



# 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.

The PACT Act was signed into law on August 10, 2022. It is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. The annual benefit report includes PACT claims. Consolidated PACT specific reporting data is available at: <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/PactAct>.



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56 Regional offices  
16,662 or 21,483 (includes PACT) employees  
6.2 million compensation and service-connected death benefit recipients

A note on the data:

The 2023 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, 2023. 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 2023 Compensation Data" on page [71](#) for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation data are found beginning on page [116](#).



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## The Presentation of FY 2023 Compensation Data

### New to the rolls

Individuals who began receiving benefits during fiscal year 2023 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) are considered “New to the rolls,” and the tables are outlined in blue.

### On the rolls

All individuals receiving benefits on September 30, 2023 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 [93](#).

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://department.va.gov/administrations-and-offices/management/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 [75](#), [88](#) through [92](#), and [110](#) through [115](#).

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	366,973
Survivors who began receiving service-connected death benefits	45,070
<b>Total:</b>	<b>412,043</b>

### Estimated annual payments – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	366,973	\$6.14 Billion	\$16,743
Service-Connected Death <sup>1</sup>	45,070	\$0.90 Billion	\$19,943
<b>Total:</b>	<b>412,043</b>	<b>\$7.04 Billion</b>	<b>\$17,093</b>

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

Tinnitus	220,261
Limitation of flexion, knee	142,841
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	116,810
Limitation of motion of the arm	100,919
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	89,337
Hearing loss	81,406
Limitation of motion of the ankle	77,488
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	72,520
Migraine	69,947
Post-traumatic stress disorder	67,857
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities</b>	<b>1,039,386</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,331,218</b>

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

New recipients: 366,973	Total number of disabilities: 2,331,218
<b>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>6.35</b>



### Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving compensation benefits	5,662,273
Survivors receiving service-connected death benefits	497,175
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,159,448</b>

### Estimated annual payments– all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	5,662,273	\$133.09 Billion	\$23,505
Service-Connected Death	497,175	\$9.84 Billion	\$19,789
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,159,448</b>	<b>\$142.93 Billion</b>	<b>\$23,205</b>

### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Tinnitus	2,944,093
Limitation of flexion, knee	1,853,161
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,502,563
Hearing loss	1,491,093
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,453,400
Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,451,153
Limitation of motion of the arm	1,034,311
Limitation of motion of the ankle	1,028,010
Migraine	954,038
Scars, general	937,680
<b>Total number of most prevalent disabilities:</b>	<b>14,649,502</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>

### Average number of SC disabilities per compensation recipient

All Veterans: 5,662,273	Total number of disabilities <sup>3</sup> : 37,296,902
<b>Average SC disabilities per Veteran:</b>	<b>6.59</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

Period of Service	Number of Recipients	Percentage
World War II 1941 - 1946 <sup>4</sup>	11,448	0.2%
Korean Conflict 1950 - 1955	59,092	1.0%
Vietnam Era 1961 - 1975	1,385,131	24.5%
Gulf War Era 1990 - Present	3,374,670	59.6%
Peacetime Era (Other)	831,932	14.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,662,273</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Period of Service	Number of Recipients	Percentage
Wars of the 1800s <sup>4,5</sup>	2	<0.1%
World War I 1917 - 1918 <sup>4</sup>	67	<0.1%
World War II 1941 - 1946	22,817	4.6%
Korean Conflict 1950 - 1955	25,769	5.2%
Vietnam Era 1961 - 1975	348,523	70.1%
Gulf War Era 1990 - Present	52,599	10.6%
Peacetime Era (Other)	47,398	9.5%
<b>Total<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>497,175</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 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	11,448	59,092	1,385,131	3,374,670	831,932	5,662,273
Disabilities	27,482	148,354	5,978,296	28,060,575	3,082,195	37,296,902
Average # of SC disabilities per Veteran	2.4	2.5	4.3	8.3	3.7	6.6
Total Veteran population <sup>7,8</sup>	103,890	707,961	5,265,846	8,193,145	3,979,164	18,250,044 <sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Veterans or survivors of Veterans for this period of service do not make up a significant enough portion of the table to be visible in the chart.

<sup>5</sup> Wars of 1800s include the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898-1902), and the Mexican Border Period (1916-1917).

<sup>6</sup> Percentages may not sum to total due to rounding.

<sup>7</sup> According to VetPop2020

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

<sup>8</sup> Veterans serving in more than one period of service are counted only once.

<sup>9</sup> Total includes 38 Veterans with unknown period of service.

## 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 [88](#) through [92](#) and [110](#) through [115](#).

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

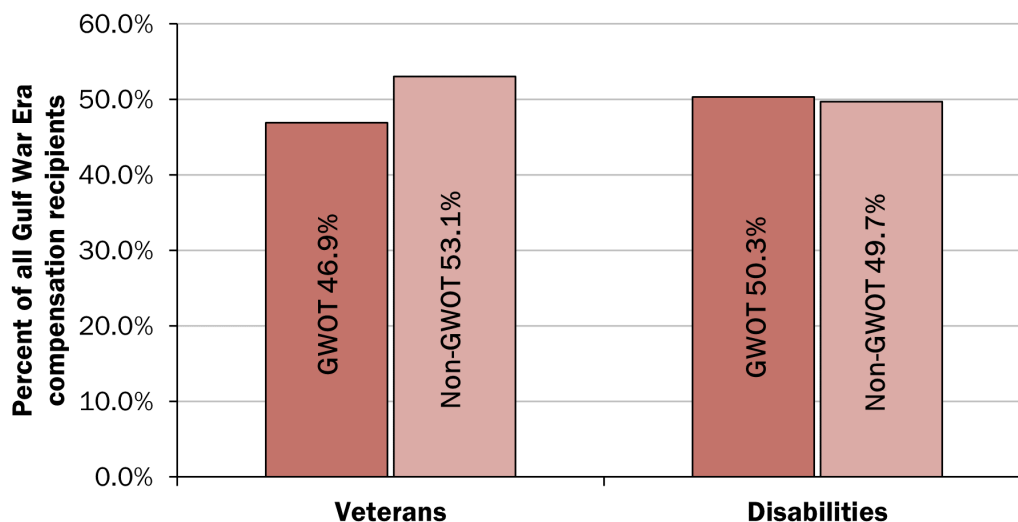
GWOT	1,581,260	46.9%
Non-GWOT	1,793,410	53.1%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>3,374,670</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

GWOT	14,106,197	50.3%
Non-GWOT	13,954,378	49.7%
<b>Gulf War Era Total:</b>	<b>28,060,575</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
<b>8.92</b>	<b>7.78</b>	<b>8.32</b>





## 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 2019 to FY 2023

Combined degree	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Chg. FY 2022 to 2023
0% <sup>10</sup>	341	443	291	340	669	97%
10%	93,819	72,118	82,974	87,195	97,172	11%
20%	26,106	20,174	21,036	23,203	25,952	12%
30%	24,812	19,983	20,645	22,752	25,924	14%
40%	22,169	17,377	19,826	21,662	24,750	14%
50%	20,845	18,174	19,231	20,395	22,403	10%
60%	22,426	18,398	20,824	23,361	26,317	13%
70%	25,801	23,365	25,557	28,289	31,966	13%
80%	19,022	16,519	18,097	22,639	25,445	12%
90%	18,788	17,465	18,525	24,224	27,973	15%
100%	34,962	34,628	33,692	48,848	58,402	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>309,091</b>	<b>258,644</b>	<b>280,698</b>	<b>322,908</b>	<b>366,973</b>	<b>14%</b>

