105



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**VA Regional Office**

110 Ninth Avenue, South  
Nashville, TN 37203-3817

**Houston** **TX**  
**VA Regional Office**

6900 Almeda Road  
Houston, TX 77030-4200

**Waco** **TX**  
**VA Regional Office**

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

**Salt Lake City** **UT**  
**VA Regional Office**

550 Foothill Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84113

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

210 Franklin Rd, SW  
Roanoke, VA 24011

**White River Junction** **VT**  
**VA Regional Office**

215 North Main Street  
White River Junction, VT 05001

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

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

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

5400 W. National Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53214

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

640 Fourth Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701-1340

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

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

The above address is the Cheyenne  
benefits office. The Denver regional  
office processes claims for the state  
of Wyoming.

**Manila**  
**VA Regional Office**

U.S. Embassy  
1501 Roxas Blvd  
Pasay City, Philippines 1302  
Mailing Address:  
PSC 501  
DPO AP 96515

**District Offices**

**Northeast District** **MO**

Charles F. Prevedel Federal Bldg.  
9700 Page Avenue, Suite 301  
St. Louis, MO 63132

**Southeast District** **TN**

3322 West End, Suite 408  
Nashville, TN 37203

**Continental District** **CO**

155 Van Gordon Street  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**Pacific District** **AZ**

3333 North Central Avenue,  
Suite 3026  
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2402

**Centralized Mail Address**

**SMS Janesville Facility –  
Centralized Mail**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Claims Intake Center  
P.O. Box 4444  
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

**Contact Information**

Compensation Information:

**1-800-827-1000**

Veterans Crisis Line

**1-800-273-8255 and press 1**

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