



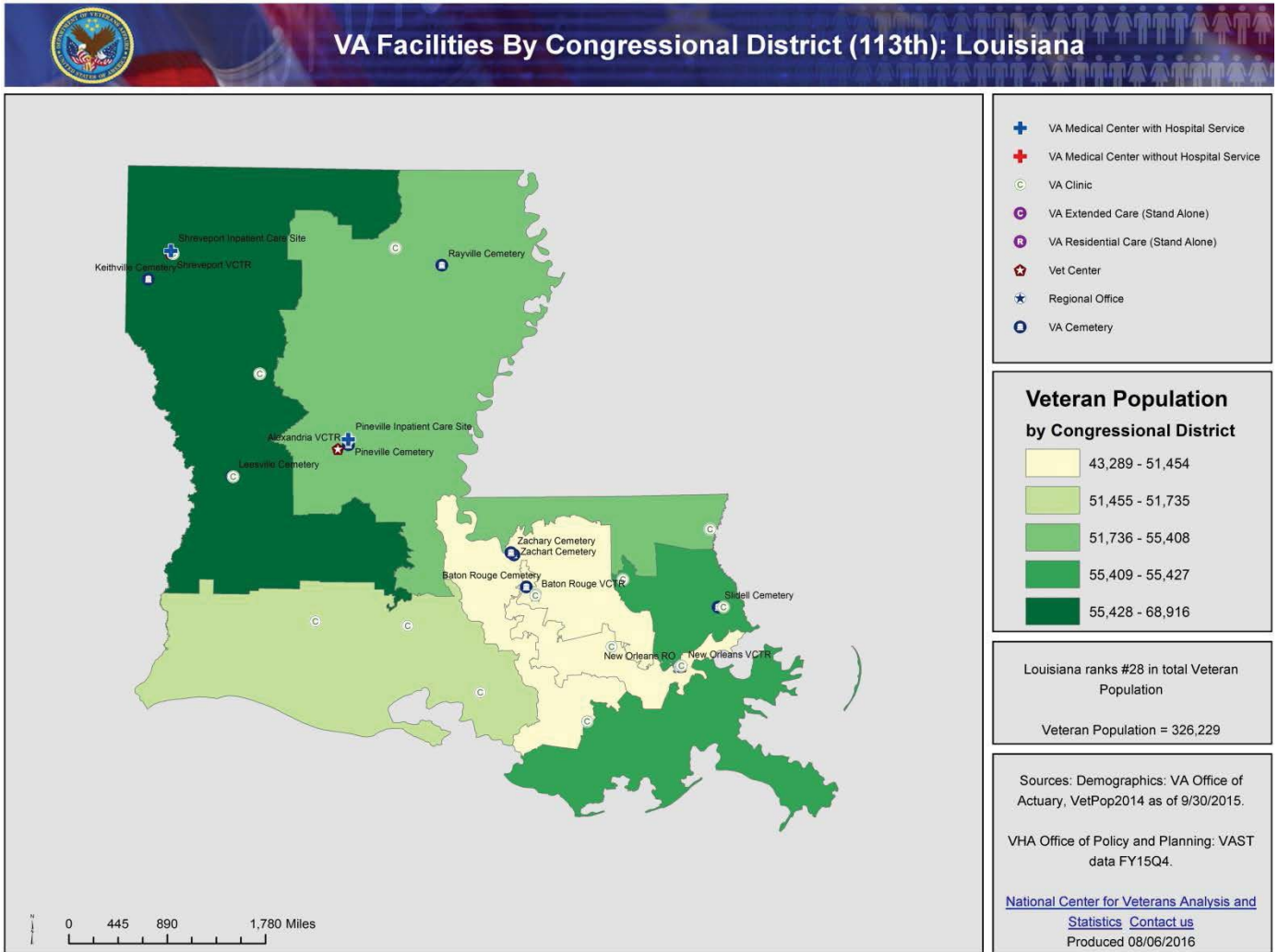
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State Summary