<sup>10</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 2019 to FY 2023

Combined degree	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Chg. FY 2022 to 2023
0%	8,446	8,055	7,481	6,959	6,643	-5%
10%	900,686	897,386	894,954	893,638	883,130	-1%
20%	435,374	425,264	411,876	400,002	385,603	-4%
30%	392,592	383,648	370,451	359,613	347,120	-3%
40%	383,752	378,730	370,749	364,950	358,667	-2%
50%	300,811	301,172	297,301	294,724	290,564	-1%
60%	431,720	436,617	437,719	440,756	443,705	1%
70%	469,606	486,296	498,884	513,459	529,123	3%
80%	455,239	478,731	501,701	529,283	562,086	6%
90%	387,876	422,989	461,406	506,188	560,522	11%
100%	778,173	862,804	972,898	1,107,440	1,295,110	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,944,275</b>	<b>5,081,692</b>	<b>5,225,420</b>	<b>5,417,012</b>	<b>5,662,273</b>	<b>5%</b>



## Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### New compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>11</sup>	% Total
0%	623	0.20%	25	0.05%	669	0.18%
10%	87,288	28.19%	7,179	14.44%	97,172	26.48%
20%	22,793	7.36%	2,417	4.86%	25,952	7.07%
30%	21,959	7.09%	3,345	6.73%	25,924	7.06%
40%	21,395	6.91%	2,824	5.68%	24,750	6.74%
50%	18,362	5.93%	3,671	7.39%	22,403	6.10%
60%	22,087	7.13%	3,712	7.47%	26,317	7.17%
70%	25,443	8.22%	6,112	12.30%	31,966	8.71%
80%	20,201	6.52%	4,923	9.90%	25,445	6.93%
90%	21,933	7.08%	5,731	11.53%	27,973	7.62%
100%	47,553	15.36%	9,769	19.65%	58,402	15.91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>309,637</b>		<b>49,708</b>		<b>366,973</b>	

<sup>11</sup> Total includes 7,628 Veterans with no gender indicated in the award record.



### All compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>12</sup>	% Total
0%	5,585	0.11%	513	0.08%	6,643	0.12%
10%	798,823	16.25%	61,404	9.16%	883,130	15.60%
20%	342,442	6.97%	34,581	5.16%	385,603	6.81%
30%	301,565	6.14%	38,893	5.80%	347,120	6.13%
40%	314,194	6.39%	39,303	5.86%	358,667	6.33%
50%	247,709	5.04%	39,289	5.86%	290,564	5.13%
60%	387,356	7.88%	51,475	7.68%	443,705	7.84%
70%	451,014	9.18%	73,266	10.93%	529,123	9.34%
80%	480,274	9.77%	77,549	11.56%	562,086	9.93%
90%	473,453	9.63%	83,683	12.48%	560,522	9.90%
100%	1,112,754	22.64%	170,671	25.45%	1,295,110	22.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,915,169</b>		<b>670,627</b>		<b>5,662,273</b>	

<sup>12</sup> Total includes 76,477 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://department.va.gov/administrations-and-offices/management/budget/>, for actual amounts paid by VA.

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>13</sup>
0% <sup>14</sup>	\$951,314	\$38,216	\$1,021,819
10%	\$172,197,258	\$14,141,159	\$191,708,939
20%	\$89,703,908	\$9,405,677	\$102,058,935
30%	\$137,260,794	\$20,919,866	\$162,054,335
40%	\$193,501,036	\$25,487,822	\$223,786,723
50%	\$234,871,225	\$47,012,662	\$286,586,768
60%	\$359,720,744	\$60,268,332	\$428,344,827
70%	\$521,713,603	\$125,241,587	\$655,353,837
80%	\$488,079,152	\$118,013,565	\$613,812,689
90%	\$609,272,322	\$156,333,235	\$774,097,644
100%	\$2,208,750,112	\$447,047,296	\$2,705,285,231
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,016,021,470</b>	<b>\$1,023,909,416</b>	<b>\$6,144,111,745</b>

<sup>13</sup> Total includes \$104,180,860 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.

<sup>14</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<sup>15</sup>

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>16</sup>
0%	\$8,009,049	\$776,256	\$9,469,008
10%	\$1,600,836,369	\$123,269,644	\$1,770,087,650
20%	\$1,369,018,308	\$136,812,411	\$1,540,300,456
30%	\$2,015,631,498	\$261,695,045	\$2,321,483,755
40%	\$3,038,129,739	\$381,272,794	\$3,468,880,044
50%	\$3,391,522,762	\$536,913,609	\$3,976,365,246
60%	\$7,191,830,214	\$920,078,179	\$8,206,847,916
70%	\$11,986,062,399	\$1,870,753,931	\$13,992,388,900
80%	\$14,323,113,979	\$2,199,591,092	\$16,657,047,810
90%	\$15,894,553,512	\$2,674,236,092	\$18,687,026,322
100%	\$53,816,348,196	\$8,080,723,693	\$62,459,113,747
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,635,056,026</b>	<b>\$17,186,122,747</b>	<b>\$133,089,010,855</b>

<sup>15</sup> Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate.

<sup>16</sup> Total includes \$1,267,832,083 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 <sup>17</sup>
0%	\$1,527	\$1,529	\$1,527
10%	\$1,973	\$1,970	\$1,973
20%	\$3,936	\$3,891	\$3,933
30%	\$6,251	\$6,254	\$6,251
40%	\$9,044	\$9,025	\$9,042
50%	\$12,791	\$12,807	\$12,792
60%	\$16,287	\$16,236	\$16,276
70%	\$20,505	\$20,491	\$20,502
80%	\$24,161	\$23,972	\$24,123
90%	\$27,779	\$27,279	\$27,673
100%	\$46,448	\$45,762	\$46,322
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,200</b>	<b>\$20,598</b>	<b>\$16,743</b>

<sup>17</sup> Total includes benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.



### All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined degree	Estimated annual average individual payment		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>18</sup>
0%	\$1,434	\$1,513	\$1,425
10%	\$2,004	\$2,008	\$2,004
20%	\$3,998	\$3,956	\$3,995
30%	\$6,684	\$6,729	\$6,688
40%	\$9,670	\$9,701	\$9,672
50%	\$13,692	\$13,666	\$13,685
60%	\$18,566	\$17,874	\$18,496
70%	\$26,576	\$25,534	\$26,444
80%	\$29,823	\$28,364	\$29,634
90%	\$33,572	\$31,957	\$33,339
100%	\$48,363	\$47,347	\$48,227
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,323</b>	<b>\$25,627</b>	<b>\$23,505</b>

<sup>18</sup> Total includes benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.



## Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

### New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments<sup>19</sup>

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Age 34 and under	117,312	\$2,261,630,262	\$19,279
Age 35 through 54	113,342	\$2,332,424,350	\$20,579
Age 55 through 74	88,735	\$908,675,804	\$10,240
Age 75 and over	47,583	\$641,353,717	\$13,479
<b>Total<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>366,973</b>	<b>\$6,144,111,745</b>	<b>\$16,743</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	644,441	\$15,270,291,750	\$23,695
Age 35 through 54	1,851,283	\$48,185,171,769	\$26,028
Age 55 through 74	1,997,604	\$43,682,242,264	\$21,867
Age 75 and over	1,168,768	\$25,950,106,030	\$22,203
<b>Total<sup>21</sup></b>	<b>5,662,273</b>	<b>\$133,089,010,855</b>	<b>\$23,505</b>

<sup>19</sup> Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate.

