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In this VA PACT Act Performance Dashboard, we are demonstrating our commitment to transparency by sharing with all stakeholders -internal to VA and externally—key performance metrics and data we are using to assess our success in implementing the PACT Act.

If you, a Veteran, family member, or survivor would like more information about the PACT Act and your VA benefits, please start here:



VA.GOV ask.VA.gov/



CALL 1-800-MyVA411 24/7/365



WALK-IN VA.gov/find/



VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION

VA.gov/disability/ get-help-filing-claim



NEW HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS MAP **Download Map Here**

91.0%

VA Health Care 90-Day Trust Score (04/16/2023-07/31/2023)



Help spread the word-download PACT Act Outreach Materials!



Highlight

On July 26, Jon Stewart shared a video on Twitter encouraging Veterans to apply for PACT Act benefits. Stewart stressed the importance of filing a claim or intent to file by August 9th: if you apply for PACT Act-related benefits by August 9, your benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022.

Watch the PSA here.



Making a Difference Through the PACT Act

A Sergeant 1st Class deployed to Afghanistan in 2012, where he conducted route clearance operations and encountered many challenges and sacrifices. Upon returning home, he was eager to access the benefits he deserved but faced challenges as well. An overwhelming benefits process, extensive paperwork, and personal struggles transitioning to civilian life caused him to abandon his pursuit of benefits. When he learned of the PACT Act, which promised to simplify the claims process, he decided to file his claim again. With the support of his local VA Medical Center and County Veteran Service Organization, he felt his struggles were finally recognized, and he was successful accessing the benefits earned through his service.

VA IS EXPANDING CARE AND BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND SURVIVORS



The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefits expansion in VA history. In this section, we are measuring the overall impact of the PACT Act in terms of its expansion of health care and benefits.

Expanding Benefits



408,581

Total Veterans/Survivors with Completed PACT Act Related Claims (08/10/2022-07/29/2023)



348,469

Total PACT Act Claims Approved

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)



Expanding Care

110,993

New Enrollees from the PACT Act **Planning Population**

(10/01/2022-07/31/2023)



400,321

Total Veterans with Completed PACT Act Related Claims



Total Survivors with Completed PACT Act Related Claims



78.6%

Approval Rate for PACT Act Related Claims (07/29/2023)



Total New VHA Enrollees: (through 07/31/2023)





153.8

Average Days for PACT Act Related Claim Completion (07/29/2023)



47.7%

PACT Act Related Claims Completed </= 125 days (07/29/2023)



CALENDAR

August 05

VetFest Florida St. Petersburg, FL

Honolulu, HI

August 06

PACT Act Event

August 08

PACT Act Event Salem, OR

August 09

PACT Act Resource Fair Harrison, MI

August 10

PACT Act Summer Fest Clarksville, TN

August 11

PACT Act Town Hall Albuquerque, NM

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For more information on these and other events, please visit https://www.va.gov/outreach-and-events/events/



VA is committed to providing world class and timely health care, benefits and services to Veterans and Survivors. In this section, we measure VA's success in delivering outstanding and timely support and in earning the Veteran's and Survivor's trust.

Care Experience



4,134,336

Total Toxic Exposure Screenings (09/06/2022–07/31/2023)



1,755,553 (42.46%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed at least 1 Potential Exposure



344,326 (8.33%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed more than 1 Potential Exposure



1,411,227 (34.13%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed <u>exactly 1</u> Potential Exposure



110,993

New Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population (10/01/2022–07/31/2023)



64%

New Enrollees in Priority Groups 1,2, or 3 (percentage based on the Planning Population)



3,895,938

Current Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population (as of 07/31/2023)

Benefits Experience

The charts below show the past 12 weeks (a rolling 12-week view).

