Analysis of Unique Veterans Utilization of VA Benefits & Services

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Project Objective

❖ To determine the number of unique Veterans receiving VA benefits or services in FY08
  - Utilization by age group and gender
  - Utilization by OEF/OIF Veterans
Key Points

- **23,440,000** is the Vetpop estimation of living Veterans as of 9/30/08

- **8,493,700** (36% of total living Veterans according to Vetpop) received VA benefits and/or services in FY08
  - 87% (7.38M) were male
  - 81% (6.89M) were 45 years old or older

- **5,756,800** of Veterans using VA only **used one program**
  - 84% (4.85M) were male
  - 81% (4.68M) were 45 years old or older

- **2,736,900** of Veterans using VA **used multiple programs**
  - 93% (2.53M) were male
  - 81% (2.21M) were 45 years old or older

- **40%** (1.17M) of the Veterans receiving VA disability compensation did not use VA health care
36% of the Veteran population received VA benefits and services in FY08

As of 9/30/08, the estimated number of living Veterans was 23,440,000

8,493,700 received VA benefits and services in FY 2008

32% (2.74M) received service from more than one VA programs

68% (5.76M) received service from only one VA program
8,493,700 Veterans received VA benefits and services in FY 2008

By Gender

- Male: 7,384,296 (87%)
- Female: 598,045 (7%)
- Unknown*: 511,359 (6%)

* Mostly due to insurance database not capturing gender

By Age Group

- Under 30: 0.44 Million
- 30-44: 1.16 Million
- 45-64: 3.14 Million
- 65+: 3.75 Million
Patterns of Use

- 68% (5.76M) used one program
- 32% (2.74M) used multiple programs

5,143,461 (61%) unique Veterans used VA health care in FY08

- Health: 2,784,269 (33%)
- Multiple VA Programs: 2,736,900 (32%)
- Loan Guaranty: 931,589 (11%)
- Compensation: 843,573 (10%)
- Insurance: 780,625 (9%)
- Education: 145,186 (2%)
- Pension: 77,621 (1%)
- Burial Services: 191,724 (2%)
- Voc Rehab: 2,213 (0%)
68% (5.76M) of Veterans using VA only used one program

By Gender

- Male: 4,850,979 (84%)
- Female: 394,674 (7%)
- Unknown*: 511,147 (9%)

* Mostly due to insurance database not capturing gender

By Age Group

- Under 30: 0.29
- 30-44: 0.79
- 45-64: 1.93
- 65+: 2.75

Millions
32% (2.74M) of Veterans using VA used more than one program.

- Health + Comp: 1,255,012 (46%)
- Health + Comp + Loan Guaranty: 126,930 (5%)
- Comp + Loan Guaranty: 125,559 (5%)
- Health + Comp + Insurance: 125,839 (5%)
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- Health + Insurance: 177,524 (6%)
- Health + Pension: 226,600 (8%)
- Health + Comp + Insurance: 232,447 (8%)
- Other Combinations of VA Programs: 466,989 (17%)
32% (2.74M) of Veterans using VA used more than one programs

By Gender
- Male: 2,533,317 (93%)
- Female: 203,371 (7%)
- Unknown: 212 (0%)

By Age Group
- Under 30: 0.15
- 30-44: 0.37
- 45-64: 1.21
- 65+: 1.00

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UNIQUE OEF/OIF VETERANS RECEIVING VA BENEFITS/SERVICES
Key Points

- There were **957,441** living OEF/OIF Veterans as of 9/30/08*
  - 89% were male and 11% were female

- **498,737** (52% of living OEF/OIF Veterans as of 9/30/08) received VA benefits and/or services in FY08

- **277,907** (56%) OEF/OIF Veterans using VA only used one program
  - 88% (246K) were male
  - 85% (235K) were 44 years old or younger

- **220,830** (44%) of OEF/OIF Veterans using VA used multiple programs
  - 87% (192K) were male
  - 81% (180K) were 44 years old or younger

- **39%** (84K) of the OEF/OIF Veterans receiving disability compensation did not use VA health care

*Source: Defense Manpower Data Center*
52% of living OEF/OIF Veterans received VA benefits and services in FY08

957,441 living OEF/OIF Veterans as of 9/30/08*

498,737 received VA benefits and services in FY 2008

- 44% (221K) received service from more than one VA program
- 56% (278K) received service from only one VA program

Note: OEF/OIF Veterans represented 6% of all Veterans who have received VA benefits and services in FY08.

*Source: Defense Manpower Data Center
498,737 OEF/ OIF Veterans received VA benefits and services in FY 2008

By Gender

- Male: 438,524 (88%)
- Female: 60,097 (12%)
- Unknown: 116 (0%)

By Age Group

- Under 30: 220.9
- 30-44: 193.7
- 45-64: 83.8
- 65+: 0.3

Thousands
OEF/ OIF Veteran Patterns of Use

- 56% (277,907) of OEF/OIF Veterans using VA used only one program
- 44% (220,830) of OEF/OIF Veterans using VA used multiple programs

*Excluded OEF/OIF KIA
Office of Policy and Planning, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics (008A3)
56% (277,907) of OEF/OIF Veterans using VA only used one program

By Gender

- Male 245,706 (88%)
- Female, 32,090 (12%)
- Unknown 111 (0%)

By Age Group

- Under 30: 127.5 thousands
- 30-44: 107.4 thousands
- 45-64: 42.8 thousands
- 65+: 0.2 thousands
44% (221K) of OEF/ OIF Veterans using VA used more than one programs

Other Combinations of VA Programs
75,769 (35%)

Health + Comp
66,869 (30%)

Health + Comp + Voc Rehab
12,942 (6%)

Health + Comp + Loan Guaranty
13,811 (6%)

Comp + Loan Guaranty
14,043 (6%)

Health + Comp + Education
17,410 (8%)

Health + Education
19,986 (9%)

Other Combinations of VA Programs
75,769 (35%)
44% (221K) of OEF/OIF Veterans using VA used more than one programs

By Gender

- Male: 192,818 (87%)
- Female: 28,007 (13%)
- Unknown: 5 (0%)

By Age Group

- Under 30: 93,400
- 30-44: 86,300
- 45-64: 41,100
- 65+: 1,000

Thousands