Louisiana



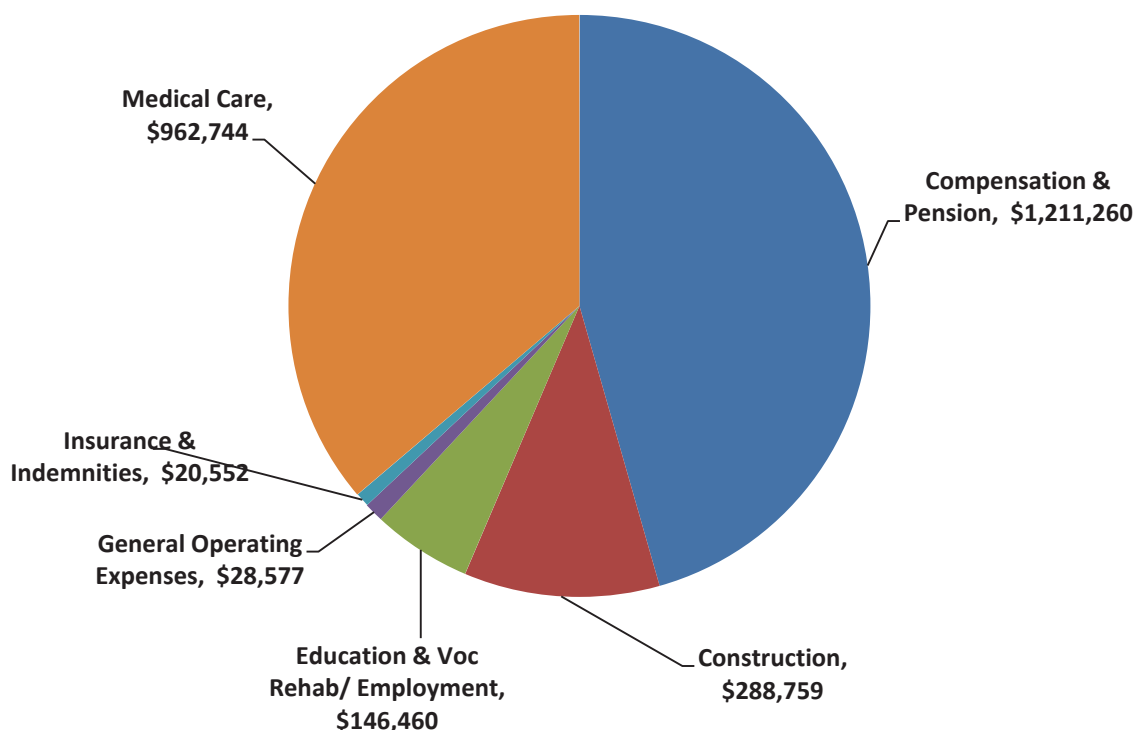
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a wide variety of programs and services. Many Veterans use VA education programs, obtain VA guaranteed home loans, and receive VA disability payments. VA is undergoing a radical transformation in relating to Veterans through the MyVA initiative.

VA has made ending Veteran homelessness a top priority, undertaking a campaign to dramatically increase awareness of VA services available for homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk of becoming homeless.

VA provides a large health network of hospitals, outpatient clinics, Vet Centers, nursing homes, residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and comprehensive home care programs. VA also manages a network of national cemeteries, soldier's lots, and monument sites, and provides headstones and markers.

FY15 VA Expenditures Louisiana = \$2.7 Billion

(in thousands)



VETERAN POPULATION (as of 9/30/2015)		Total	State
Number of Veterans		21,681,000	326,000
Number of Women Veterans		2,035,000	32,000
Number of Veterans Age 65 and Over		9.95 M	138,000
FACILITIES (as of 9/30/2015)		Total	State
Number of Inpatient Care Sites		178	2
Number of Outpatient Care Sites		1,211	18
Number of Vet Centers		300	4
Number of VBA Regional Offices		56	1
Number of National and State Cemeteries		229	7
BENEFITS (as of 9/30/2015)		Total	State
Number of Veterans Receiving Disability Compensation		4,168,774	57,595
Number of Veterans Receiving Pension		295,078	6,430
Number of Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Beneficiaries		387,375	6,464
Number of Death Pension Beneficiaries		206,376	4,917
HEALTH CARE (as of 9/30/2015)		Total	State
Number of Enrollees in VA Health Care System		8,965,923	134,341
Number of Unique Patients Treated		5,958,849	89,654

Data provided by the VA National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

<http://www.va.gov/VETDATA/index.asp>