









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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A note on the data:

The 2022 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, 2022. 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 2022
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 2022 Compensation Data

New to the rolls

Individuals who began receiving benefits during fiscal year 2022 (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022) are considered "New to the rolls," and the tables are outlined in blue.

On the rolls

All individuals receiving benefits on September 30, 2022 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 <u>93</u>.

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 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.

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Administration



Quick Reference: Recipients, Payments and Disabilities

Totals – new recipients

Total:	360.935
Survivors who began receiving service-connected death benefits	38,027
Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits	322,908

Estimated annual payments - new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	322,908	\$4.92 Billion	\$15,244
Service-Connected Death ¹	38,027	\$0.71 Billion	\$18,571
Total:	360,935	\$5.63 Billion	\$15,594

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

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	Tinnitus	197,935
Limita	tion of flexion, knee	134,893
Lumbosacr	al or Cervical Strain	103,768
Limitation o	of motion of the arm	91,424
Scars,	burns (2nd degree)	81,629
	Hearing loss	74,713
Limitation of	motion of the ankle	71,410
Paralysis	of the sciatic nerve	64,566
	Migraine	59,972
Post-traum	natic stress disorder	57,998
Total number of most p	revalent disabilities	938,308
Total nur	mber of disabilities ²	2,025,896

Average number of SC disabilities per new compensation recipient

Total number of disabilities: 2,025,896 New recipients: 322,908

Average SC disabilities per Veteran:

6.27



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¹ Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Death Compensation.

² See page 93 for more information.

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Totals – all recipients

Total:	5,894,585
Survivors receiving service-connected death benefits	477,573
Veterans receiving compensation benefits	5,417,012



Estimated annual payments - all recipients

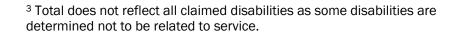
Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Compensation	5,417,012	\$112.06 Billion	\$20,686
Service-Connected Death	477,573	\$8.69 Billion	\$18,196
Total:	5,894,585	\$120.75 Billion	\$20,484

Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Tinnitus	2,703,665
Limitation of flexion, knee	1,657,593
Hearing loss	1,426,183
Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,343,669
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,325,248
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,308,812
Scars, general	964,644
Limitation of motion of the ankle	930,108
Limitation of motion of the arm	894,846
Migraine	837,211
Total number of most prevalent disabilities:	13,391,979
Total number of disabilities	33,794,007

Average number of SC disabilities per compensation recipient

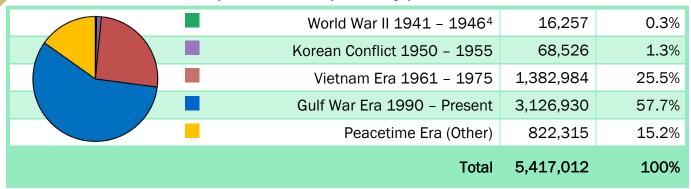
All Veterans: 5,417,012	Total number of disabilities ³ : 33,794,007
Average SC disabilities per Veteran:	6.24



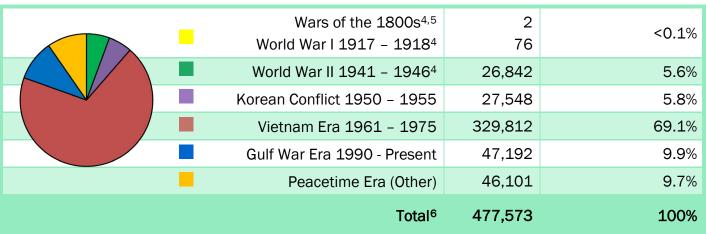




All compensation recipients by period of service



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	16,257	68,526	1,382,984	3,126,930	822,315	5,417,012
Disabilities	39,322	170,895	5,688,165	24,921,441	2,974,184	33,794,007
Average # of SC disabilities per Veteran	2.4	2.5	4.1	8.0	3.6	6.2
Total Veteran population 7,8	145,976	830,541	5,467,409	8,030,085	4,118,419	18,592,457 ⁹

⁴ 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.

https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp.

⁹ Total includes 27 Veterans with unknown period of service.



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

⁶ Percentages may not sum to total due to rounding.

⁷ According to VetPop2020

⁸ Veterans serving in more than one period of service are counted only once.

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

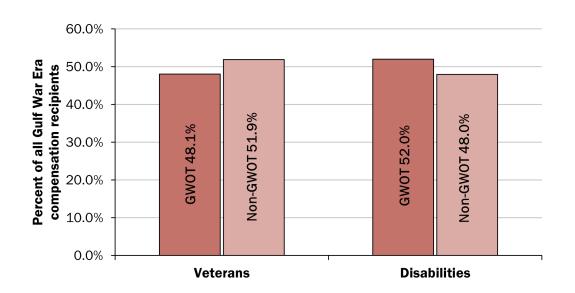
GWOT	1,503,176	48.1%
Non-GWOT	1,623,754	51.9%
Gulf War Era Total:	3,126,930	100%

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

GWOT	12,956,933	52.0%
Non-GWOT	11,964,508	48.0%
Gulf War Era Total:	24,921,441	100%

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

GWOT	Non-GW0T	Gulf War Era Total
8.62	7.37	7.97







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 2018 to FY 2022

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Combined degree	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
0%10	352	341	443	291	340	17%
10%	76,106	93,819	72,118	82,974	87,195	5%
20%	23,706	26,106	20,174	21,036	23,203	10%
30%	22,697	24,812	19,983	20,645	22,752	10%
40%	20,563	22,169	17,377	19,826	21,662	9%
50%	19,191	20,845	18,174	19,231	20,395	6%
60%	21,130	22,426	18,398	20,824	23,361	12%
70%	23,252	25,801	23,365	25,557	28,289	11%
80%	18,631	19,022	16,519	18,097	22,639	25%
90%	17,982	18,788	17,465	18,525	24,224	31%
100%	30,918	34,962	34,628	33,692	48,848	45%
Total	274,528	309,091	258,644	280,698	322,908	15%



¹⁰ 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 2018 to FY 2022

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Combined degree	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
0%	9,019	8,446	8,055	7,481	6,959	-7%
10%	883,629	900,686	897,386	894,954	893,638	0%
20%	441,456	435,374	425,264	411,876	400,002	-3%
30%	398,301	392,592	383,648	370,451	359,613	-3%
40%	384,798	383,752	378,730	370,749	364,950	-2%
50%	297,779	300,811	301,172	297,301	294,724	-1%
60%	421,137	431,720	436,617	437,719	440,756	1%
70%	447,330	469,606	486,296	498,884	513,459	3%
80%	426,483	455,239	478,731	501,701	529,283	5%
90%	348,325	387,876	422,989	461,406	506,188	10%
100%	684,851	778,173	862,804	972,898	1,107,440	14%
Total	4,743,108	4,944,275	5,081,692	5,225,420	5,417,012	4%







Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

New compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ¹¹	% Total
0%	306	0.11%	25	0.06%	340	0.11%
10%	79,067	28.68%	6,601	15.20%	87,195	27.00%
20%	20,501	7.44%	2,321	5.34%	23,203	7.19%
30%	19,486	7.07%	2,964	6.82%	22,752	7.05%
40%	18,861	6.84%	2,567	5.91%	21,662	6.71%
50%	16,786	6.09%	3,417	7.87%	20,395	6.32%
60%	19,929	7.23%	3,179	7.32%	23,361	7.23%
70%	22,895	8.31%	5,201	11.97%	28,289	8.76%
80%	18,288	6.63%	4,228	9.73%	22,639	7.01%
90%	19,180	6.96%	4,923	11.33%	24,224	7.50%
100%	40,369	14.64%	8,012	18.44%	48,848	15.13%
Total	275,668		43,438		322,908	





All compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ¹²	% Total
0%	5,818	0.12%	543	0.09%	6,959	0.13%
10%	809,597	17.15%	61,836	9.91%	893,638	16.50%
20%	355,772	7.54%	35,688	5.72%	400,002	7.38%
30%	312,938	6.63%	39,927	6.40%	359,613	6.64%
40%	319,783	6.78%	39,996	6.41%	364,950	6.74%
50%	251,768	5.33%	39,426	6.32%	294,724	5.44%
60%	385,500	8.17%	50,508	8.09%	440,756	8.14%
70%	439,389	9.31%	69,426	11.12%	513,459	9.48%
80%	453,353	9.61%	71,947	11.53%	529,283	9.77%
90%	428,913	9.09%	74,227	11.89%	506,188	9.34%
100%	956,871	20.27%	140,689	22.54%	1,107,440	20.44%
Total	4,719,702		624,213		5,417,012	





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	Est	imated annual total payme	nts
degree	Male	Female	Total ¹³
0%14	\$426,943	\$33,763	\$473,248
10%	\$143,985,390	\$12,014,744	\$158,787,158
20%	\$74,297,809	\$8,344,452	\$84,041,997
30%	\$112,450,365	\$17,182,763	\$131,370,097
40%	\$157,431,455	\$21,479,560	\$180,854,751
50%	\$198,665,240	\$40,442,211	\$241,352,067
60%	\$300,469,461	\$47,842,983	\$352,101,000
70%	\$435,050,103	\$98,980,992	\$537,638,598
80%	\$410,445,531	\$94,023,433	\$507,259,226
90%	\$496,345,498	\$124,755,703	\$624,156,714
100%	\$1,743,859,129	\$340,487,068	\$2,104,256,435
Total	\$4,073,426,925	\$805,587,672	\$4,922,291,291

¹³ Total includes \$43,276,694 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.

¹⁴ 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 payments¹⁵

Combined	Esti	mated annual total pa	yments
degree	Male	Female	Total ¹⁶
0%	\$7,676,555	\$755,639	\$9,126,246
10%	\$1,492,657,475	\$114,246,844	\$1,647,921,254
20%	\$1,308,862,798	\$129,890,226	\$1,470,356,781
30%	\$1,929,350,437	\$247,988,230	\$2,218,502,809
40%	\$2,852,357,518	\$357,856,535	\$3,255,986,138
50%	\$3,178,428,638	\$496,697,630	\$3,719,024,804
60%	\$6,633,008,168	\$834,273,442	\$7,553,970,646
70%	\$10,861,181,006	\$1,636,034,372	\$12,619,883,872
80%	\$12,579,083,570	\$1,891,203,155	\$14,588,283,854
90%	\$13,403,249,905	\$2,199,113,790	\$15,702,848,836
100%	\$42,690,218,181	\$6,141,978,404	\$49,271,744,030
Total	\$96,936,074,252	\$14,050,038,267	\$112,057,649,270

¹⁵ Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate. ¹⁶ Total includes \$1,071,536,752 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 Estimated annual average individual payment			
degree	Male	Female	Total ¹⁷
0%	\$1,395	\$1,351	\$1,392
10%	\$1,821	\$1,820	\$1,821
20%	\$3,624	\$3,595	\$3,622
30%	\$5,771	\$5,797	\$5,774
40%	\$8,347	\$8,368	\$8,349
50%	\$11,835	\$11,836	\$11,834
60%	\$15,077	\$15,050	\$15,072
70%	\$19,002	\$19,031	\$19,005
80%	\$22,443	\$22,238	\$22,406
90%	\$25,878	\$25,341	\$25,766
100%	\$43,198	\$42,497	\$43,078
Total	\$14,777	\$18,546	\$15,244





All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined	Estimated annual average individual payment		
degree	Male	Female	Total ¹⁸
0%	\$1,319	\$1,392	\$1,311
10%	\$1,844	\$1,848	\$1,844
20%	\$3,679	\$3,640	\$3,676
30%	\$6,165	\$6,211	\$6,169
40%	\$8,920	\$8,947	\$8,922
50%	\$12,624	\$12,598	\$12,619
60%	\$17,206	\$16,518	\$17,139
70%	\$24,719	\$23,565	\$24,578
80%	\$27,747	\$26,286	\$27,562
90%	\$31,249	\$29,627	\$31,022
100%	\$44,614	\$43,656	\$44,492
Total	\$20,539	\$22,508	\$20,686





Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

New compensation recipients and estimated annual payments¹⁹

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Age 34 and under	106,843	\$1,820,654,138	\$17,040
Age 35 through 54	102,216	\$1,956,568,134	\$19,142
Age 55 through 74	78,466	\$717,454,341	\$9,144
Age 75 and over	35,381	\$427,570,585	\$12,085
Total ²⁰	322,908	\$4,922,291,291	\$15,244

All compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Age	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Age 34 and under	613,577	\$12,625,595,301	\$20,577
Age 35 through 54	1,754,770	\$39,896,349,351	\$22,736
Age 55 through 74	2,046,287	\$40,254,068,977	\$19,672
Age 75 and over	1,002,167	\$19,280,198,738	\$19,239
Total ²¹	5,417,012	\$112,057,649,270	\$20,686



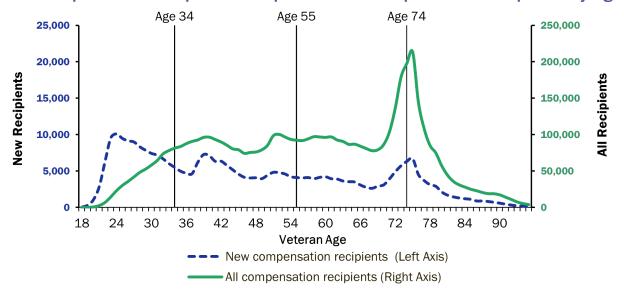
Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate.
 Total includes 2 Veterans and \$44,094 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age.