<sup>20</sup> Total includes 1 Veteran and \$27,612 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

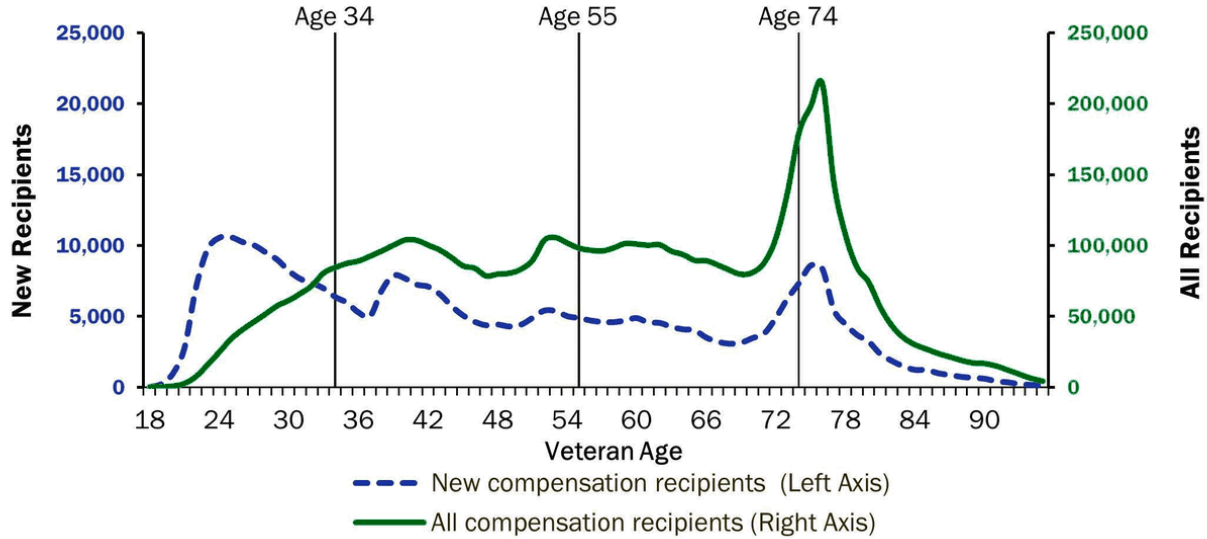
<sup>21</sup> Total includes 177 Veterans and \$1,199,042 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

# Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age



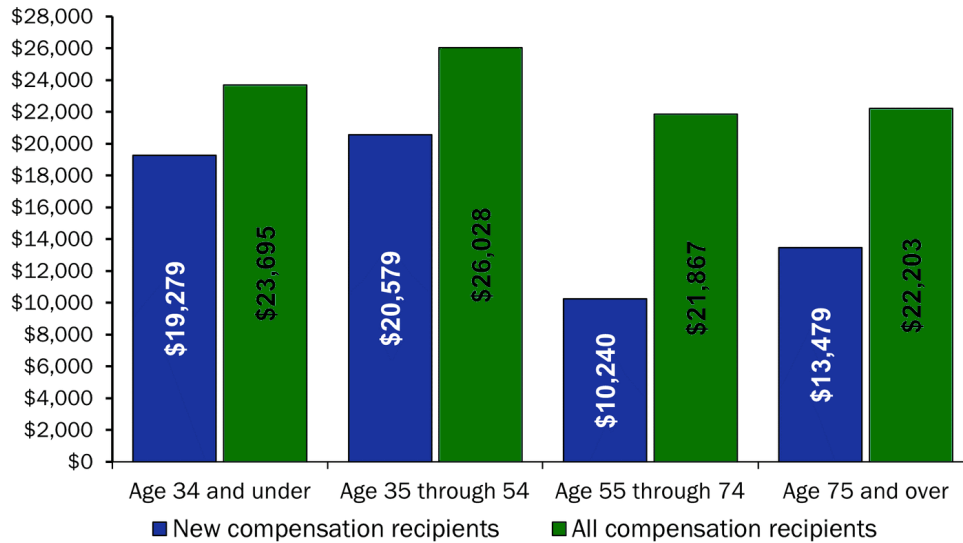
The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2023 (blue line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green line, right axis).

**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 2023 (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**





## 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	398	\$7,569,034	\$19,018
Korean Conflict	2,467	\$34,121,081	\$13,831
Vietnam Era	64,069	\$819,179,922	\$12,786
Gulf War Era	254,242	\$4,919,354,164	\$19,349
Peacetime Era	45,797	\$363,887,545	\$7,946
<b>Total</b>	<b>366,973</b>	<b>\$6,144,111,745</b>	<b>\$16,743</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	11,448	\$192,139,226	\$16,784
Korean Conflict	59,092	\$919,716,117	\$15,564
Vietnam Era	1,385,131	\$32,952,751,393	\$23,790
Gulf War Era	3,374,670	\$85,310,930,014	\$25,280
Peacetime Era	831,932	\$13,713,474,104	\$16,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,662,273</b>	<b>\$133,089,010,855</b>	<b>\$23,505</b>