Claims Submitted and Completed—PACT Act-Related

PACT Act Related-Submitted

PACT Act Related-Completed





801,983

Cumulative Total PACT Related Claims Submitted (08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

785.573

Total Veteran PACT Related Claims Submitted

16,410

Total Survivor PACT Related Claims Submitted



443,175

Cumulative Total PACT Related Claims Completed (08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

434,678

Total Veteran PACT Related Claims Completed

8,497

Total Survivor PACT Related Claims Completed

153.8Average Days For PACT Act Related Claim Completion

(07/29/2023)

47.7%

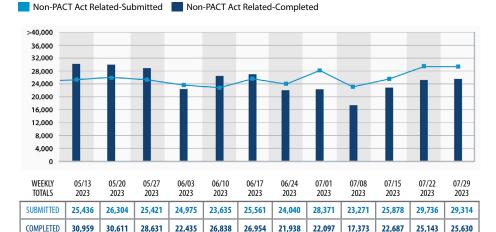
PACT Act Related Rating Claims Completed </=125 Days

(07/29/2023)



Percentage of Claims Submitted PACT Related vs. Non-PACT Related (08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

Claims Submitted and Completed—Non-PACT Act Related





1,379,366

Cumulative Total Non-PACT Related Claims Submitted



1,437,069

Cumulative Total Non-PACT Related Claims Completed

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

125.4

(07/29/2023)

Average Days For Non-PACT Related Claim Completion 67.6% Non-PACT Act

Non-PACT Act
Related Rating Claims
Completed </=125 Days

(07/29/2023)

PACT Act Claims Submission Methods



28.1% **PACT Act Claims** Electronically

Submitted

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

90.2%

Electronic Claims Submitted by Veterans 9.8%

Electronic Claims Submitted by Power of Attorney

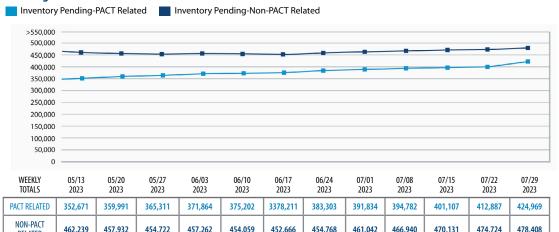


71.9% **PACT Act Claims** Submitted by Mail (08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

86.1% Mailed Claims Submitted with a

Power of Attorney on File with VA

Pending Claims—PACT Related and Non-PACT Related





RELATED

424,969 Total Pending PACT Act Related Claims

(as of 07/29/2023)



71,175

Total Pending PACT Act Related Claims with Partial Decisions

(as of 07/29/2023)



478,408

Total Pending Non-PACT Act Related Claims

(as of 07/29/2023)



42,731

Total Pending Non-PACT Act Related Claims with **Partial Decisions**

(As of 07/29/2023)

(as of 07/29/2023)



114.2 Average Days Pending for PACT Act Related Claims (07/29/2023)

275,057 Total PACT ACT Related Claims Pending </=125 Days (07/29/2023)



96.6

Average Days Pending for Non-PACT Act **Related Claims** (07/29/2023)

362,369

Total Non-PACT Act Related Claims Pending </=125 Days (07/29/2023)



Top 5 Most Frequent Conditions on PACT Act Related Claims (As of 07/29/2023)

Condition	Number of Claims	Number of Issues	Percent Granted	Percent Denied		
Hypertensive Vascular Disease	135,818	137,614	79%	21%		
Allergic Rhinitis	80,593	81,857	82%	18%		
Maxillary Sinusitis	38,169	38,489	54%	46%		
Bronchial Asthma	35,943	36,574	50%	50%		
Malignant Growths of Genitourinary System	19,835	20,327	67%	33%		



- No Diagnosis
- Not Incurred or Not Caused by Service
- Not Established by Presumption

Web and Phone Experience ••

VA.gov/PACT Pageviews & 1-800-MyVA411 Calls that Access the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8)



The PACT Act webpage has received to date:



16,145,287 **Total Page Views**

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)



582,124

Total Clicks on Call to Action to File a **Disability Claim Online**

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)



112,593

Total Clicks on Call to Action to Enroll in **Health Care**

(08/10/2022-07/29/2023)

Web and Phone Experience

Digital Advertising (ChooseVA PACT Act Campaign)





