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.

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

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2010 National Survey of Veterans: Key Findings

Enrollment and Usage of VA Benefits and Services
(in percent)

- Ever applied for VA disability compensation: 21.3%
- Ever used VA vocational rehabilitation (1): 14.8%
- Ever enrolled in VA health care: 26.8%
- Ever used VA health care: 28.4%
- Ever used VA education and training: 36.9%
- Ever used VA home loan guaranty (2): 66.7%
- Covered by VA life insurance: 8.3%
- Plan to be buried in VA national/state cemetery: 13.4%

Main Reason for Not Applying or Using VA Benefits and Services
(in percent)

- Don't have service-connected disability: 66.2%
- Don't know how to apply: 32.3%
- Not aware of benefits: 42.3%
- Not aware of benefits: 36.6%
- Don't know about program: 33.6%
- Not aware of benefits: 65.8%
- Already made other arrangements: 43.5%

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?
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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