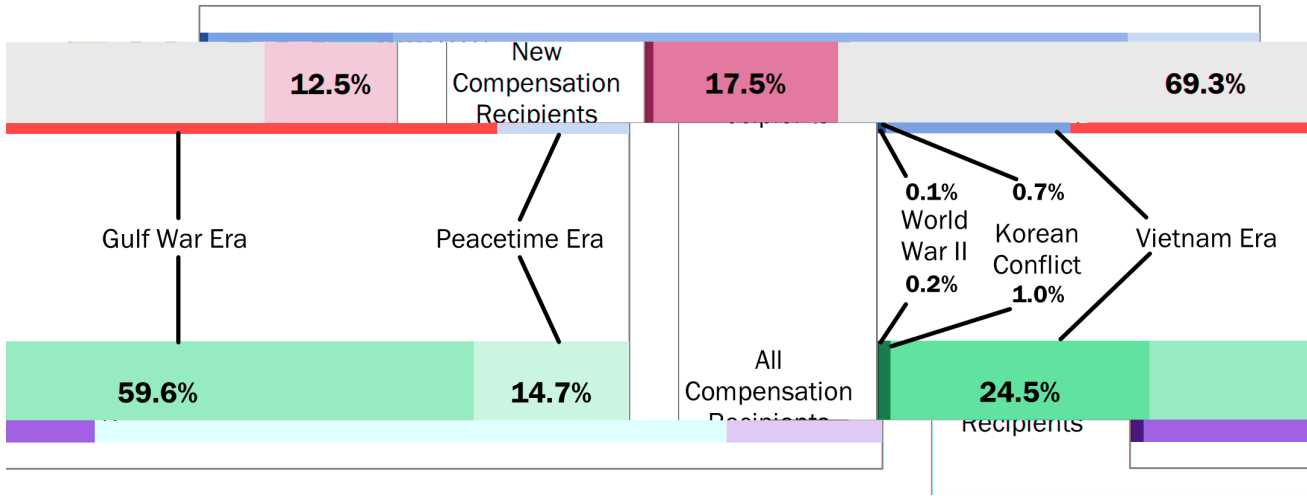


# Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service



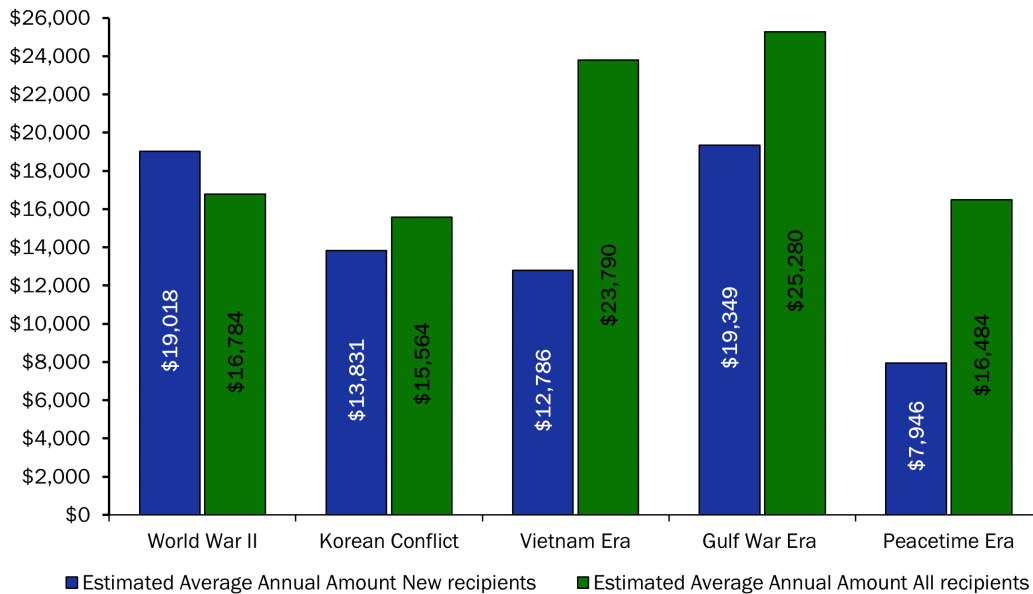
The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The blue bars in the top row are new compensation recipients and the green bars on the bottom row indicate all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year.

### 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 2023 (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





## 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	57,134	\$1,103,918,035	\$19,322
Female	10,441	\$238,351,768	\$22,828
<b>Total<sup>22</sup></b>	<b>67,733</b>	<b>\$1,345,490,173</b>	<b>\$19,865</b>

### All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Male	1,348,779	\$37,003,910,556	\$27,435
Female	225,778	\$6,437,260,142	\$28,511
<b>Total<sup>23</sup></b>	<b>1,581,260</b>	<b>\$43,620,608,848</b>	<b>\$27,586</b>

<sup>22</sup> Total includes 158 Veterans and \$3,220,370 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record.

<sup>23</sup> Total includes 6,703 Veterans and \$179,438,150 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<sup>24</sup>

Combined degree	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
0%	75	\$115,141	\$1,535
10%	12,112	\$23,902,144	\$1,973
20%	3,211	\$12,556,811	\$3,911
30%	4,480	\$28,455,178	\$6,352
40%	4,527	\$41,578,200	\$9,184
50%	4,742	\$61,513,800	\$12,972
60%	5,555	\$91,484,144	\$16,469
70%	8,126	\$167,853,797	\$20,656
80%	5,636	\$136,958,991	\$24,301
90%	6,319	\$175,900,194	\$27,837
100%	12,950	\$605,171,775	\$46,731
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,733</b>	<b>\$1,345,490,173</b>	<b>\$19,865</b>

<sup>24</sup> Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate.





## GWOT Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

### All GWOT compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total <sup>25</sup>	% Total
0%	456	0.03%	78	0.03%	542	0.03%
10%	90,693	6.72%	11,273	4.99%	102,718	6.50%
20%	53,921	4.00%	7,577	3.36%	62,002	3.92%
30%	64,003	4.75%	10,081	4.47%	74,403	4.71%
40%	75,901	5.63%	12,011	5.32%	88,235	5.58%
50%	69,905	5.18%	11,654	5.16%	81,840	5.18%
60%	119,183	8.84%	17,200	7.62%	136,841	8.65%
70%	144,400	10.71%	23,150	10.25%	168,076	10.63%
80%	172,312	12.78%	29,089	12.88%	202,065	12.78%
90%	180,609	13.39%	33,142	14.68%	214,449	13.56%
100%	377,396	27.98%	70,523	31.24%	450,089	28.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,348,779</b>		<b>225,778</b>		<b>1,581,260</b>	



<sup>25</sup> Total includes 6,703 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<sup>26</sup>

Combined degree	Estimated annual total payments		
	Male	Female	Total <sup>27</sup>
0%	\$718,193	\$120,388	\$850,928
10%	\$181,734,509	\$22,557,518	\$205,798,390
20%	\$213,615,461	\$29,948,971	\$245,555,833
30%	\$440,049,349	\$69,186,362	\$511,464,744
40%	\$751,663,901	\$118,546,349	\$873,409,894
50%	\$976,478,756	\$161,641,884	\$1,142,028,282
60%	\$2,112,603,796	\$301,144,370	\$2,421,937,963
70%	\$3,457,097,252	\$550,133,371	\$4,019,849,361
80%	\$4,799,938,336	\$799,505,299	\$5,617,962,028
90%	\$5,786,979,411	\$1,040,451,048	\$6,850,270,468
100%	\$18,283,031,592	\$3,344,024,583	\$21,731,480,957
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,003,910,556</b>	<b>\$6,437,260,142</b>	<b>\$43,620,608,848</b>

<sup>26</sup> Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate.

<sup>27</sup> Total includes \$179,438,150 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>28</sup>
0%	\$1,575	\$1,543	\$1,570
10%	\$2,004	\$2,001	\$2,004
20%	\$3,962	\$3,953	\$3,960
30%	\$6,875	\$6,863	\$6,874
40%	\$9,903	\$9,870	\$9,899
50%	\$13,969	\$13,870	\$13,954
60%	\$17,726	\$17,508	\$17,699
70%	\$23,941	\$23,764	\$23,917
80%	\$27,856	\$27,485	\$27,803
90%	\$32,041	\$31,394	\$31,944
100%	\$48,445	\$47,418	\$48,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,435</b>	<b>\$28,511</b>	<b>\$27,586</b>



<sup>28</sup> Total includes average of \$26,770 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 2023. 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 2023.

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 2019 to FY 2023

Body system	2019 <sup>29</sup>	2020 <sup>29</sup>	2021	2022 <sup>30</sup>	2023	% Chg. FY 2022 to 2023
Musculoskeletal	656,407	627,325	664,187	910,039	1,022,162	12.3%
Auditory	278,501	217,866	238,456	283,505	315,637	11.3%
Neurological	152,415	148,527	151,550	212,264	245,832	15.8%
Skin	154,559	140,281	136,490	176,418	197,985	12.2%
Mental	97,120	92,176	100,253	122,244	140,557	15.0%
Respiratory	72,565	65,037	66,758	95,750	118,661	23.9%
Digestive	54,521	49,785	49,571	67,505	79,535	17.8%
Genitourinary	39,969	39,436	35,937	51,778	65,132	25.8%
Cardiovascular	34,062	30,945	28,305	38,018	61,065	60.6%
The Eye	16,676	15,882	16,228	21,698	25,826	19.0%
Endocrine	13,249 <sup>31</sup>	12,921 <sup>31</sup>	8,828	13,491	18,051	33.8%
Dental/Oral	9,771 <sup>31</sup>	10,010 <sup>31</sup>	9,327	14,029	16,864	20.2%
Gynecological	9,054 <sup>31</sup>	9,099 <sup>31</sup>	9,249	11,721	13,957	19.1%
Hemic/Lymphatic	3,734	3,736	3,328	4,579	6,470	41.3%
Infection/ Immune/Nutrition	1,870	1,949	2,093	2,857	3,484	21.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,594,475</b>	<b>1,465,006</b>	<b>1,520,560</b>	<b>2,025,896</b>	<b>2,331,218</b>	<b>15.1%</b>

<sup>29</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system.

Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.

<sup>30</sup> Update made in FY2022 to categorize undiagnosed conditions under a separate body system. This report reflects the update starting with FY2022 data.

<sup>31</sup> This report contains a correction to the Annual Benefits Report for FY2021.





## Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients FY 2019 to FY 2023

Body system	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>32</sup>	2023	% Chg. FY 2022 to 2023
Musculoskeletal	10,034,349	10,787,062	11,724,365	12,890,232	14,246,244	10.5%
Neurological	3,147,086	3,426,676	3,770,120	4,178,461	4,701,152	12.5%
Auditory	3,651,672	3,848,413	4,064,400	4,328,510	4,652,647	7.5%
Skin	2,952,061	3,147,221	3,364,340	3,610,527	3,913,450	8.4%
Mental	1,891,552	2,019,735	2,163,197	2,341,544	2,564,653	9.5%
Respiratory	1,241,294	1,324,533	1,427,166	1,592,363	1,847,899	16.0%
Digestive	1,108,885	1,161,794	1,228,124	1,314,089	1,430,032	8.8%
Cardiovascular	1,020,994	1,039,481	1,052,549	1,080,664	1,258,275	16.4%
Genitourinary	890,453	939,979	989,955	1,064,023	1,179,075	10.8%
Endocrine	517,852	520,946	513,783	525,968	546,750	4.0%
The Eye	315,408	329,298	345,080	366,296	395,171	7.9%
Gynecological	141,707	153,689	167,913	184,050	204,759	11.3%
Dental/Oral	129,816	140,832	154,112	171,351	192,693	12.5%
Hemic/Lymphatic	72,257	75,796	78,984	83,471	95,528	14.4%
Infection/ Immune/Nutrition	53,933	55,444	58,182	62,014	68,179	9.9%
<b>Total<sup>33</sup></b>	<b>27,169,321</b>	<b>28,970,943</b>	<b>31,102,270</b>	<b>33,794,007</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

<sup>32</sup> Update made in FY2022 to categorize undiagnosed conditions under a separate body system. This report reflects the update starting with FY2022 data.

<sup>33</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total for FY19 through FY23.





## Number of SC Disabilities by Evaluation and Gender

### Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability Evaluation	Male	Female	Total <sup>34</sup>
0%	9,423,820	1,636,779	11,153,923
10%	12,397,971	2,088,016	14,608,328
20%	3,901,158	522,019	4,460,399
30%	2,028,560	415,602	2,467,071
40%	798,777	119,176	926,370
50%	1,411,975	252,692	1,675,869
60%	350,398	39,254	394,232
70%	792,837	151,195	950,383
80%	24,672	1,829	26,938
90%	5,502	217	5,831
100%	558,424	61,709	627,558
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,694,094</b>	<b>5,288,488</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>



<sup>34</sup> Total includes 314,320 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>35</sup>
Musculoskeletal	11,871,406	2,274,622	14,246,244
Neurological	3,995,583	670,360	4,701,152
Auditory	4,302,195	295,170	4,652,647
Skin	3,292,181	586,256	3,913,450
Mental	2,140,164	403,993	2,564,653
Respiratory	1,554,244	281,261	1,847,899
Digestive	1,202,626	216,217	1,430,032
Cardiovascular	1,138,841	105,599	1,258,275
Genitourinary	1,095,713	71,806	1,179,075
Endocrine	494,906	43,266	546,750
The Eye	328,893	62,379	395,171
Gynecological	8,796	193,323	204,759
Dental/Oral	144,353	46,749	192,693
Hemic/Lymphatic	68,193	25,993	95,528
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	55,639	11,462	68,179
<b>Total all disabilities<sup>36</sup></b>	<b>31,694,094</b>	<b>5,288,488</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>

<sup>35</sup> Total includes 314,320 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>36</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.



## 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	192,312	10.2%	23,475	5.6%	220,261	9.4%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	115,717	6.1%	26,019	6.2%	142,841	6.1%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	Musculoskeletal	92,199	4.9%	23,621	5.7%	116,810	5.0%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	85,466	4.5%	14,735	3.5%	100,919	4.3%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	72,388	3.8%	16,006	3.8%	89,337	3.8%
Hearing loss	Auditory	75,395	4.0%	2,732	0.7%	81,406	3.5%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	63,347	3.4%	13,611	3.3%	77,488	3.3%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	60,378	3.2%	11,183	2.7%	72,520	3.1%
Migraine	Neurological	51,801	2.7%	17,617	4.2%	69,947	3.0%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	52,782	2.8%	14,388	3.5%	67,857	2.9%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>861,785</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>163,387</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>1,039,386</b>	<b>44.6%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>37</sup></b>		<b>1,885,486</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>417,025</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,331,218</b>	<b>100%</b>





### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	2,687,182	8.5%	226,891	4.3%	2,944,093	7.9%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	1,557,284	4.9%	285,832	5.4%	1,853,161	5.0%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	1,319,775	4.2%	172,278	3.3%	1,502,563	4.0%
Hearing loss	Auditory	1,430,273	4.5%	38,510	0.7%	1,491,093	4.0%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	Musculoskeletal	1,188,314	3.7%	255,746	4.8%	1,453,400	3.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	1,254,181	4.0%	185,980	3.5%	1,451,153	3.9%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	906,510	2.9%	122,263	2.3%	1,034,311	2.8%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	878,595	2.8%	143,578	2.7%	1,028,010	2.8%
Migraine	Neurological	722,206	2.3%	226,041	4.3%	954,038	2.6%
Scars, general	Skin	802,901	2.5%	124,055	2.3%	937,680	2.5%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities<sup>38</sup></b>		<b>12,747,221</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>1,781,174</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>14,649,502</b>	<b>39.3%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities<sup>39</sup></b>		<b>31,694,094</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,288,488</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>38</sup> Total includes 121,107 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>39</sup> Total includes 314,320 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

Body system	Detail table	Total number	Percent of all disabilities	Most common degree of disability
Musculoskeletal	1	14,246,244	38.2%	10%
Neurological	1	4,701,152	12.6%	10%
Auditory	1	4,652,647	12.5%	10%
Skin	1	3,913,450	10.5%	0%
Mental	2	2,564,653	6.9%	70%
Respiratory	2	1,847,899	5.0%	0%
Digestive	2	1,430,032	3.8%	0%
Cardiovascular	2	1,258,275	3.4%	0%
Genitourinary	3	1,179,075	3.2%	0%
Endocrine	3	546,750	1.5%	20%
The Eye	3	395,171	1.1%	0%
Gynecological	3	204,759	0.5%	0%
Dental/Oral	4	192,693	0.5%	10%
Hemic/Lymphatic	4	95,528	0.3%	0%
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	4	68,179	0.2%	0%
<b>Total all conditions<sup>40</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10%</b>

<sup>40</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.

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



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

Rating %	Musculoskeletal		Neurological		Auditory		Skin	
0%	3,076,356	21.6%	659,065	14.0%	1,237,677	26.6%	3,000,200	76.7%
10%	7,422,118	52.1%	1,740,346	37.0%	3,150,080	67.7%	683,903	17.5%
20%	2,427,862	17.0%	1,276,685	27.2%	66,656	1.4%	53,594	1.4%
30%	584,065	4.1%	508,046	10.8%	76,358	1.6%	127,995	3.3%
40%	489,579	3.4%	240,955	5.1%	38,505	0.8%	3,475	0.1%
50%	155,066	1.1%	223,612	4.8%	26,573	0.6%	6,402	0.2%
60%	58,140	0.4%	17,799	0.4%	13,343	0.3%	35,368	0.9%
70%	6,085	<0.1%	17,351	0.4%	8,694	0.2%	10	0.0%
80%	1,301	<0.1%	6,254	0.1%	8,442	0.2%	1,408	0.0%
90%	1,035	<0.1%	501	<0.1%	3,354	0.1%	3	0.0%
100%	24,637	0.2%	10,538	0.2%	22,965	0.5%	1,092	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,246,244</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,701,152</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,652,647</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,913,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 2**