818,408,769 **Total Impressions**

5,613,594 **Total Clicks**

0.69% Click Through Rate

VA Call Centers



786,775

Total MyVA411 that Access the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8)

MAIN MENU

(10/20/2022-07/29/2023)



170,465

Calls that Access Option 1 to Learn More about PACT Act and Health Care

(10/20/2022-07/29/2023)



168,722

Calls that Access Option 2 to Learn More about PACT **ACT Benefits**

(10/20/2022-07/29/2023)



234,878

Calls that Access Option 3 to Learn More about the PACT Act Overall

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(10/20/2022-07/29/2023)

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

STEWARDSHIP



VA seeks to act as a wise steward of PACT Act resources. In this section, we measure VA's success in hiring and obligating resources funded through the PACT Act Toxic Exposures Fund, P.L. 117-68.

PACT ACT Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF)

(Initial \$500M)

Stewardship information will be included in every other issue of the VA PACT Act Dashboard or when updated data is available.

	HIRING —			FUNDS —	
VA ACCOUNT	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE)	PERMANENT EMPLOYEES ONBOARDED	TERM EMPLOYEES ONBOARDED	FUNDS ALLOCATED	TOTAL OBLIGATIONS
VHA Medical Care	101	_	_	\$34,124,000	\$8,075,000
Medical and Prosthetic Research	8	_	_	\$650,000	\$81,000
Office of Information & Technology	99	_	23	\$123,053,000	\$88,934,000
VBA General Operating Expenses	1,884	8	_	\$302,018,000	\$248,360,000
Board of Veterans' Appeals	153	6	_	\$10,328,000	\$22,000
Office of General Cousel	73	51	_	\$4,374,000	\$2,295,000
VA Central Office	64	46	4	\$25,453,000	\$18,222,000
Total PACT Act Toxic Exposures Fund	2,382	111*	27	\$500,000,000	\$365,989,000

^{*}The change in FTE onboards from 1,668 (Issue 11) to 111 (Current - Issue 12) does not reflect a decrease. Rather, FTEs were moved to the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF) as startup payroll funding is projected to be exhausted.

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Metric/Term

Total Veterans/Survivors with Completed PACT Act Claims Total Veterans with Completed PACT Act Claims Total Survivors with Completed PACT Act Claims VHA Trust

Approval Rate for PACT Act Related Claims since 08/10/22 (percentage) Average Days for PACT Act Claims Completion

PACT Act Related Rating Claims Completed </= 125 days Total PACT Act Claims Approved PACT Act Planning Population

New Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population

Total New VHA Enrollees

Increase in New Enrollees in VHA Upcoming Outreach Calendar

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Metric/Term

Total Toxic Exposure Screenings

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed at least 1 Potential Exposure

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed 1 Potential Exposure

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed more than 1 Potential Exposure

New Enrollees in Priority Groups 1, 2, or 3

Weekly Total: PACT Act Related Claims Submitted Weekly Total: PACT Act Related Claims Completed Cumulative Total: PACT Act Related Claims Submitted Cumulative Total: PACT Act Related Claims Completed Weekly Total: Non-PACT Act Related Claims Submitted Weekly Total: Non-PACT Act Related Claims Completed Average Days for PACT Act Claims Completion PACT Act Related Rating Claims Pending </= 125 days

PACT Act Related Rating Claims Completed </= 125 days Average Days Pending for Non-PACT Act Related Claims Non-PACT Act Related Claims Pending </= 125 days Non-PACT Act Related Claims Completed </= 125 days Cumulative Total of Non-PACT Related Claims Submitted Cumulative Total of Non-PACT Related Claims Completed

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Metric/Term

Electronic PACT Act Claims Submitted by Power of Attorney (percentage)

Electronic PACT Act Claims Submitted by Veterans (percentage)

PACT Act Claims Submitted Electronically (percentage) PACT Act Claims Submitted through Mail (percentage) Mailed Claims Submitted with a Power of Attorney on File with VA (percentage)

Pending Claims-PACT Related Pending Claims-Non-PACT Related

Definition

This metric identifies the unique number of Veterans and Survivors who have filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion

This metric identifies the unique number of Veterans who filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion.