²¹ Total includes 211 Veterans and \$1,436,903 in total estimated annual payment amounts unidentifiable by age

Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Age

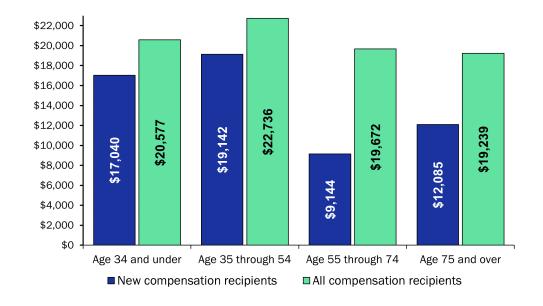
The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2022 (blue line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (green line, right axis).

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 2022 (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	612	\$10,093,936	\$16,493
Korean Conflict	3,163	\$40,386,916	\$12,769
Vietnam Era	51,752	\$596,561,378	\$11,527
Gulf War Era	224,757	\$3,975,871,614	\$17,690
Peacetime Era	42,624	\$299,377,447	\$7,024
Total	322,908	\$4,922,291,291	\$15,244

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	16,257	\$249,419,863	\$15,342
Korean Conflict	68,526	\$963,287,348	\$14,057
Vietnam Era	1,382,984	\$29,624,632,298	\$21,421
Gulf War Era	3,126,930	\$69,165,007,130	\$22,119
Peacetime Era	822,315	\$12,055,302,631	\$14,660
Total	5,417,012	\$112,057,649,270	\$20,686

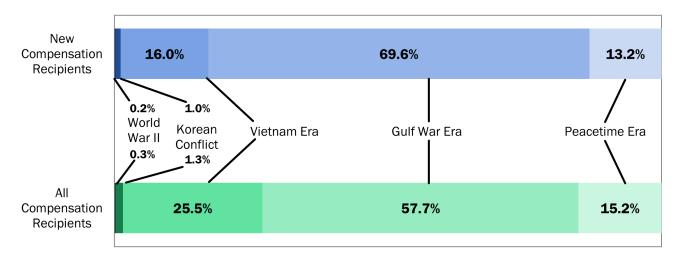


Charts: Veterans and Estimated Annual Payments by Period of Service



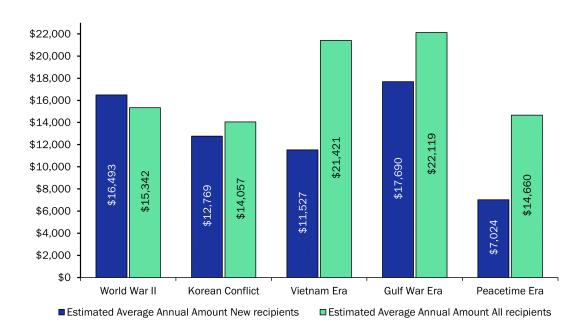
The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The blue bars in the top row are new compensation recipients and the green bars on the bottom row indicate all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year.

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 2022 (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	50,803	\$889,462,135	\$17,508	
Female	8,892	\$181,389,764	\$20,399	
Total ²²	59,804	\$1,072,766,667	\$17,938	

All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Gender	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
Male	1,283,596	\$30,856,223,419	\$24,039
Female	213,265	\$5,334,202,893	\$25,012
Total ²³	1,503,176	\$36,332,393,435	\$24,170



²² Total includes 109 Veterans and \$1,914,768 in payments with no gender indicated in the award record.

²³ Total includes 6,315 Veterans and \$141,967,123 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 payments²⁴

Combined degree	Number of Veterans	Estimated annual total payments	Estimated annual average individual payment
0%	22	\$28,241	\$1,284
10%	10,949	\$19,917,630	\$1,819
20%	2,853	\$10,256,518	\$3,595
30%	3,992	\$23,419,889	\$5,867
40%	3,979	\$33,650,869	\$8,457
50%	4,419	\$52,837,216	\$11,957
60%	5,136	\$78,298,890	\$15,245
70%	7,330	\$140,088,161	\$19,112
80%	5,123	\$115,509,538	\$22,547
90%	5,502	\$142,683,375	\$25,933
100%	10,499	\$456,076,341	\$43,440
Total	59,804	\$1,072,766,667	\$17,938

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



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GWOT Veterans by Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

All GWOT compensation recipients

Combined degree	Male	% Male	Female	% Female	Total ²⁵	% Total
0%	436	0.03%	80	0.04%	525	0.03%
10%	93,693	7.30%	11,732	5.50%	106,213	7.07%
20%	57,138	4.45%	8,134	3.81%	65,785	4.38%
30%	68,084	5.30%	10,745	5.04%	79,181	5.27%
40%	79,751	6.21%	12,619	5.92%	92,724	6.17%
50%	72,860	5.68%	12,112	5.68%	85,300	5.67%
60%	122,372	9.53%	17,553	8.23%	140,411	9.34%
70%	142,689	11.12%	22,858	10.72%	166,071	11.05%
80%	166,036	13.94%	28,058	13.16%	194,756	12.96%
90%	166,423	12.97%	30,625	14.36%	197,709	13.15%
100%	314,114	24.47%	58,749	27.55%	374,501	24.91%
Total	1,283,596		213,265		1,503,176	



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



All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments²⁶

Combined Estimated annual total payments						
Combined degree	Male	Female	Total ²⁷			
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0%	\$617,530	\$113,597	\$743,906			
10%	\$172,726,853	\$21,604,251	\$195,784,408			
20%	\$208,209,522	\$29,573,984	\$239,649,538			
30%	\$431,640,677	\$67,983,008	\$501,873,935			
40%	\$727,650,520	\$114,639,960	\$845,512,589			
50%	\$938,435,172	\$154,811,539	\$1,097,482,808			
60%	\$1,999,623,529	\$283,420,621	\$2,291,078,670			
70%	\$3,143,436,791	\$498,578,947	\$3,653,421,495			
80%	\$4,270,212,355	\$709,995,186	\$4,997,128,714			
90%	\$4,931,153,328	\$886,906,064	\$5,837,875,890			
100%	\$14,032,517,141	\$2,566,575,736	\$16,671,841,480			
Total	\$30,856,223,419	\$5,334,202,893	\$36,332,393,435			

²⁶ Please note all dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar, therefore totaling the rounded figures may produce rounding error in aggregate. ²⁷ Total includes \$141,967,123 in benefits with no gender indicated in the award record.