Rating %	Mental		Respiratory		Digestive		Cardiovascular	
0%	40,942	1.6%	695,911	37.7%	683,303	47.8%	481,955	38.3%
10%	105,769	4.1%	328,078	17.8%	443,851	31.0%	375,095	29.8%
20%	531	<0.1%	2,561	0.1%	50,764	3.5%	53,824	4.3%
30%	486,686	19.0%	205,673	11.1%	204,660	14.3%	134,262	10.7%
40%	583	<0.1%	261	<0.1%	6,326	0.4%	22,145	1.8%
50%	674,723	26.3%	558,917	30.2%	2,297	0.2%	340	<0.1%
60%	561	<0.1%	27,937	1.5%	24,424	1.7%	108,563	8.6%
70%	914,880	35.7%	17	<0.1%	390	<0.1%	43	<0.1%
80%	7	<0.1%	11	<0.1%	603	<0.1%	17	<0.1%
90%	38	<0.1%	5	<0.1%	3	<0.1%	20	<0.1%
100%	339,933	13.3%	28,528	1.5%	13,411	0.9%	82,011	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,564,653</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,847,899</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,430,032</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,258,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## 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%	746,061	63.3%	51,193	9.4%	232,754	58.9%	117,719	57.5%
10%	57,003	4.8%	86,179	15.8%	86,413	21.9%	19,750	9.6%
20%	98,267	8.3%	369,389	67.6%	27,882	7.1%	292	0.1%
30%	35,716	3.0%	10,025	1.8%	28,153	7.1%	40,079	19.6%
40%	84,384	7.2%	17,700	3.2%	6,343	1.6%	864	0.4%
50%	24	<0.1%	15	<0.1%	3,161	0.8%	23,836	11.6%
60%	84,435	7.2%	7,837	1.4%	3,051	0.8%	426	0.2%
70%	13	<0.1%	5	<0.1%	2,258	0.6%	2	<0.1%
80%	7,598	0.6%	2	<0.1%	866	0.2%	399	0.2%
90%	-	-	1	<0.1%	868	0.2%	-	-
100%	65,574	5.6%	4,404	0.8%	3,422	0.9%	1,392	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,179,075</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>546,750</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>395,171</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>204,759</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 4**

Rating %	Dental/Oral		Hemic/Lymphatic		Infection/Immune/Nutrition		Total all body systems <sup>41</sup>	
0%	50,630	26.3%	43,647	45.7%	36,451	53.5%	11,153,923	29.9%
10%	87,213	45.3%	15,375	16.1%	6,913	10.1%	14,608,328	39.2%
20%	26,553	13.8%	3,107	3.3%	2,387	3.5%	4,460,399	12.0%
30%	17,155	8.9%	6,353	6.7%	1,821	2.7%	2,467,071	6.6%
40%	10,076	5.2%	336	0.4%	4,824	7.1%	926,370	2.5%
50%	873	0.5%	6	<0.1%	19	<0.1%	1,675,869	4.5%
60%	5	<0.1%	712	0.7%	11,626	17.1%	394,232	1.1%
70%	40	<0.1%	590	0.6%	4	<0.1%	950,383	2.5%
80%	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%	27	<0.1%	26,938	0.1%
90%	1	<0.1%	-	-	2	<0.1%	5,831	<0.1%
100%	146	0.1%	25,400	26.6%	4,105	6.0%	627,558	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,693</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>95,528</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68,179</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>37,296,902</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>41</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.

## 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	1,853,161	13.0%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,453,400	10.2%
	Limitation of motion of the arm	1,034,311	7.3%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>4,340,872</b>	<b>30.5%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>14,246,244</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,502,563	32.0%
	Migraine	954,038	20.3%
	Paralysis of the anterior crural nerve	327,357	7.0%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>2,783,958</b>	<b>59.2%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>4,701,152</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	2,944,093	63.3%
	Hearing loss	1,491,093	32.0%
	Labyrinthitis	83,337	1.8%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>4,518,523</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>4,652,647</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	937,680	24.0%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	932,198	23.8%
	Eczema	524,071	13.4%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>2,393,949</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>3,913,450</b>	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,451,153	56.6%
	Major depressive disorder	322,158	12.6%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	181,781	7.1%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>1,955,092</b>	<b>76.2%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>2,564,653</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)	571,740	30.9%
	Allergic rhinitis	526,776	28.5%
	Maxillary sinusitis	181,361	9.8%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>1,279,877</b>	<b>69.3%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>1,847,899</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	488,655	34.2%
	Hemorrhoids	313,256	21.9%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	232,738	16.3%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>1,034,649</b>	<b>72.4%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>1,430,032</b>	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	615,938	49.0%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	237,090	18.8%
	Varicose veins	76,876	6.1%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>929,904</b>	<b>73.9%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>1,258,275</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	524,378	44.5%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	178,556	15.1%
	Neurogenic bladder	73,645	6.2%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>776,579</b>	<b>65.9%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>1,179,075</b>	
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	432,241	79.1%
	Hypothyroidism	82,572	15.1%
	Hyperthyroidism	9,402	1.7%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>524,215</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>546,750</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	72,662	18.4%
	Excessive tearing	59,484	15.1%
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	42,641	10.8%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>174,787</b>	<b>44.2%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>395,171</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	28,776	14.1%
	Disease or injury of the ovary	25,211	12.3%
	Female sexual arousal disorder	20,954	10.2%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>74,941</b>	<b>36.6%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>204,759</b>	
Dental/Oral	Limited motion of the jaw	163,303	84.7%
	Loss of teeth	10,915	5.7%
	Malunion of lower jaw	8,006	4.2%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>182,224</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>192,693</b>	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	21,169	22.2%
	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	15,735	16.5%
	Iron deficiency anemia	13,900	14.6%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>50,804</b>	<b>53.2%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>95,528</b>	
Infection/Immune/ Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	24,446	35.9%
	Malaria	20,023	29.4%
	HIV-related illness	5,923	8.7%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>50,392</b>	<b>73.9%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>68,179</b>	

## Most Prevalent SC Disabilities – by Disability Type

The disabilities listed on pages [103](#) through [105](#) are grouped by one of over 900 individual disability codes. Disability types in the table below with a <sup>42</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 [103](#) under Musculoskeletal Disabilities, only the top 30.5% are listed and two of them are related to limited motion. The table below lists the top 79.0% 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>42</sup>	6,889,432	48.36%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,453,400	10.20%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	681,795	4.79%
	Flatfoot, acquired	512,332	3.60%
	Impairment of the knee, general	485,450	3.41%
	Thigh condition, general	460,181	3.23%
	Intervertebral disc syndrome	452,357	3.18%
	Residuals of foot injury	320,295	2.25%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>11,255,242</b>	<b>79.00%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>14,246,244</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>42</sup>	3,127,778	66.53%
	Migraine	954,038	20.29%
	Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>42</sup>	201,280	4.28%
	Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (all types) <sup>42</sup>	153,760	3.27%
	Brain disease due to trauma	148,594	3.16%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>4,585,450</b>	<b>97.54%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>4,701,152</b>	
The Eye	Blind in one or both eyes <sup>42</sup>	87,090	22.04%
	Excessive tearing	59,484	15.05%
	Impaired vision - one or both eyes <sup>42</sup>	55,586	14.07%
	Conjunctivitis <sup>42</sup>	43,086	10.90%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>245,246</b>	<b>62.06%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>395,171</b>	



