

VA PACT ACT PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

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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.





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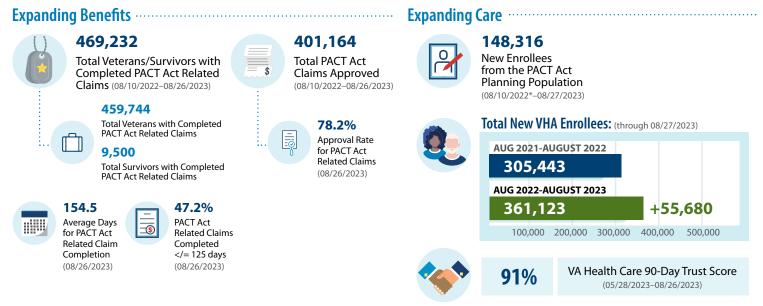
The Next PACT Act Deadline: Are you a Veteran who deployed to a combat zone but never signed up for VA health care? If you left active duty between 9/11/01 and 10/1/13, you should apply today. VA is the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans –and this is your chance to sign up. Even if you don't need this care today, you might need it tomorrow, or the next day, or 30 years from now. And once you're in, you have access for life. So, don't miss this opportunity—**the deadline is September 30**. Get the care you deserve today at <u>VA.gov/PACT</u>.

Making a Difference Through the PACT Act

An Air Force Veteran, who was in the reserves for 10 years and deployed twice since 2017, knew about VA health care but didn't think twice about enrolling for a long time. It wasn't until after his second deployment, when he attended a VA PACT Act event, that he finally made the decision to enroll. Shortly after, when he had his first VA health care appointment, he said: "I'm grateful for the PACT Act because it's allowing myself and Veterans like me, who deployed in the Middle East around burn pits locations, get the much-needed health care we hoped for."

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.

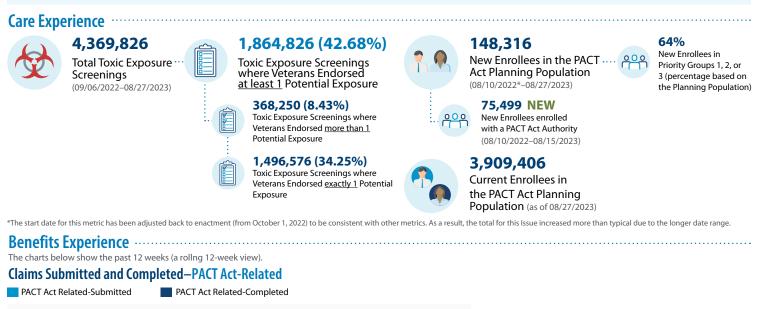


*The start date for this metric has been adjusted back to enactment (from October 1, 2022) to be consistent with other metrics. As a result, the total for this Issue increased more than typical due to the longer date range.

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| \triangleleft | | PACT Act Resource Fair Traverse City, MI | PACT Act Claims Filing College Park, GA | PACT Act Registration Day for Gulf War Veterans | | PACT Act Claims Event Grand Ronde, OR | PACT Act Claims Filing Augusta, GA | |
| UPCOMII OUTREA | | VIEW EVENT | VIEW EVENT | Philadelphia, PA <u>VIEW EVENT</u> | Johnstown, PA <u>VIEW EVENT</u> | VIEW EVENT | VIEW EVENT | |
| CALEND | AR | For more information on these and other events, please visit https://www.va.gov/outreach-and-events/events/ | | | | | | |

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS TRUST VA TO DELIVER AN EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

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.





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978,345

Cumulative Total PACT Related **Claims Submitted** (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

960,516 Total Veteran PACT

Related Claims Submitted 17,829 Total Survivor PACT **Related Claims Submitted**

513,052

Cumulative Total PACT Related **Claims Completed** (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

39.2%

503,294

Total Veteran PACT Related Claims Completed

9,758 Total Survivor PACT **Related Claims Completed**

60.8%

NON-PACT RELATED

154.5 Average Days For PACT Act **Related Claim Completion** (08/26/2023)

Claims Submitted and Completed–Non-PACT Act Related

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47.2%

PACT Act Related Rating Claims Completed </=125 Days (08/26/2023)

Percentage of Claims Submitted PACT Related vs. Non-PACT Related (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

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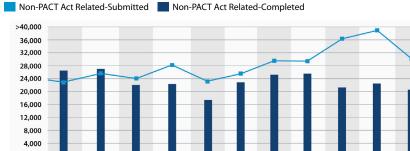
PACT RELATED

1,518,586 **Cumulative Total**

Non-PACT Related **Claims Submitted** (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

1,524,055

Cumulative Total Non-PACT Related **Claims** Completed (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