GWOT Estimated Annual Average Individual Paymentby Combined Degree of Disability and Gender

All GWOT compensation recipients and estimated annual payments

Combined	Estimated annual average individual payments					
degree	Male	Female	Total ²⁸			
0%	\$1,416	\$1,420	\$1,417			
10%	\$1,844	\$1,841	\$1,843			
20%	\$3,644	\$3,636	\$3,643			
30%	\$6,340	\$6,327	\$6,338			
40%	\$9,124	\$9,085	\$9,119			
50%	\$12,880	\$12,782	\$12,866			
60%	\$16,341	\$16,147	\$16,317			
70%	\$22,030	\$21,812	\$21,999			
80%	\$25,719	\$25,305	\$25,658			
90%	\$29,630	\$28,960	\$29,528			
100%	\$44,673	\$43,687	\$44,517			
Total	\$24,039	\$25,012	\$24,170			



 $^{^{28}\,\}text{Total}$ includes average of \$22,481 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 2022. 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 2022.

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 2018 to FY 2022

Body system	2018	2019 ²⁹	2020 ²⁹	2021	2022 ³⁰	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
Musculoskeletal	606,604	656,407	56,407 627,325 664,187 910,039		37.0%	
Auditory	239,837	278,501	217,866	238,456	283,505	18.9%
Neurological	143,876	152,415	148,527	151,550	212,264	40.1%
Skin	142,790	154,559	140,281	136,490	176,418	29.3%
Mental	91,746	97,120	92,176	100,253	122,244	21.9%
Respiratory	69,838	72,565	65,037	66,758	95,750	43.4%
Digestive	52,425	54,521	49,785	49,571	67,505	36.2%
Genitourinary	38,678	39,969	39,436	35,937	51,778	44.1%
Cardiovascular	33,131	34,062	30,945	28,305	38,018	34.3%
The Eye	15,445	16,676	15,882	16,228	21,698	33.7%
Dental/Oral	8,504 ³¹	9,771 ³¹	10,01031	9,327	14,029	50.4%
Endocrine	13,308 ³¹	13,249 ³¹	12,921 ³¹	8,828	13,491	52.8%
Gynecological	8,040 ³¹	9,05431	9,09931	9,249	11,721	26.7%
Hemic/Lymphatic	3,838	3,734	3,736	3,328	4,579	37.6%
Infection/ Immune/Nutrition	1,746	1,870	1,949	2,093	2,857	36.5%
Total	1,469,806	1,594,475	1,465,006	1,520,560	2,025,896	33.2%



 $^{^{29}}$ Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total.

 $^{^{\}rm 30}$ Update made in FY2022 to categorize undiagnosed conditions under a separate body system. This report reflects the update for FY2022 data only.

³¹ This report contains a correction to the Annual Benefits Report for FY2021.



Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients FY 2018 to FY 2022

Body system	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ³²	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
Musculoskeletal	9,232,650	10,034,349	10,787,062	11,724,365	12,890,232	9.9%
Auditory	3,363,237	3,651,672	3,848,413	4,064,400	4,328,510	6.5%
Neurological	2,842,749	3,147,086	3,426,676	3,770,120	4,178,461	10.8%
Skin	2,719,071	2,952,061	3,147,221	3,364,340	3,610,527	7.3%
Mental	1,754,644	1,891,552	2,019,735	2,163,197	2,341,544	8.2%
Respiratory	1,147,705	1,241,294	1,324,533	1,427,166	1,592,363	11.6%
Digestive	1,049,665	1,108,885	1,161,794	1,228,124	1,314,089	7.0%
Cardiovascular	997,129	1,020,994	1,039,481	1,052,549	1,080,664	2.7%
Genitourinary	837,693	890,453	939,979	989,955	1,064,023	7.5%
Endocrine	515,030	517,852	520,946	513,783	525,968	2.4%
The Eye	298,751	315,408	329,298	345,080	366,296	6.1%
Gynecological	129,502	141,707	153,689	167,913	184,050	9.6%
Dental/Oral	118,309	129,816	140,832	154,112	171,351	11.2%
Hemic/Lymphatic	68,280	72,257	75,796	78,984	83,471	5.7%
Infection/Immune /Nutrition	52,714	53,933	55,444	58,182	62,014	6.6%
Total ³³	25,127,129	27,169,321	28,970,943	31,102,270	33,794,007	8.7%

 $^{^{\}rm 32}$ Update made in FY2022 to categorize undiagnosed conditions under a separate body system. This report incorporates the update for FY2022 data only. $^{\rm 33}$ Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total for FY18 through FY22.







Number of SC Disabilities by Evaluation and Gender

Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability Evaluation	Male	Female	Total ³⁴
0%	8,669,197	1,485,492	10,236,711
10%	11,356,195	1,855,437	13,320,222
20%	3,459,408	443,862	3,936,239
30%	1,815,021	369,427	2,205,284
40%	699,900	100,651	808,073
50%	1,256,537	222,086	1,488,349
60%	327,878	34,730	366,979
70%	697,177	127,921	830,608
80%	23,769	1,632	25,804
90%	5,314	200	5,618
100%	509,769	53,703	570,120
Total	28,820,165	4,695,141	33,794,007



³⁴ Total includes 278,701 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 ³⁵
Musculoskeletal	10,787,056	2,016,111	12,890,232
Auditory	4,021,891	256,416	4,328,510
Neurological	3,559,447	588,436	4,178,461
Skin	3,048,800	529,373	3,610,527
Mental	1,963,057	359,557	2,341,544
Respiratory	1,337,066	244,644	1,592,363
Digestive	1,109,060	194,758	1,314,089
Cardiovascular	972,494	97,610	1,080,664
Genitourinary	989,988	63,750	1,064,023
Endocrine	477,054	40,571	525,968
The Eye	306,931	55,697	366,296
Gynecological	7,920	173,910	184,050
Dental/Oral	128,659	41,304	171,351
Hemic/Lymphatic	59,349	22,986	83,471
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	50,990	9,979	62,014
Total all disabilities ³⁶	28,820,165	4,695,141	33,794,007

 $^{^{36}}$ Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for $<\!0.1\%$ of total.



