

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**STATISTICAL PROJECTIONS OF ALL TYPES OF DEMENTIA**  
**For VA PATIENTS, VA ENROLLEES, and U.S. VETERANS**  
**Fiscal Years 2020 and 2033**

**PREVALENCE (Number of Cases)**

**VA PATIENTS With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 275,530**. The estimate ranges from a low of 132,108 to a high of 418,937 patients, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 335,425**. The projection ranges from a low of 174,881 to a high of 495,949 patients, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2033 (335,425) is a **21.7 percent increase** (59,895 patients) from the estimated number in FY2020 (275,530).
- These numbers are based on national prevalence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the VA patient population estimates.

**VA ENROLLEES With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 409,025**. The estimate ranges from a low of 197,144 to a high of 620,883 enrollees, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 492,315**. The projection ranges from a low of 257,065 to a high of 727,537 enrollees, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2033 (492,315) is a **20.4 percent increase** (83,290 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2020 (409,025).
- These numbers are based on national prevalence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the VA enrollee population estimates.

## **U.S. VETERANS With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 758,448**. The estimate ranges from a low of 363,566 to a high of 1,153,292 Veterans, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 753,089**. The projection ranges from a low of 393,064 to a high of 1,113,069 Veterans, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of prevalence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with all types of dementia in FY2033 (753,089) is a **0.71 percent decrease** (-5,359 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2020 (758,448).
- These numbers are based on national prevalence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the U.S. Veteran population estimates.

## **INCIDENCE (NUMBER OF NEW CASES)**

### **VA PATIENTS With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 73,967**. The estimate ranges from a low of 51,200 to a high of 97,289 patients, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 85,958**. The projection ranges from a low of 60,378 to a high of 112,007 patients, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with all types of dementia in FY2033 (85,958) is a **16.2 percent increase** (11,991 new patients) from the estimated number in FY2020 (73,967).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the VA patient population estimates.

### **VA ENROLLEES With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 109,778**. The estimate ranges from a low of 76,176 to a high of 144,176 enrollees, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 126,427**. The projection ranges from a low of 88,928 to a high of 164,599 enrollees, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with all types of dementia in FY2033 (126,427) is a **15.2 percent increase** (16,649 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2020 (109,778).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the VA enrollee population estimates.

### **U.S. VETERANS With All Types of Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with all types of dementia in FY2020 is 205,832**. The estimate ranges from a low of 142,174 to a high of 270,963 Veterans, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with all types of dementia in FY2033 is 195,684**. The projection ranges from a low of 137,497 to a high of 254,933 Veterans, based on the lower and upper bounds of the 95% confidence interval of incidence rates reported in the research on which the projections were based.
- The projected number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with dementia in FY2033 (195,684) is a **4.9 percent decrease** (-10,148 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2020 (205,832).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for all types of dementia, applied to the Veteran population estimates.

### **SOURCE:**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Planning. Projections of the Prevalence and Incidence of Dementias. September 2013. [www.va.gov/geriatrics/GEC\\_Data\\_Reports.asp](http://www.va.gov/geriatrics/GEC_Data_Reports.asp).