<sup>42</sup> 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

Period of Service (POS)	Disability	Total number	% of all POS disabilities
World War II	Hearing loss	7,036	25.6%
	Tinnitus	5,027	18.3%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,142	4.2%
	Residuals of cold injury	1,088	4.0%
	Scars, general	750	2.7%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	490	1.8%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	367	1.3%
	Generalized anxiety disorder	339	1.2%
	Scars, burns (2 <sup>nd</sup> degree)	334	1.2%
	Scars, head, face or neck	300	1.1%
<b>Total most prevalent World War II disabilities</b>		<b>16,873</b>	<b>61.4%</b>
<b>All World War II disabilities</b>		<b>27,482</b>	
Korean Conflict	Hearing loss	40,718	27.4%
	Tinnitus	33,868	22.8%
	Residuals of cold injury	5,903	4.0%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	4,684	3.2%
	Scars, general	3,672	2.5%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	2,762	1.9%
	Scars, burns (2 <sup>nd</sup> degree)	1,990	1.3%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	1,967	1.3%
	Scars, head, face or neck	1,539	1.0%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,419	1.0%
<b>Total most prevalent Korean Conflict disabilities</b>		<b>98,522</b>	<b>66.4%</b>
<b>All Korean Conflict disabilities</b>		<b>148,354</b>	





## 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	677,854	11.3%
	Hearing loss	608,726	10.2%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	384,186	6.4%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	378,194	6.3%
	Diabetes mellitus	347,481	5.8%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (Coronary artery disease)	192,315	3.2%
	Scars, general	191,534	3.2%
	Hypertensive vascular disease	175,986	2.9%
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	173,580	2.9%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	151,120	2.5%
<b>Total most prevalent Vietnam Era disabilities</b>		<b>3,280,976</b>	<b>54.9%</b>
<b>All Vietnam Era disabilities</b>		<b>5,978,296</b>	
Gulf War Era	Tinnitus	1,858,788	6.6%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,680,945	6.0%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,297,499	4.6%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	992,104	3.5%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	990,283	3.5%
	Limitation of motion of the arm	962,681	3.4%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	921,341	3.3%
	Migraine	874,088	3.1%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	726,068	2.6%
	Scars, general	640,965	2.3%
<b>Total most prevalent Gulf War Era disabilities</b>		<b>10,944,762</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
<b>All Gulf War Era disabilities</b>		<b>28,060,575</b>	



### Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of POS disabilities
Peacetime	Tinnitus	368,556	12.0%
	Hearing loss	271,875	8.8%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	130,957	4.2%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	109,741	3.6%
	Scars, general	100,759	3.3%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	88,345	2.9%
	Scars, burns (2 <sup>nd</sup> degree)	79,735	2.6%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	69,037	2.2%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	67,467	2.2%
	Impairment of the knee, general	65,281	2.1%
<b>Total most prevalent Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>1,351,753</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
<b>All Peacetime disabilities</b>		<b>3,082,195</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	398	2,467	64,069	254,242	45,797	366,973
Disabilities	706	4,716	180,088	2,047,428	98,280	2,331,218
Average # of disabilities per Veteran	1.8	1.9	2.8	8.1	2.1	6.4



## 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>43</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	36,516	8.6%	5,430	5.5%	42,031	8.0%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	26,378	6.2%	5,765	5.9%	32,227	6.2%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	Musculoskeletal	20,222	4.8%	5,118	5.2%	25,404	4.8%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	20,811	4.9%	3,530	3.6%	24,395	4.7%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	19,448	4.6%	3,791	3.9%	23,289	4.4%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	17,453	4.1%	3,903	4.0%	21,403	4.1%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	14,807	3.5%	3,164	3.2%	18,015	3.4%
Migraine	Neurological	12,667	3.0%	4,101	4.2%	16,802	3.2%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	12,973	3.1%	2,633	2.7%	15,627	3.0%
Limitation of flexion of the thigh	Musculoskeletal	11,063	2.6%	3,904	4.0%	15,004	2.9%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>192,338</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>41,339</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>234,197</b>	<b>44.7%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>424,610</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98,069</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>523,835</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>43</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 520 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 1,156 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



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

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total <sup>44</sup>	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	855,250	7.2%	96,048	4.4%	954,838	6.8%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	707,280	6.0%	117,725	5.4%	828,708	5.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	569,696	4.8%	80,933	3.7%	652,794	4.6%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain	Musculoskeletal	517,183	4.4%	103,210	4.7%	623,239	4.4%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	415,718	3.5%	68,249	3.1%	485,908	3.4%
Migraine	Neurological	360,551	3.0%	96,936	4.5%	459,754	3.3%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	394,147	3.3%	59,123	2.7%	455,321	3.2%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	403,202	3.4%	50,050	2.3%	455,304	3.2%
Scars, general	Skin	306,064	2.6%	58,143	2.7%	366,047	2.6%
Scars, burns (2 <sup>nd</sup> degree)	Skin	269,827	2.3%	52,285	2.4%	323,533	2.3%
<b>Total most prevalent disabilities</b>		<b>4,798,918</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>782,702</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>5,605,446</b>	<b>39.7%</b>
<b>Total number of disabilities</b>		<b>11,864,965</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,176,103</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,106,197</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>44</sup> Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 23,826 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 65,129 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.



## GWOT SC Disabilities by Body System and Gender

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

Body system	Male	Female	Total <sup>45</sup>
Musculoskeletal	5,100,491	928,397	6,058,015
Neurological	1,400,584	278,579	1,686,736
Skin	1,270,952	250,872	1,529,275
Auditory	1,167,764	120,490	1,292,956
Mental	858,851	159,845	1,022,668
Respiratory	729,227	124,088	857,158
Digestive	488,699	91,037	582,495
Genitourinary	306,521	28,754	336,735
Cardiovascular	276,358	43,068	320,880
The Eye	121,107	27,020	148,951
Dental/Oral	62,866	19,670	83,029
Gynecological	3,270	70,959	75,071
Endocrine	49,143	17,691	67,196
Hemic/Lymphatic	14,215	11,142	25,520
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	14,902	4,491	19,497
<b>Total<sup>46</sup></b>	<b>11,864,965</b>	<b>2,176,103</b>	<b>14,106,197</b>

<sup>45</sup> Total includes 65,129 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

<sup>46</sup> Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.