This metric identifies the unique number of Survivors who filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion.

This trust score reflects the percentage of Veterans who respond to the survey question, "I trust the VHA [Facility Name] for my health care needs" with a score of 4 or 5.

Percentage of PACT act disability claims where at least one condition was granted (regardless of whether or not the condition was filed under PACT).

This metric indicates the length of time it takes VBA to process a PACT Act-related benefits claim. This is measured from the date VA receives a claim to the date VA finished processing the claim and closed it out + 1 day, to eliminate the possibility of claims being completed in 0 days (ex. claim completed on the day it was received).

The Average Days to Complete (ADC) for PACT Act Related Claims is calculated based on the date VA received the claim, not the date VA began processing those claims. VA prioritized and completed some claims related to terminal illnesses, but VA did not begin processing most claims until January 1, 2023. As a result, the current value of ADC is inflated by any time between the date the claim was received and the January 1, 2023 implementation date for processing. The high ADC for PACT claims demonstrates VA's commitment to completing oldest pending claims first.

This statistic identifies the number of VBA benefit claims with one or more PACT Act-related conditions that have been completed in 125 days or less. This metric identifies the number of completed PACT disability claims where at least one issue was granted.

The PACT Act Planning Population consists of Veterans where VA has a high level of confidence they are a member of one or more of the three PACT Act eligible cohorts (Vietnam, Gulf-War, Post 9-11). VA is using this population as a means of identifying the impact of the PACT Act on enrollment in VA health care.

This statistic measures the number of new enrollees in VA health care that fall within the PACT Act Planning Population to understand the impact of the PACT Act on enrollment. By design, this more focused metric will always be a subset of the metric above that shows overall new enrollment regardless of whether a Veteran is in an eligible PACT Act cohort. Together these two enrollment metrics help identify both the broad impact of PACT Act on enrollment - for example, those who may enroll for VA health care because of the publicity of PACT Act but are not directly eligible because of PACT Act—and the more direct impact of PACT Act—meaning those who are enrolling from populations VA assesses as becoming eligible due to the PACT Act.

This statistic identifies the total new VHA enrollments (newly registered healthcare beneficiaries) for the periods of August 2022-End of Current Month 2023 and August 2021-End of month 2022, for comparative analysis purpose

This number identifies the change between 2023 and 2022 VHA enrollees during the same time period.

This calendar identifies key activities or outreach events occurring in the coming weeks.

Definition

This statistic identifies the number of Veterans who have received a VHA Toxic Exposure Screening. Every Veteran enrolled in VA health care will receive an initial screening and a follow-up screening at least once every 5 years. Veterans who are not enrolled and who meet eligibility requirements will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.

The screening will ask Veterans if they think they were exposed to any of these hazards while serving: Open burn pits and other airborne hazards, Gulf War-related exposures, Agent Orange Radiation, Camp Lejeune contaminated water exposure and/or Other Exposures

This statistic identifies the number of VHA Toxic Exposure Screenings where a Veteran identified at least one exposure to toxic substances. It includes the number of Veterans who received the screening, the number of Veterans who identified at least one potential concern related to a toxic substance exposure, and the percentage of responses in which Veterans identified at least one instance of toxic exposureduring the screening.

This statistic identifies the number of VHA Toxic Exposure Screenings where a Veteran identified exactly one exposure to toxic substances. Please note the difference from the metric above – the metric above includes Veterans who identified at least one (includes both those who identified one exposure and also those who identified more than one exposure); this metric only includes Veterans who identify exactly one exposure.

This statistic identifies the number of VHA Toxic Exposure Screenings where a Veteran identified more than one exposure to toxic substances. Please note the difference from the metric above—the metric above includes Veterans who identify exactly one potential concern; this metric includes Veterans who identify more than one potential concern.