³⁵ Total includes 278,701 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	175,596	10.6%	19,943	5.6%	197,935	9.8%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	111,051	6.7%	23,361	6.5%	134,893	6.7%
Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	Musculoskeletal	83,121	5.0%	20,262	5.7%	103,768	5.1%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	78,430	4.7%	12,685	3.6%	91,424	4.5%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	66,853	4.0%	14,343	4.0%	81,629	4.0%
Hearing loss	Auditory	70,595	4.3%	2,340	0.7%	74,713	3.7%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	59,181	3.6%	11,971	3.4%	71,410	3.5%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	54,011	3.3%	10,098	2.8%	64,566	3.2%
Migraine	Neurological	44,842	2.7%	14,937	4.2%	59,972	3.0%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	46,200	2.8%	11,478	3.2%	57,998	2.9%
· ·	Total most prevalent disabilities Total number of disabilities ³⁷		47.7% 100%	141,418 356,907	39.6% 100%	938,308 2,025,896	46.3% 100%





Most prevalent SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Disability	Body system	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	2,480,799	8.6%	196,107	4.2%	2,703,665	8.0%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	1,397,836	4.9%	251,749	5.4%	1,657,593	4.9%
Hearing loss	Auditory	1,370,921	4.8%	34,606	0.7%	1,426,183	4.2%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	1,170,879	4.1%	162,304	3.5%	1,343,669	4.0%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain ³⁸	Musculoskeletal	1,087,622	3.8%	229,643	4.9%	1,325,248	3.9%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	1,154,652	4.0%	145,231	3.1%	1,308,812	3.9%
Scars, general	Skin	827,566	2.9%	126,035	2.7%	964,644	2.9%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	798,390	2.8%	126,841	2.7%	930,108	2.8%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	787,185	2.7%	103,537	2.2%	894,846	2.6%
Migraine	Neurological	631,011	2.2%	201,502	4.3%	837,211	2.5%
·	Total most prevalent disabilities ³⁹ Total number of disabilities ⁴⁰		40.6% 100%	1,577,555 4,695,141	33.6% 100%	13,391,979 33,794,007	39.6% 100%



³⁸ 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.

³⁹ Total includes 16 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

⁴⁰ Total includes 63 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	12,890,232	38.1%	10%
Auditory	1	4,328,510	12.8%	10%
Neurological	1	4,178,461	12.4%	10%
Skin	1	3,610,527	10.7%	0%
Mental	2	2,341,544	6.9%	70%
Respiratory	2	1,592,363	4.7%	0%
Digestive	2	1,314,089	3.9%	0%
Cardiovascular	2	1,080,664	3.2%	0%
Genitourinary	3	1,064,023	3.1%	0%
Endocrine	3	525,968	1.6%	20%
The Eye	3	366,296	1.1%	0%
Gynecological	3	184,050	0.5%	0%
Dental/Oral	4	171,351	0.5%	10%
Hemic/Lymphatic	4	83,471	0.2%	0%
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	4	62,014	0.2%	0%
Total all conditions ⁴¹	4	33,794,007	100%	10%



 $^{^{41}}$ Total includes undiagnosed conditions unidentifiable by body system. Undiagnosed conditions account for <0.1% of total

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Number of SC Disabilities and Prevalence by Body System and Evaluation



 Table 1
 Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating %	Musculosk	eletal	Auditory Neurolo		gical	Skin		
0%	2,879,216	22.3%	1,184,333	27.4%	602,405	14.4%	2,772,383	76.8%
10%	6,743,659	52.3%	2,895,408	66.9%	1,585,955	38.0%	633,634	17.5%
20%	2,115,209	16.4%	63,646	1.5%	1,100,335	26.3%	47,823	1.3%
30%	512,339	4.0%	70,155	1.6%	442,873	10.6%	114,624	3.2%
40%	415,409	3.2%	36,405	0.8%	211,868	5.1%	3,386	0.1%
50%	135,753	1.1%	25,127	0.6%	185,308	4.4%	5,901	0.2%
60%	56,322	0.4%	12,544	0.3%	17,002	0.4%	30,846	0.9%
70%	5,678	<0.1%	8,205	0.2%	16,289	0.4%	11	<0.1%
80%	1,256	<0.1%	7,962	0.2%	6,046	0.1%	1,291	<0.1%
90%	1,017	<0.1%	3,152	0.1%	498	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
100%	24,374	0.2%	21,573	0.5%	9,882	0.2%	625	<0.1%
Total	12,890,232	100.0%	4,328,510	100.0%	4,178,461	100.0%	3,610,527	100.0%

Table 2

Rating %	Menta	al	Respiratory		Digestive		Cardiovascular	
0%	40,120	1.7%	608,197	38.2%	651,924	49.6%	354,183	32.8%
10%	110,215	4.7%	270,420	17.0%	406,018	30.9%	339,542	31.4%
20%	541	<0.1%	2,637	0.2%	46,231	3.5%	52,734	4.9%
30%	469,111	20.0%	167,940	10.5%	168,405	12.8%	130,701	12.1%
40%	579	<0.1%	286	<0.1%	6,175	0.5%	22,189	2.1%
50%	612,770	26.2%	494,127	31.0%	2,129	0.2%	364	<0.1%
60%	529	<0.1%	24,865	1.6%	20,736	1.6%	102,943	9.5%
70%	797,156	34.0%	19	<0.1%	380	<0.1%	48	<0.1%
80%	8	<0.1%	11	<0.1%	558	<0.1%	17	<0.1%
90%	42	<0.1%	5	<0.1%	3	<0.1%	21	<0.1%
100%	310,473	13.3%	23,856	1.5%	11,530	0.9%	77,922	7.2%
Total	2,341,544	100.0%	1,592,363	100.0%	1,314,089	100.0%	1,080,664	100.0%





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

Table 3 Number of SC disabilities of all compensation recipients

Rating %	Genitou	rinary	Endoc	rine	The E	Eye	Gynecol	ogical
0%	669,301	62.9%	38,451	7.3%	212,277	58.0%	102,841	55.9%
10%	55,024	5.2%	84,970	16.2%	81,502	22.3%	18,162	9.9%
20%	88,362	8.3%	365,075	69.4%	25,115	6.9%	271	0.1%
30%	32,392	3.0%	8,511	1.6%	27,951	7.6%	37,650	20.5%
40%	74,450	7.0%	17,671	3.4%	6,257	1.7%	813	0.4%
50%	26	<0.1%	18	<0.1%	3,065	0.8%	22,906	12.4%
60%	80,690	7.6%	7,297	1.4%	2,867	0.8%	373	0.2%
70%	13	<0.1%	4	<0.1%	2,175	0.6%	2	<0.1%
80%	7,485	0.7%	2	<0.1%	847	0.2%	289	0.2%
90%	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%	872	0.2%	-	-
100%	56,279	5.3%	3,968	0.8%	3,368	0.9%	743	0.4%
Total	1,064,023	100.0%	525,968	100.0%	366,296	100.0%	184,050	100.0%