## 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	828,708	13.68%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	623,239	10.29%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	455,321	7.52%
<b>Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>1,907,268</b>	<b>31.48%</b>
<b>All musculoskeletal disabilities</b>		<b>6,058,015</b>	
Neurological	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	485,908	28.81%
	Migraine	459,754	27.26%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	104,288	6.18%
<b>Total most prevalent neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,049,950</b>	<b>62.25%</b>
<b>All neurological disabilities</b>		<b>1,686,736</b>	
Skin	Scars, general	366,047	23.94%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	323,533	21.16%
	Eczema	238,848	15.62%
<b>Total most prevalent skin disabilities</b>		<b>928,428</b>	<b>60.71%</b>
<b>All skin disabilities</b>		<b>1,529,275</b>	
Auditory	Tinnitus	954,838	73.85%
	Hearing loss	271,311	20.98%
	Labyrinthitis	31,536	2.44%
<b>Total most prevalent auditory disabilities</b>		<b>1,257,685</b>	<b>97.27%</b>
<b>All auditory disabilities</b>		<b>1,292,956</b>	
Mental	Post-traumatic stress disorder	652,794	63.83%
	Major depressive disorder	98,770	9.66%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	67,977	6.65%
<b>Total most prevalent mental disabilities</b>		<b>819,541</b>	<b>80.14%</b>
<b>All mental disabilities</b>		<b>1,022,668</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)	305,150	35.60%
	Allergic rhinitis	269,266	31.41%
	Maxillary sinusitis	82,068	9.57%
<b>Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>656,484</b>	<b>76.59%</b>
<b>All respiratory disabilities</b>		<b>857,158</b>	
Digestive	Hiatal hernia	240,156	41.23%
	Hemorrhoids	116,248	19.96%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	106,699	18.32%
<b>Total most prevalent digestive disabilities</b>		<b>463,103</b>	<b>79.50%</b>
<b>All digestive disabilities</b>		<b>582,495</b>	
Genitourinary	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	174,560	51.84%
	Nephrolithiasis (kidney stones)	24,917	7.40%
	Neurogenic bladder	24,030	7.14%
<b>Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>223,507</b>	<b>66.37%</b>
<b>All genitourinary disabilities</b>		<b>336,735</b>	
Cardiovascular	Hypertensive vascular disease	202,861	63.22%
	Varicose veins	29,476	9.19%
	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (Coronary artery disease)	12,310	3.84%
<b>Total most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>244,647</b>	<b>76.24%</b>
<b>All cardiovascular disabilities</b>		<b>320,880</b>	
The Eye	Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other	29,269	19.65%
	Excessive tearing	23,378	15.70%
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	19,065	12.80%
<b>Total most prevalent eye related disabilities</b>		<b>71,712</b>	<b>48.14%</b>
<b>All eye related disabilities</b>		<b>148,951</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	75,682	91.15%
	Loss of teeth	3,372	4.06%
	Malunion of lower jaw	1,355	1.63%
<b>Total most prevalent dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>80,409</b>	<b>96.84%</b>
<b>All dental/oral disabilities</b>		<b>83,029</b>	
Gynecological	Removal of uterus	11,005	14.66%
	Disease or injury of the ovary	10,487	13.97%
	Female sexual arousal disorder	7,703	10.26%
<b>Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>29,195</b>	<b>38.89%</b>
<b>All gynecological disabilities</b>		<b>75,071</b>	
Endocrine	Diabetes mellitus	29,797	44.34%
	Hypothyroidism	24,820	36.94%
	Hyperthyroidism	3,263	4.86%
<b>Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>57,880</b>	<b>86.14%</b>
<b>All endocrine disabilities</b>		<b>67,196</b>	
Hemic/Lymphatic	Anemia	10,410	40.79%
	Iron deficiency anemia	4,542	17.80%
	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	1,718	6.73%
<b>Total most prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>16,670</b>	<b>65.32%</b>
<b>All hemic/lymphatic disabilities</b>		<b>25,520</b>	
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	10,906	55.94%
	Avitaminosis	1,981	10.16%
	Systemic lupus erythematosus	1,864	9.56%
<b>Total most prevalent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>14,751</b>	<b>75.66%</b>
<b>All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities</b>		<b>19,497</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 2019 to FY 2023 by relationship

Relationship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 <sup>47</sup>	% Chg. FY 2022 to FY 2023
Surviving spouses	30,436	32,461	37,126	36,393	43,294	19.0%
Surviving children	1,294	1,437	1,781	1,480	1,599	8.0%
Surviving parents	178	167	196	154	176	14.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,908</b>	<b>34,065</b>	<b>39,103</b>	<b>38,027</b>	<b>45,070</b>	<b>18.5%</b>

### All DIC recipients by relationship

Relationship	Number of recipients	Percent of total
Surviving spouses	479,023	96.3%
Surviving children	15,131	3.0%
Surviving parents	3,020	0.6%
<b>Total<sup>48</sup></b>	<b>497,175</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New surviving spouse DIC recipients

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
35 and under	528	\$13,549,635	1.2%
36 - 56	3,129	\$70,970,240	7.2%
57 - 75	25,331	\$510,599,954	58.5%
Over 75	14,297	\$292,030,316	33.0%
<b>Total<sup>49</sup></b>	<b>43,294</b>	<b>\$887,370,027</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>47</sup> Total includes 1 recipient unidentifiable by relationship.

<sup>48</sup> Total includes 1 recipient unidentifiable by relationship.

<sup>49</sup> Total includes 9 recipients and \$219,883 in estimated annual payments 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	3,590	\$84,071,201	0.7%
36 - 56	27,022	\$576,969,923	5.6%
57 - 75	239,733	\$4,792,590,423	50.0%
Over 75	208,228	\$4,234,383,276	43.5%
<b>Total<sup>50</sup></b>	<b>479,023</b>	<b>\$9,697,268,482</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	1,102	\$6,788,983	68.9%
Age 18 and over – in school	100	\$549,737	6.3%
Age 18 and over – helpless	293	\$2,868,367	18.3%
<b>Total<sup>51</sup></b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>\$10,756,316</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	6,465	\$41,358,191	42.7%
Age 18 and over – in school	258	\$1,388,824	1.7%
Age 18 and over – helpless	8,202	\$86,284,687	54.2%
<b>Total<sup>52</sup></b>	<b>15,131</b>	<b>\$130,330,739</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>50</sup> Total includes 450 recipients and \$9,253,659 estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.

<sup>51</sup> Total includes 104 recipients and \$549,228 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.

<sup>52</sup> Total includes 206 recipients and \$1,299,036 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.



## Appendix

### VBA Regional Office Addresses

<p><b>Anchorage VA Regional Office</b> 1201 North Muldoon Road Anchorage, AK 99504</p>	<b>AK</b>	<p><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</p>	<b>CT</b>	<p><b>Boise VA Regional Office</b> 444 West Fort Street Boise, ID 83702</p>	<b>ID</b>
<p><b>Montgomery VA Regional Office</b> 345 Perry Hill Road Montgomery, AL 36109-3798</p>	<b>AL</b>	<p><b>Wilmington VA Regional Office</b> 1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19805</p>	<b>DE</b>	<p><b>Chicago VA Regional Office</b> 2122 W. Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60612</p>	<b>IL</b>
<p><b>Little Rock VA Regional Office</b> 2200 Fort Roots Drive, Building 111 North Little Rock, AR 72114-1756</p>	<b>AR</b>	<p><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</p>	<b>FL</b>	<p><b>Indianapolis VA Regional Office</b> 575 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, IN 46204-1526</p>	<b>IN</b>
<p><b>Phoenix VA Regional Office</b> 3333 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012-2405</p>	<b>AZ</b>	<p><b>Atlanta VA Regional Office</b> 1700 Clairmont Road Atlanta, GA 30033-4032 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100026 Decatur, GA 30031-7026</p>	<b>GA</b>	<p><b>Wichita VA Regional Office</b> Robert J. Dole Regional Office 5500 E. Kellogg Avenue Wichita, KS 67218-1698</p>	<b>KS</b>
<p><b>Oakland VA Regional Office</b> Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building 1301 Clay Street – Suite 1400N Oakland, CA 94612-5209</p>	<b>CA</b>	<p><b>Honolulu VA Regional Office</b> 459 Patterson Road, East Wing Honolulu, HI 96819</p>	<b>HI</b>	<p><b>Louisville VA Regional Office</b> 321 West Main Street, Suite 390 Louisville, KY 40202-3835</p>	<b>KY</b>
<p><b>San Diego VA Regional Office</b> 8810 Rio San Diego Drive San Diego, CA 92108-1508</p>	<b>CA</b>	<p><b>Des Moines VA Regional Office</b> 210 Walnut Street – Room 1063 Des Moines, IA 50309-9825</p>	<b>IA</b>	<p><b>New Orleans VA Regional Office</b> 1250 Polydras Street, Rm 200 New Orleans, LA 70113-2692</p>	<b>LA</b>
<p><b>Los Angeles VA Regional Office</b> Federal Building 11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024-3602</p>	<b>CA</b>	<p><b>Boston VA Regional Office</b> John F. Kennedy Building Government Center – Room 1265 Boston, MA 02203-0393</p>	<b>MA</b>	<p><b>Baltimore VA Regional Office</b> Federal Building 31 Hopkins Plaza – Room 233 Baltimore, MD 21201-0001</p>	<b>MD</b>
<p><b>Denver VA Regional Office</b> 155 Van Gordon Street Denver, CO 80228</p>	<b>CO</b>				



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