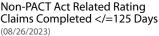


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| WEEKLY TOTALS | 06/10 2023 | 06/17 2023 | 06/24 2023 | 07/01 2023 | 07/08 2023 | 07/15 2023 | 07/22 2023 | 07/29 2023 | 08/05 2023 | 08/12 2023 | 08/19 2023 | 08/26 2023 |
| SUBMITTED | 23,635 | 25,561 | 24,040 | 28,371 | 23,271 | 25,878 | 29,736 | 29,314 | 36,413 | 38,967 | 30,502 | 33,338 |
| COMPLETED | 26,838 | 26,954 | 21,938 | 22,097 | 17,373 | 22,687 | 25,143 | 25,630 | 21,629 | 22,471 | 20,259 | 22,627 |

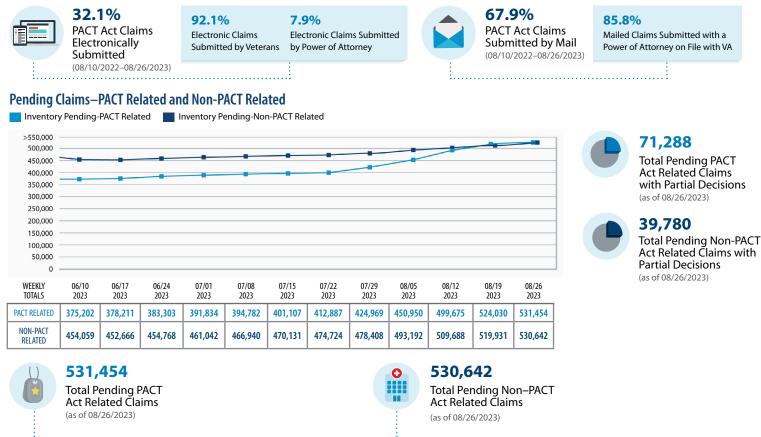
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125.3 Average Days For Non-PACT Related Claim Completion (08/26/2023)





PACT Act Claims Submission Methods



100.5 Average Days Pending for PACT Act Related Claims (08/26/2023)

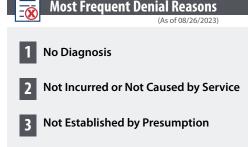
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371,310 Total PACT ACT Related Claims Pending </=125 Days (08/26/2023)

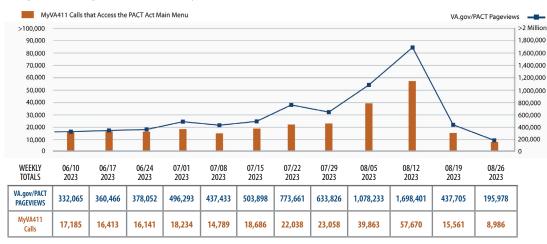
91.0 Average Days Pending for Non-PACT Act Related Claims (08/26/2023)

413,999 Total Non-PACT Act Related Claims Pending </=125 Days (08/26/2023)

| IOP 5 Most Frequent Conditions on PACI Act Related Claims (As of 08/26/2023) | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Condition | Number of Claims | Number of Issues | Percent Granted | Percent Denied | | | |
| Hypertensive Vascular Disease | 155,102 | 157,207 | 78 % | 22% | | | |
| Allergic Rhinitis | 91,079 | 92,504 | 82 % | 18% | | | |
| Maxillary Sinusitis | 43,029 | 43,377 | 54% | 46% | | | |
| Bronchial Asthma | 40,700 | 41,435 | 50% | 50% | | | |
| Malignant Growths of Genitourinary System | 22,923 | 23,495 | 66% | 34% | | | |



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:





(08/10/2022-08/26/2023)



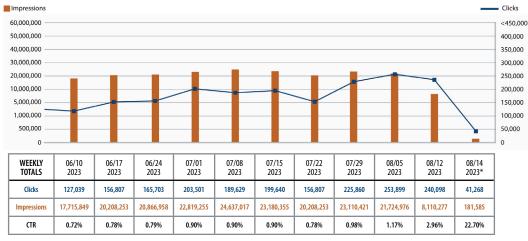
Total Clicks on Call to Action to File a **Disability Claim Online** (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

152,328

Total Clicks on Call to Action to Enroll in Health Care (08/10/2022-08/26/2023)

Web and Phone Experience

Digital Advertising (ChooseVA PACT Act Campaign)





0.72% Click Through Rate*

*The PACT Act advertising campaign for the August 10 "intent to file" deadline concluded on August 14, 2023. VA is continuing PACT advertising at varying levels.



STEWARDSHIP

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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 | \$9,897,000 | |
| Medical and Prosthetic Research | 8 | _ | _ | \$650,000 | \$376,000 | |
| Office of Information & Technology | 99 | _ | 29 | \$123,053,000 | \$89,301,000 | |
| VBA General Operating Expenses | 1,884 | — | — | \$302,018,000 | \$249,086,000 | |
| Board of Veterans' Appeals | 153 | _ | _ | \$10,328,000 | _ | |
| Office of General Cousel | 73 | 60 | 2 | \$4,374,000 | \$2,907,000 | |
| VA Central Office | 64 | 43 | 10 | \$25,453,000 | \$20,421,000 | |
| Total PACT Act Toxic Exposures Fund | 2,382 | 103 | 41 | \$500,000,000 | \$371,988,000 | |