Priority Groups: When Veterans apply for VA health care, they are assigned to 1 of 8 priority groups that impact how soon they are signed up for health care benefits and how much they may have to may (if anything) toward the cost of care. To learn more about the factors that impact assignment, please visit https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups

This metric identifies the total number of VBA benefit claims with at least one PACT Act-related claimed issue received each week

This metric identifies the number of VBA benefit claims with at least one PACT Act-related condition completed each week

This statistic identifies the total number of VBA benefits claims with at least one PACT Act related condition received since August 10, 2022.

This statistic identifies the total number of VBA claims with at least one PACT Act related condition completed since August 10, 2022. This number identifies the total VBA benefits claims received each week not related to PACT Act.

This number identifies the total VBA benefits claims completed each week not related to PACT Act.

This metric identifies the average number of days it takes VBA to process a PACT Act related benefits claim.

This statistic identifies the current number of VBA benefit claims with one or more PACT Act-related conditions that have been pending for 125 days or less.

This statistic identifies the number of VBA benefit claims with one or more PACT Act-related conditions that have been completed in 125 days or less. This metric identifies the average number of days it takes VBA to process a Non-PACT Act related benefits claim

This statistic identifies the current number of pending VBA benefit claims with one or more Non-PACT Act-related conditions less than 125 days old. This statistic identifies the number of non-PACT VBA benefit claims that have been completed in 125 days or less.

This statistic identifies the cumulative total of VBA benefits claims received since August 10, 2022, which are not related to the PACT Act.

This statistic identifies the cumulative total of VBA benefits claims completed since August 10, 2022, which are not related to the PACT Act.

Definition

Total number of PACT disability claims submitted electronically by a Power of Attorney out of the total number of PACT disability claims submitted electronically.

Total number of PACT disability claims submitted electronically by a Veteran out of the total number of PACT disability claims submitted electronically.

Total number of PACT disability claims submitted electronically out of the total number of PACT disability claims submitted.

Total number of PACT disability claims submitted through mail out of the total number of PACT disability claims submitted. Total number of PACT disability claims submitted through mail where the Veteran is represented by a Power of Attorney out of the total

number of PACT disability claims submitted through mail. This metric identifies the number of VBA claims with at least one PACT Act-related condition pending in the workload.

This metric identifies the number of VBA claims which do not have any conditions related to the PACT Act pending in the workload.

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Metric/Term

Total Pending PACT Act Related Claims with Partial Decisions
Total Pending Non-PACT Act Related Claims with Partial Decisions
Top 5 Most Frequent Conditions on PACT Act Related Claims

Most Frequent Denial Reasons

Total Pending PACT Act Claims Total Pending Non-PACT Act Claims VA.gov/PACT Page Views

Total Clicks on Call to Action to File a Disability Claim Online

Total Clicks on Call to Action to Enroll in Health Care

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Total Impressions

MyVA411 Calls that Access the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8)
Total MyVA411 Calls that Access the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8)

Definition

This metric identifies the number of currently pending PACT related disability benefit claims where a partial decision was rendered on the claim.

This metric identifies the number of currently pending non-PACT related disability benefit claims where a partial decision was rendered on the claim.

Top 5 most frequent conditions on PACT Act related disability claims with breakouts for the # of distinct claims associated with these claimed conditions, the total number of distinct issues claimed, the total number of issues granted, and the grant/denial rate.

To learn more about these health issues, please visit the Veteran's Health Library, https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/ and the Veteran's Health Encyclopedia, https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/Encyclopedia/Encyclopedia.pg?page=2&pagesize=25&letter=A

Top 3 reasons for denials on decisions on PACT disability claims: Not Incurred/Caused by Service: Claimed condition is denied because condition neither occurred in nor was caused by military service; No Diagnosis: Claimed condition is denied because the medical evidence of record fails to show that the disability has been clinically diagnosed; Not Established by Presumption: Claimed condition is denied because the evidence of record does not show that certain criteria was met for a grant of service connection on a presumptive basis.

This statistic identifies the current number of pending VBA benefit claims with one or more PACT Act-related conditions.

