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# 2010 National Survey of Veterans

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The 2010 National Survey of Veterans (NSV) is the sixth in a series of national surveys designed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help plan for future programs and services for Veterans.

**For the first time, the NSV was expanded to include additional target populations:**

- Veterans
- Veteran Spouses
- Active Duty Servicemembers
- Active Duty Spouses
- Demobilized National Guard and Reserve Members
- Surviving Spouses

**Major objectives:**

- Obtain information useful for planning and allocating resources for Veterans' programs and services.
- Compare characteristics of Veterans who use VA benefits and services with those who do not.
- Study VA's role in the delivery of all benefits and services.
- Assess the awareness of benefits and services among Veterans and other stakeholder groups.

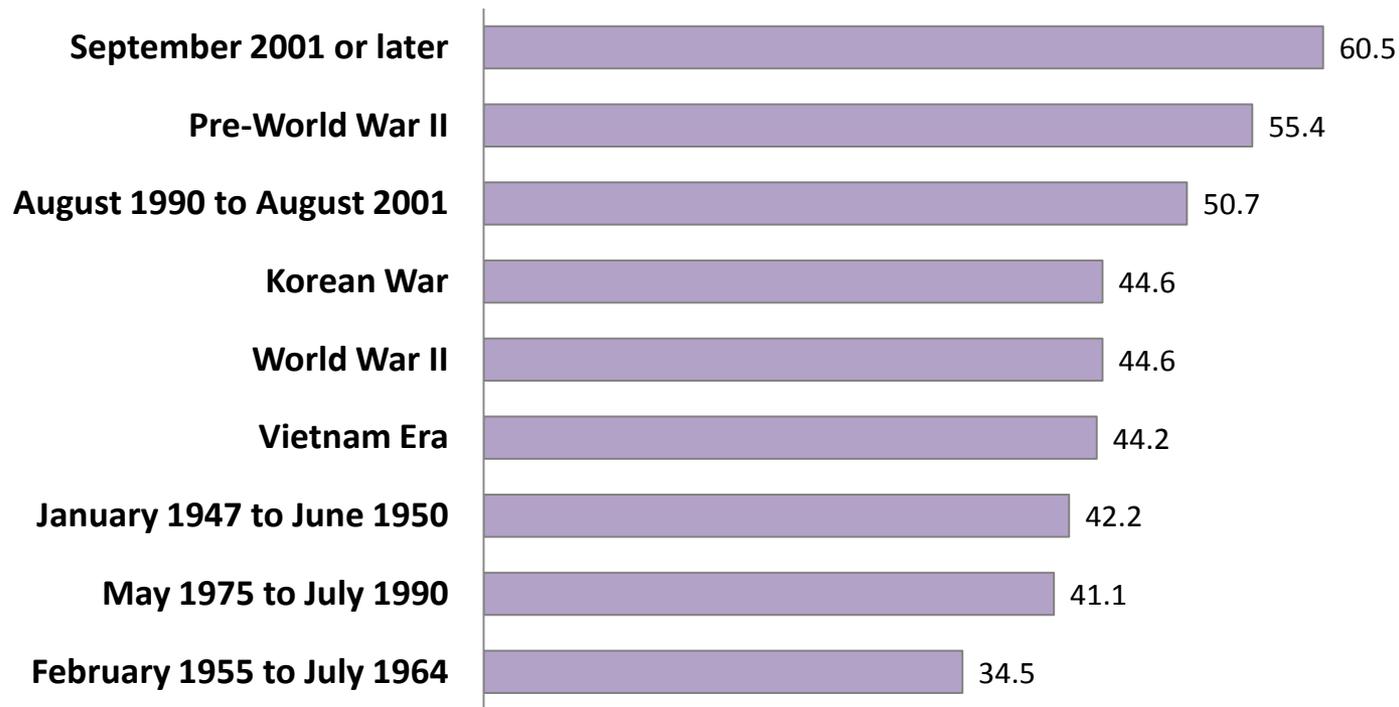
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# 2010 National Survey of Veterans: Key Findings