Table 4

Rating %	Dent	al/Oral	Hemic/Ly	mphatic	Infec Immune/	•	Total all body s	systems ⁴²
0%	48,240	28.2%	38,135	45.7%	34,640	55.9%	10,236,711	30.3%
10%	76,309	44.5%	12,755	15.3%	6,380	10.3%	13,320,222	39.4%
20%	23,011	13.4%	3,045	3.6%	2,153	3.5%	3,936,239	11.6%
30%	14,513	8.5%	6,284	7.5%	1,803	2.9%	2,205,284	6.5%
40%	8,349	4.9%	350	0.4%	3,872	6.2%	808,073	2.4%
50%	824	0.5%	6	<0.1%	19	<0.1%	1,488,349	4.4%
60%	5	<0.1%	590	0.7%	9,364	15.1%	366,979	1.1%
70%	30	<0.1%	591	0.7%	6	<0.1%	830,608	2.5%
80%	2	<0.1%	2	<0.1%	28	<0.1%	25,804	0.1%
90%	1	<0.1%	-	-	2	<0.1%	5,618	<0.1%
100%	67	<0.1%	21,713	26.0%	3,747	6.0%	570,120	1.7%
Total	171,351	100.0%	83,471	100.0%	62,014	100.0%	33,794,007	100.0%





 $^{^{\}rm 42}$ 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
	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,657,593	12.9%
Musculoskeletal	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,325,248	10.3%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	930,108	7.2%
Total r	most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities All musculoskeletal disabilities	3,912,949 12,890,232	30.4%
	Tinnitus	2,703,665	62.5%
Auditory	Hearing loss	1,426,183	32.9%
	Labyrinthitis	71,987	1.7%
	Total most prevalent auditory disabilities All auditory disabilities	4,201,835 4,328,510	97.1%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	1,308,812	31.3%
Neurological	Migraine	837,211	20.0%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	275,099	6.6%
To	otal most prevalent neurological disabilities All neurological disabilities	2,421,122 4,178,461	57.9%
	Scars, general	964,644	26.7%
Skin	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	752,726	20.8%
	Eczema	499,911	13.8%
	2,217,281 3,610,527	61.4%	
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,343,669	57.4%
Mental	Major depressive disorder	290,265	12.4%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	155,264	6.6%
	Total most prevalent mental disabilities All mental disabilities	1,789,198 2,341,544	76.4%





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
	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	508,430	31.9%
Respiratory	Allergic rhinitis	426,307	26.8%
	Bronchial asthma	154,765	9.7%
	Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities	1,089,502	68.4%
	All respiratory disabilities	1,592,363	00.470
	Hiatal hernia	444,181	33.8%
Digestive	Hemorrhoids	297,889	22.7%
	Irritable bowel syndrome	192,028	14.6%
	Total most prevalent digestive disabilities	934,098	71.1%
	All digestive disabilities	1,314,089	7 1.170
	Hypertensive vascular disease	466,128	43.1%
Cardiovascular	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	227,199	21.0%
	Varicose veins	79,423	7.3%
Т	otal most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities All cardiovascular disabilities	772,750 1,080,664	71.5%
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	465,837	43.8%
Genitourinary	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	158,095	14.9%
	Prostate gland injuries	62,878	5.9%
	Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities All genitourinary disabilities	686,810 1,064,023	64.5%
	Diabetes mellitus	426,595	81.1%
Endocrine	Hypothyroidism	70,120	13.3%
	Hyperthyroidism	9,094	1.7%
	Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities All endocrine disabilities	505,809 525,968	96.2%





Body system	Disability	Total number of disabilities	% of body system disabilities
	Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other	68,676	18.7%
The Eye	Excessive tearing	47,011	12.8%
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	38,185	10.4%
To	153,872 366,296	42.0%	
	Removal of uterus	27,556	15.0%
Gynecological	Disease or injury of the ovary	22,176	12.0%
	Removal of uterus and both ovaries	19,031	10.3%
Tota	68,763 184,050	37.4%	
	Limited motion of the jaw	143,297	83.6%
Dental/Oral	Loss of teeth	9,984	5.8%
	Malunion of lower jaw	8,168	4.8%
To	otal most prevalent dental/oral disabilities All dental/oral disabilities	161,449 171,351	94.2%
	Anemia	21,866	26.2%
Hemic/Lymphatic	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	13,334	16.0%
	Iron Deficiency Anemia	9,869	11.8%
Total m	45,069 83,471	54.0%	
	Malaria	20,810	33.6%
Infection/Immune/ Nutrition	Chronic fatigue syndrome	19,770	31.9%
	HIV-related illness	5,768	9.3%
· ·	ent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities	46,348 62,014	74.7%





Most Prevalent SC Disabilities – by Disability Type

The disabilities listed on pages $\underline{103}$ through $\underline{105}$ are grouped by one of over 900 individual disability codes. Disability types in the table below with a 43 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 <u>103</u> under Musculoskeletal Disabilities, only the top 30.4% are listed and two of them are related to limited motion. The table below lists the top 77.5% 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
	Limitation of motion of a joint or appendage ⁴³	5,975,971	46.36%
	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	1,325,248	10.28%
	Degenerative arthritis of the spine	640,449	4.97%
Musculoskeletal	Flatfoot, acquired	480,117	3.72%
wusculoskeletai	Impairment of the knee, general	465,636	3.61%
	Intervertebral Disc Syndrome	418,586	3.25%
	Thigh condition, general	376,838	2.92%
	Residuals of foot injury	301,428	2.34%
	Total most prevalent musculoskeletal disabilities All musculoskeletal disabilities	9,984,273 12,890,232	77.46%
	Paralysis of a nerve or nerve group (all types)43	2,739,396	65.56%
	Migraine	837,211	20.04%
Neurological	Inflammation of a nerve or nerve group (all types) ⁴³	201,633	4.83%
	Neuralgia of a nerve or nerve group (all types) ⁴³	146,464	3.51%
	Brain disease due to trauma	143,340	3.43%
	Total most prevalent neurological disabilities All neurological disabilities	4,068,074 4,178,461	97.36%
	Blind in one or both eyes ⁴³	82,689	22.57%
The Eve	Impaired vision - one or both eyes ⁴³	54,888	14.98%
The Eye	Excessive tearing	47,011	12.83%
	Conjunctivitis ⁴³	38,626	10.55%
	Total most prevalent eye related disabilities All eye related disabilities	223,214 366,296	60.94%



⁴³ This disability type is composed of several disability codes.