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| Metric/Term | Definition |
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| otal Veterans/Survivors with Completed PACT Act Claims | This metric identifies the unique number of Veterans and Survivors who have filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion. |
| otal Veterans with Completed PACT Act Claims | This metric identifies the unique number of Veterans who filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion. |
| otal Survivors with Completed PACT Act Claims | This metric identifies the unique number of Survivors who filed a PACT Act benefit claim which VBA processed to completion. |
| /HA Trust | 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. |
| Approval Rate for PACT Act Related Claims since 08/10/22 (percentage) | Percentage of PACT act disability claims where at least one condition was granted (regardless of whether or not the condition was filed under PA |
| Average Days for PACT Act Claims Completion | 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 cla 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, 202 implementation date for processing. The high ADC for PACT claims demonstrates VA's commitment to completing oldest pending claims first. |
| ACT Act Related Rating Claims Completed = 125 days</td <td>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</td> | 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 |
| otal PACT Act Claims Approved | This metric identifies the number of completed PACT disability claims where at least one issue was granted. |
| PACT Act Planning Population | 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. |
| lew Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population | 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. |
| īotal New VHA Enrollees | 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 purposes. |
| ncrease in New Enrollees in VHA | This number identifies the change between 2023 and 2022 VHA enrollees during the same time period. |
| lpcoming Outreach Calendar | 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 exposureding 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 <u>at least one</u> (includes both those who identified one exposure and also those who identified more than one exposure); this metric only includes Veterans who identify <u>exactly one</u> 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 <u>exactly one</u> potential concern; this metric includes Veterans who identify <u>more than one</u> 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 measures the number of new enrollees who were specifically enrolled with an authority provided by the PACT Act (PL. 117-168). This includes 1-year Special Eligibility, 10-Year Special Eligibility, Agent Orange Exposure, and Radiation Exposure. For more on information on eligibility for enrollment, please visit <u>www.va.gov/pact</u>. VA utilizes a number of authorities to enroll Veterans, both authorities granted in the PACT Act and pre-existing authorities. VA applies the authority that will result in the Veteran being placed into the highest priority group possible.

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.

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Metric/Term

Total Toxic Exposure Screenings

New Enrollees in Priority Groups 1, 2, or 3

New Enrollees enrolled with a PACT Act Authority

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

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 Completed </= 125 days

Cumulative Total of Non-PACT Related Claims Submitted

Cumulative Total of Non-PACT Related Claims Completed

Non-PACT Act Related Claims Pending </= 125 days

Average Days for PACT Act Claims Completion

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed at least 1 Potential Exposure

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed more than 1 Potential Exposure

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed 1 Potential Exposure

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

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 | Definition | | | | | |
| Total Pending PACT Act Related Claims with Partial Decisions | This metric identifies the number of currently pending PACT related disability benefit claims where a partial decision was rendered on the claim. | | | | | |
| Total Pending Non-PACT Act Related Claims with Partial Decisions | 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 Claims | 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, <u>https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/</u> and the Veteran's Health Encyclopedia, <u>https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/Encyclopedia/Encyclopedia.pg?page=2&pagesize=25&letter=A</u> | | | | | |
| Most Frequent Denial Reasons | 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. | | | | | |
| Total Pending PACT Act Claims | This statistic identifies the current number of pending VBA benefit claims with one or more PACT Act-related conditions. | | | | | |
| Total Pending Non-PACT Act Claims | This statistic identifies the current number of pending VBA benefit claims without any PACT Act-related conditions. | | | | | |
| VA.gov/PACT Page Views | This metric identifies the number of page views for the va.gov/PACT website. | | | | | |
| Total Clicks on Call to Action to File a Disability Claim Online | 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. | | | | | |
| Total Clicks on Call to Action to Enroll in Health Care | 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 care online. | | | | | |
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| Metric/Term | Definition | | | | | |
| Total Impressions | 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. | | | | | |
| MyVA411 Calls that Access the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8) | This statistic identifies the number of calls to 1-800-MyVA411 where callers selected the PACT Act Main Menu (Press 8). | | | | | |
| Total MyVA411 Calls that Access 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 PACT Act to callers. | | | | | |
| Stewardship | | | | | | |
| Reminder: Stewardship information will be included in every other issue | of this dashboard publication (or when updated data is available). | | | | | |
| Metric/Term | Definition | | | | | |
| Full-Time Equivalent Employee (FTE) | 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

Permanent Employee Term Employee Onboarded

Funds Allocated Obligations

Metric/Term Veterans in State

New Enrollees

Percentage of New Enrollees

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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.

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. Total PACT Act Related Claims Received This statistic identifies the total number of VBA benefit claims with at least one PACT Act-related condition separated by state of residence. Percentage of Total PACT Act Related Claims Received 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. Veterans Currently Enrolled with VA for Care 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). **Further Geographic Explanations** Symbol (-) This symbol indicates that data is unavailable. U.S. territories, Freely Associated States, and Philippines 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. Unknown/Foreign 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.