

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
STATISTICAL PROJECTIONS OF ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA  
For VA PATIENTS, VA ENROLLEES, and U.S. VETERANS  
Fiscal Years 2021 and 2033**

**PREVALENCE (Number of Cases)**

**VA PATIENTS With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 168,649**. The estimate ranges from a low of 65,184 to a high of 273,233 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 estimated number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (168,649 patients) is a **0.8 percent decrease** (-1,375 patients) from the estimated number in FY2020 (170,024 patients).
- The **projected number (prevalence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 217,393**. The projection ranges from a low of 86,295 to a high of 349,547 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 Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (217,393 patients) is a **28.9 percent increase** (+48,744 patients) from the estimated number in FY2021 (168,649 patients).
- These numbers are based on national prevalence rates for Alzheimer's dementia, applied to the VA patient population estimates.

**VA ENROLLEES With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 251,711**. The estimate ranges from a low of 97,161 to a high of 407,871 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 estimated number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (251,711 enrollees) is a **0.8 percent decrease** (-2,076 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2020 (253,787 enrollees).
- The **projected number (prevalence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 319,869**. The projection ranges from a low of 126,781 to a high of 514,474 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 Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (319,869 enrollees) is a **27.1 percent increase** (+68,158 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2021 (251,711 enrollees).
- These numbers are based on national prevalence rates for Alzheimer's dementia, applied to the VA enrollee population estimates.

### **U.S. VETERANS With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 457,391**. The estimate ranges from a low of 178,823 to a high of 738,820 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 estimated number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (457,391 Veterans) is a **1.7 percent decrease** (-7,992 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2020 (465,383 Veterans).
- The **projected number (prevalence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 488,353**. The projection ranges from a low of 193,946 to a high of 785,119 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 Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (488,353 Veterans) is a **6.8 percent increase** (+30,962 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2021 (457,391 Veterans).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for Alzheimer's dementia, applied to the U.S. Veteran population estimates.

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

#### **VA PATIENTS With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 46,812**. The estimate ranges from a low of 23,826 to a high of 69,865 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 estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (46,812 new patients) is a **1.9 percent increase** (+889 new patients) from the estimated number in FY2020 (45,923 new patients).

- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA PATIENTS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 50,353**. The projection ranges from a low of 26,582 to a high of 74,207 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 Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (50,353 new patients) is a **7.6 percent increase** (+3,541 new patients) from the estimated number in FY2021 (46,812 new patients).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for Alzheimer's dementia, applied to the VA patient population estimates.

### **VA ENROLLEES With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 68,731**. The estimate ranges from a low of 35,048 to a high of 102,509 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 estimated number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (68,731 enrollees) is a **2.0 percent increase** (+1,341 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2020 (67,390 enrollees).
- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of VA ENROLLEES with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 73,518**. The projection ranges from a low of 38,845 to a high of 108,312 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 Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (73,518 enrollees) is a **7.0 percent increase** (+4,787 enrollees) from the estimated number in FY2021 (68,731 enrollees).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for Alzheimer's dementia, applied to the VA enrollee population estimates.

### **U.S. VETERANS With Alzheimer's Dementia**

- The **estimated number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 is 131,081**. The estimate ranges from a low of 66,948 to a high of 195,340 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 estimated number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2021 (131,081 Veterans) is a **0.1 percent decrease** (-98 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2020 (131,179 Veterans).

- The **projected number of new cases (incidence) of U.S. VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 is 114,551**. The projection ranges from a low of 60,539 to a high of 168,755 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 VETERANS with Alzheimer's dementia in FY2033 (114,551 Veterans) is a **12.6 percent decrease** (-16,530 Veterans) from the estimated number in FY2021 (131,081 Veterans).
- These numbers are based on national incidence rates for Alzheimer's 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).

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