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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
	Hearing loss	9,684	24.6%
	Tinnitus	6,958	17.7%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,686	4.3%
	Residuals of cold injury	1,643	4.2%
World War II	Scars, general	1,142	2.9%
World War II	Scars, superficial (tender)	715	1.8%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	513	1.3%
	Generalized anxiety disorder	502	1.3%
	Scars, burns (2 nd degree)	448	1.1%
	Scars, head, face or neck	447	1.1%
Total mos	Total most prevalent World War II disabilities All World War II disabilities		
	Hearing loss	46,017	26.9%
	Tinnitus	38,403	22.5%
	Residuals of cold injury	7,371	4.3%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	5,546	3.2%
Varaan Canfliat	Scars, general	4,541	2.7%
Korean Conflict	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	2,991	1.8%
	Scars, superficial (tender)	2,373	1.4%
	Scars, burns (2 nd degree)	2,018	1.2%
	Scars, head, face or neck	1,814	1.1%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,673	1.0%
Total most pr	evalent Korean Conflict disabilities All Korean Conflict disabilities	112,747 170,895	66.0%





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
	Tinnitus	654,152	11.5%
	Hearing loss	590,133	10.4%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	386,908	6.8%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	355,891	6.3%
	Diabetes mellitus	346,833	6.1%
Vietnam Era	Scars, general	202,486	3.6%
vietilalli Lia	Arteriosclerotic heart disease (Coronary artery disease)	185,255	3.3%
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	166,342	2.9%
	Malignant growths of genitourinary system	139,789	2.5%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	100,183	1.8%
Tota	I most prevalent Vietnam Era disabilities All Vietnam Era disabilities	3,127,972 5,688,165	55.0%
	Tinnitus	1,657,139	6.6%
	Limitation of flexion, knee	1,491,227	6.0%
	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	1,167,701	4.7%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	886,162	3.6%
Gulf War Era	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	830,014	3.3%
Guii War Era	Limitation of motion of the arm	826,030	3.3%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	825,116	3.3%
	Migraine	762,734	3.1%
	Scars, general	650,209	2.6%
	Scars, burns (2 nd degree)	583,576	2.3%
Total	most prevalent Gulf War Era disabilities All Gulf War Era disabilities	9,679,908 24,921,441	38.8%





Period of service	Disability	Total number	% of POS disabilities
	Tinnitus	347,013	11.7%
	Hearing loss	261,748	8.8%
	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	119,403	4.0%
	Scars, general Limitation of flexion, knee		3.6%
			3.6%
Peacetime	Lumbosacral or Cervical Strain	88,565	3.0%
	Scars, burns (2 nd degree)	66,501	2.2%
	Impairment of the knee, general	66,073	2.2%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	65,908	2.2%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder		2.1%
Total	1,290,617 2,974,184	43.4%	

SC disabilities per Veteran by period of service – New compensation recipients						
World Korean Vietnam Gulf War Era Peacetime Periods Total						Total
New Veterans	612	3,163	51,752	224,757	42,624	322,908
Disabilities	1,078	5,841	130,797	1,798,529	89,651	2,025,896
Average # of disabilities per Veteran	1.8	1.8	2.5	8.0	2.1	6.3





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 ⁴⁴	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	32,792	8.9%	4,459	5.5%	37,316	8.3%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	24,790	6.7%	5,128	6.3%	29,965	6.7%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain ⁴⁵	Musculoskeletal	17,896	4.9%	4,294	5.3%	22,225	4.9%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	18,589	5.1%	3,016	3.7%	21,642	4.8%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	17,450	4.7%	3,076	3.8%	20,560	4.6%
Scars, burns (2nd degree)	Skin	15,747	4.3%	3,354	4.1%	19,133	4.2%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	13,516	3.7%	2,680	3.3%	16,223	3.6%
Migraine	Neurological	10,758	2.9%	3,434	4.2%	14,217	3.2%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	11,767	3.2%	2,200	2.7%	13,992	3.1%
Limitation of flexion of the thigh	Musculoskeletal	9,578	2.6%	3,302	4.0%	12,914	2.9%
	evalent disabilities onber of disabilities	172,883 367,949	47.0% 100%	34,943 81,533	42.9% 100%	208,187 450,302	46.2% 100%



⁴⁴ Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 361 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 820 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

⁴⁵ 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 ⁴⁶	%Total
Tinnitus	Auditory	794,818	7.3%	86,676	4.4%	884,693	6.8%
Limitation of flexion, knee	Musculoskeletal	654,260	6.0%	107,664	5.4%	765,142	5.9%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Mental	527,338	4.8%	73,052	3.7%	602,370	4.6%
Lumbosacral or cervical strain ⁴⁷	Musculoskeletal	486,430	4.5%	96,134	4.8%	585,174	4.5%
Limitation of motion of the ankle	Musculoskeletal	368,479	3.4%	54,294	2.7%	424,623	3.3%
Migraine	Neurological	326,460	3.0%	89,075	4.5%	417,530	3.2%
Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	Neurological	357,129	3.3%	58,641	3.0%	417,344	3.2%
Limitation of motion of the arm	Musculoskeletal	360,505	3.3%	44,167	2.2%	406,340	3.1%
Scars, general	Skin	309,675	2.8%	58,709	3.0%	370,099	2.9%
Degenerative Arthritis of the Spine	Musculoskeletal	264,065	2.4%	39,841	2.0%	305,199	2.4%
The state of the s	valent disabilities er of disabilities	4,449,159 10,912,428	40.8% 100%	708,253 1,987,426	35.6% 100%	5,178,514 12,956,933	40.0% 100%

⁴⁷ 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.



⁴⁶ Total most prevalent GWOT disabilities include 21,102 disabilities unidentifiable by gender. Total of all GWOT disabilities include 57,079 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.





Number of SC disabilities of all GWOT compensation recipients

Body system	Male	Female	Total ⁴⁸
Musculoskeletal	4,736,517	851,874	5,613,984
Neurological	1,253,999	250,793	1,511,225
Skin	1,186,750	232,306	1,425,622
Auditory	1,086,846	108,825	1,199,898
Mental	793,621	146,975	944,116
Respiratory	626,380	107,932	737,567
Digestive	449,102	83,641	535,185
Cardiovascular	260,217	40,538	302,096
Genitourinary	274,173	26,372	301,803
The Eye	113,512	25,085	139,297
Dental/Oral	57,594	18,008	76,038
Gynecological	3,012	64,261	68,004
Endocrine	46,091	16,696	63,133
Hemic/Lymphatic	12,186	10,176	22,516
Infection/Immune/Nutrition	12,411	3,943	16,431
Total ⁴⁹	10,912,428	1,987,426	12,956,933



⁴⁸ Total includes 57,079 disabilities unidentifiable by gender.