## Percent Understanding Available VA Benefits and Services Ranked by Period of Military Service



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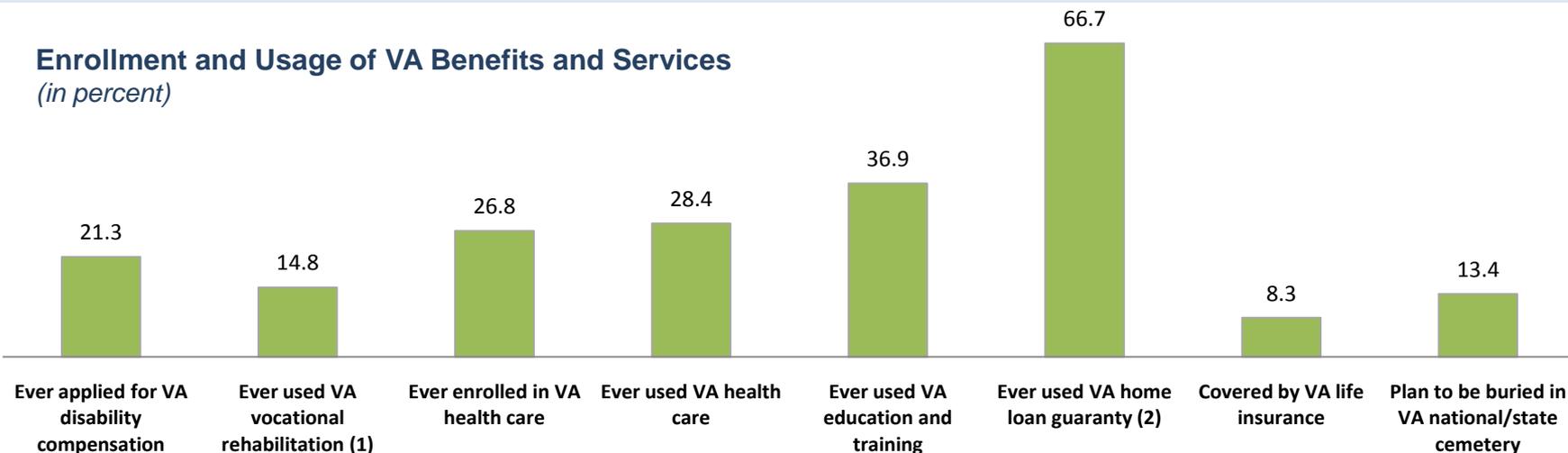
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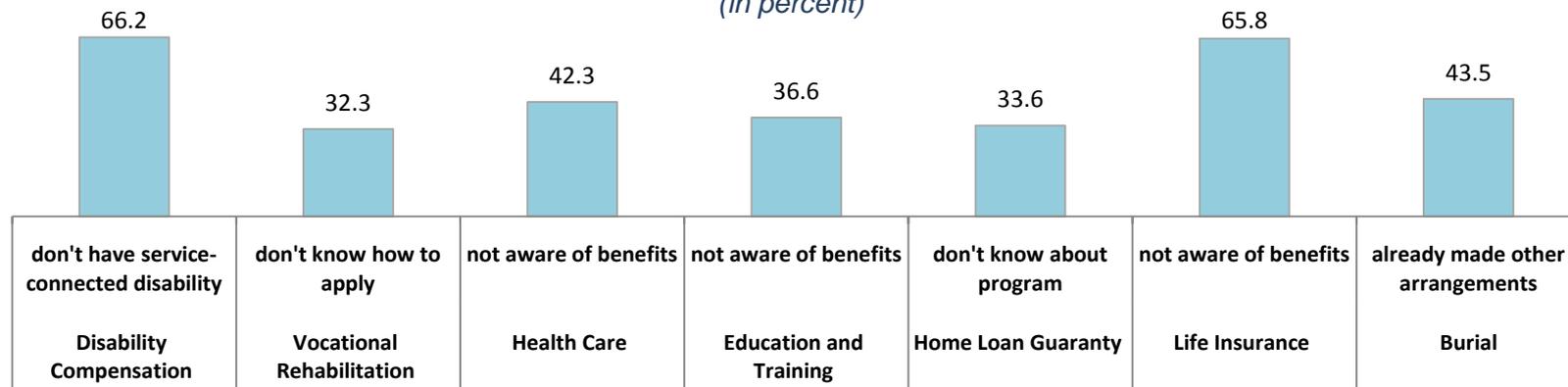
## Enrollment and Usage of VA Benefits and Services

(in percent)



## Main Reason for Not Applying or Using VA Benefits and Services

(in percent)



Notes: (1) Of those applying for disability compensation; (2) Of those ever having home loan.

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# Help VA understand and improve the employment opportunities for Veterans

*What was the purpose of the 2007 Employment Histories of Recently Discharged Veterans Study?*

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# What types of information were collected in the **2007 Veterans Employability Research Survey**?

- Current status in Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- Application process
- Evaluation process
- Planning phase
- Rehabilitation and training
- Job preparation and placement
- Overall experience
- Reasons for discontinuing training
- Military/Employment background and status
- Health status
- Self-efficacy
- Socio-demographics

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