This statistic identifies the current number of pending VBA benefit claims without any PACT Act-related conditions.

This metric identifies the number of page views for the va.gov/PACT website.

This statistic identifies the number of times visitors to the VA.gov/PACT website clicked the "Apply for Benefits" link to file a disability compensation claim online.

This statistic identifies the number of times visitors to the VA.gov/PACT website clicked the "Apply for Health Care" link to apply for VA health

Definition

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This statistic identifies the total number of PACT Act advertisements rendered on user screens through digital marketing. The impression is not action-based but is the user potentially seeing the PACT Act advertisement for awareness.

This statistic identifies the number of calls to 1-800-MyVA411 where callers selected the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8).

This statistic identifies the total number of calls received to the automated MyVA411 line (option 8), which provides information about the

Stewardship ·····

Reminder: Stewardship information will be included in every other issue of this dashboard publication (or when updated data is available).

Metric/Term

Full-Time Equivalent Employee (FTE)

Account

Permanent Employee

Onboarded

Funds Allocated Obligations

Definition

Full-Time Equivalent refers to the total number of regular straight-time hours worked by employees divided by the number of compensable hours applicable to each fiscal year (regular method), or the total regular hours worked in a fiscal year (2,080 hours) divided by 26 biweekly pay periods (pay period method)(as per OMB A-11 Circular § 85.5(c)).

Account refers to a separate financial reporting unit used by the Federal Government to record budget authority, outlays and income for budgeting or management information purposes as well as for accounting purposes.

An employee who has been hired under an appointment that is not time delimited.

An employee for whom the agency has granted a term appointment (of employment) of more than 1 year but usually not more than 4 years.

Onboards (i.e., the number of personnel encumbering positions) are the number of employees (i.e., headcount) onboard when the data are reported. Note: "Onboards" differ from "FTE," which is a budgetary term based on compensable hours as opposed to headcount. Colloquially, "onboards" refers to newly hired employees who have started work with VA (their hiring is complete).

The amount of funding provided to each Administration or Staff Office.

Obligation means a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future.

Geographical Analysis ·····

 $Reminder: The \ Geographical \ Analysis \ is \ included \ in \ every \ other \ issue \ of \ this \ dashboard \ publication.$

Metric/Term

Veterans in State

Total PACT Act Related Claims Received
Percentage of Total PACT Act Related Claims Received

Veterans Currently Enrolled with VA for Care

New Enrollees

Percentage of New Enrollees

Further Geographic Explanations

Symbol (-

U.S. territories, Freely Associated States, and Philippines

Unknown/Foreign

<10 Privacy Threshold

Definition

This statistic identifies the number of Veterans in a particular location. This is a projection as of 09/30/2022. This projection is not subdivided for U.S. territories, Freely Associated States, and Philippines; this population is aggregated.

This statistic identifies the total number of VBA benefit claims with at least one PACT Act-related condition separated by state of residence. This statistic identifies the percentage of VBA benefit claims with at least one PACT Act related condition received in a particular state divided by the overall number of PACT Act related claims received.

This statistic identifies the number of Veterans enrolled in VHA healthcare who have a permanent address in a particular state. (This does not include those Veterans who do not have a permanent address or those with a permanent address outside the 50 states).

This statistic identifies the number of Veterans newly enrolled in VHA healthcare who have a permanent address in a particular state. (This does not include those Veterans who do not have a permanent address or those with a permanent address outside the 50 states).

This statistic identifies the percentage of Veterans newly enrolled in VHA healthcare who have a permanent address in a particular state, divided by the overall Veteran population. (This does not include those Veterans who do not have a permanent address or those with a permanent address outside the 50 states).

This symbol indicates that data is unavailable.

U.S. territories, Freely Associated States, and Philippines group includes claims from Veterans and Survivors residing in the following locations: American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Philippines, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Unknown/Foreign group includes Veterans and Survivors with a foreign address or where state of residence information is currently unavailable.

To maintain Veteran and Survivor privacy, receipts and enrollments <10 cannot be publicly shared.