⁴⁹ 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
	Limitation of flexion, knee	765,142	13.63%
Musculoskeletal	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	585,174	10.42%
	Limitation of motion of the ankle	424,623	7.56%
Total r	1,774,939 5,613,984	31.62%	
	Migraine	417,530	27.63%
Neurological	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	417,344	27.62%
	Paralysis of the median nerve	98,568	6.52%
	933,442 1,511,225	61.77%	
	Scars, general	370,099	25.96%
Skin	Eczema	269,207	18.88%
	Scars, burns (2nd degree)	229,575	16.10%
То	tal most prevalent neurological disabilities All neurological disabilities	868,881 1,425,622	60.95%
	Tinnitus	884,693	73.73%
Auditory	Hearing loss	254,552	21.21%
	Labyrinthitis	28,396	2.37%
	Total most prevalent auditory disabilities All auditory disabilities	1,167,641 1,199,898	97.31%
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	602,370	63.80%
Mental	Major depressive disorder	90,686	9.61%
	Chronic adjustment disorder	62,464	6.62%
	Total most prevalent mental disabilities All mental disabilities	755,520 944,116	80.02%





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	
	Sleep apnea syndromes (obstructive, central, mixed)	282,351	38.28%	
Respiratory	Allergic rhinitis	219,405	29.75%	
	Maxillary sinusitis	65,385	8.86%	
1	Total most prevalent respiratory disabilities All respiratory disabilities	567,141 737,567	76.89%	
	Hiatal hernia	224,275	41.91%	
Digestive	Hemorrhoids	110,105	20.57%	
	Irritable bowel syndrome	88,561	16.55%	
	Total most prevalent digestive disabilities All digestive disabilities			
	Hypertensive vascular disease	191,676	63.45%	
Cardiovascular	Varicose veins	29,902	9.90%	
	Residuals of cold injury	11,567	3.83%	
Tota	I most prevalent cardiovascular disabilities All cardiovascular disabilities	233,145 302,096	77.18%	
	Penile deformity (loss of erectile power)	154,449	51.18%	
Genitourinary	Nephrolithiasis (kidney stones)	24,318	8.06%	
	Neurogenic bladder	20,625	6.83%	
Tot	Total most prevalent genitourinary disabilities All genitourinary disabilities			
	Loss of 1 eye; vision 20/40 in other	28,108	20.18%	
The Eye	Excessive tearing	19,577	14.05%	
	Conjunctivitis, chronic	17,723	12.72%	
Т	otal most prevalent eye related disabilities All eye related disabilities	65,408 139,297	46.96%	





Body system	Disability	Total Number	% of body system disabilities
	Limited motion of the jaw	69,222	91.04%
Dental/Oral	Loss of teeth	3,115	4.10%
	Malunion of lower jaw	1,334	1.75%
Т	otal most prevalent dental/oral disabilities All dental/oral disabilities	73,671 76,038	96.89%
	Removal of uterus	10,432	15.34%
Gynecological	Disease or injury of the ovary	9,584	14.09%
	Disease or injury of the uterus	6,272	9.22%
Tot	Total most prevalent gynecological disabilities All gynecological disabilities		
	Diabetes mellitus	28,091	44.49%
Endocrine	Hypothyroidism	23,535	37.28%
	Hyperthyroidism	3,133	4.96%
	Total most prevalent endocrine disabilities All endocrine disabilities	54,759 63,133	86.74%
	Anemia	10,603	47.09%
Hemic/Lymphatic	Iron Deficiency Anemia	3,388	15.05%
	Thrombocytopenia	1,523	6.76%
Total n	nost prevalent hemic/lymphatic disabilities All hemic/lymphatic disabilities	15,514 22,516	68.90%
Infection/	Chronic fatigue syndrome	8,574	52.18%
Immune/	Avitaminosis	1,741	10.60%
Nutrition	Systemic lupus erythematosus	1,711	10.41%
Total most preval	ent infection/immune/nutrition disabilities All infection/immune/nutrition disabilities	12,026 16,431	73.19%





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 2018 to FY 2022 by relationship

Relationship	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Chg. FY 2021 to FY 2022
Surviving spouses	29,855	30,436	32,461	37,126	36,393	-2.0%
Surviving children	1,398	1,294	1,437	1,781	1,480	-16.9%
Surviving parents	205	178	167	196	154	-21.4%
Total	31,458	31,908	34,065	39,103	38,027	-2.8%

All DIC recipients by relationship

Relationship	Number of recipients	Percent of total
Surviving spouses	459,566	96.2%
Surviving children	14,896	3.1%
Surviving parents	3,111	0.7%
Total	477,573	100%

New surviving spouse DIC recipients

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
35 and under	545	\$12,841,497	1.8%
36 - 56	2,788	\$59,378,667	8.5%
57 - 75	22,837	\$429,569,684	61.7%
Over 75	10,216	\$194,809,808	28.0%
Total ⁵⁰	36,393	\$696,727,746	100%





All surviving spouse DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving spouses	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
35 and under	3,691	\$79,889,269	0.9%
36 - 56	26,213	\$514,295,934	6.0%
57 - 75	241,376	\$4,435,730,471	51.8%
Over 75	187,794	\$3,521,292,429	41.1%
Total ⁵¹	459,566	\$8,560,489,084	100%

New surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
Under age 18	1,000	\$5,600,127	63.0%
Age 18 and over – in school	94	\$445,640	5.0%
Age 18 and over - helpless	236	\$2,196,318	24.7%
Total ⁵²	1,480	\$8,883,665	100%

All surviving child DIC recipients by age

Age	Number of surviving children	Estimated annual total payments	Percent of total
Under age 18	6,194	\$36,549,354	30.8%
Age 18 and over – in school	269	\$1,337,544	1.1%
Age 18 and over - helpless	8,184	\$79,402,183	67.0%
Total ⁵³	14,896	\$118,559,623	100%

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

 $^{^{53}}$ Total includes 249 recipients and \$1,270,543 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.



⁵¹ Total includes 492 recipients and \$9,280,982 estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age.

⁵² Total includes 150 recipients and \$641,580 in estimated annual payments unidentifiable by age and status.

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