

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: Where can I find the Veteran population for the Nation, states, counties, and Congressional Districts?**

A: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides official estimates and projections of the Veteran population using the [VetPop2007](#) Veteran Population Model. Estimates and projections are available at the national, state, county, and Congressional District levels in detail from [VetPop2007](#) tables and in total from the first numerical column of the [Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures \(GDX\)](#). Periods of service are based on those used in Census 2000, as shown in Figure 1b of the [Veterans: 2000 Census 2000 Brief](#).

### **Q: Where can I find the Veteran population for geographies below the county or Congressional District level?**

A: Estimates of the Veteran population for geographies below the county level are available from the U.S. Census Bureau's [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#). One-year data are available for the Nation, all states and Congressional Districts, and counties and places with populations 65,000 or more. Three-year data are available for the Nation, all states and Congressional Districts, and counties and places with populations 20,000 or more. Five-year data are available for the Nation, all states, Congressional Districts, counties, places, and smaller geographies (block, tract). Five-year data will be available for the first time starting December 2010.

Tables pertaining to Veterans can be identified by topic ID "21" in the table number. As of 2010, tables include R2101, S2101, and B21001 through B21100. Individual table descriptions are found in the U.S. Census Bureau's American Fact Finder tool under [List all tables](#). Click on a table name and then click on the "What's this?" button to see a table shell.

### **Q: Where can I find detailed demographic, period of service, or socioeconomic data about Veterans and nonveterans?**

A:- Demographic tables are available in [VetPop2007](#). Age and gender are available from every table, although the level of detail of the age breakouts decreases for smaller geographic levels. Period of service is available from all national and state level tables, except for 4L. Race/ethnicity is available from Tables 4L and 5L.

Aside from [VetPop2007](#), there are a number of demographic and socioeconomic reports and analyses on the [NCVAS webpage](#).

Unlike [VetPop2007](#), the [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) has numerical comparisons of Veterans to nonveterans and socioeconomic data such as educational attainment, median income, and employment, poverty, disability, and service-connected disability rating status. Tables pertaining to Veterans are R2101, S2101 and B21001 through B21100. Individual table descriptions are found under [List all tables](#).

At the national level, demographic and socioeconomic information on Veterans from the **Current Population Survey (CPS)** is found in the [Employment Situation of Veterans](#) and the [Employment Status of the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over by Veteran Status](#).

**Q: Where can I find basic information and data about utilization of VA services by type of program?**

A: The [Analysis of Unique Veterans Utilization of VA Benefits and Services](#) provides basic information about the utilization of VA services for Fiscal Year 2008, including the number using multiple VA programs. [VA Stats at a Glance](#) provides more recent summarized data.

Unique patients receiving treatment at VA Medical Facilities are presented by state, county and Congressional District in the [Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures](#).

Information about cemetery services is available in the [Facts About the National Cemetery Administration](#).

**Q: Where can I find detailed information and data about beneficiaries of VA programs for service-connected and non-service-connected disability, education, insurance, loan guaranty, and vocational rehabilitation and employment?**

A: The [Veterans Benefits Administration Annual Benefits Report](#) covers each of these programs in separate chapters. Appendix E, *Summary of Fiscal Year 2009 Benefits*, shows state-level data.

**Q: Where can I find information and data about Veterans with health conditions or disabilities, regardless of whether or not they are receiving VA benefits?**

A: The [2001 National Survey of Veterans](#) has information on Veterans' health in the *Final Reports & Appendixes, Chapter 5*, and *Tabulations & Responses, Tables 3-11 to 3-14*. The **2009 National Survey of Veterans** described on this website will be released soon.

Below the national and state levels, estimates of disabled Veterans are found in the [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) in Table S2101 and in Table B21007. The estimated numbers of service-connected disabled Veterans are shown by disability percent rating in Table B21100.

The **ACS** estimates for both disabled Veterans in general and service-connected disabled Veterans will differ somewhat from those found in the **VBA Annual Report** because the **ACS** estimates are: (1) not limited to those receiving VA compensation & pension; and (2) survey estimates rather than counts from a computerized record, as are the VBA numbers.

**Q: Where can I find expenditures for the Nation, States, Counties, and Congressional Districts?**

A: These data are found in the [Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures \(GDX\)](#). The GDX is an annual report produced by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics (NCVAS), in the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP). GDX provides VA expenditures at the state, county and Congressional District levels in six categories. The six GDX categories are Compensation & Pension, Construction, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment, General Operating Expenses, Insurance and Indemnities, and Medical Care. Each of the GDX categories consists of funding appropriations with similar funding purposes. The expenditures included in GDX are direct payments to Veterans and their dependents (e.g., compensation and pension), operating expenses incurred for providing services to Veterans (e.g., medical care programs), and overhead expenses (e.g., general

administrative supports). Whenever possible, expenditures to Veterans are captured at the zip code level and then aggregated at the county, Congressional District, and state levels.

**Q: Where can I find information and data about recently separated veterans, active duty military, and reservists and National Guard, including those with service in the Global War on Terrorism?**

A: This information will be in the **2009 National Survey of Veterans** which will be available soon.

**Q: Where can I find the number of recently separated veterans for the Nation, states, counties, and Congressional Districts?**

A: In [VetPop2007](#), the actual and projected numbers of separated Veterans are found in every table ending in the letter "S". Post-September 30, 2001 Veterans are shown at the national level in Tables 10L, 10D & 10S. For counties, Congressional Districts or other localities below the state level that meet specified population thresholds, estimates by period of service, including September 2001 or later, are available from Table B21002 of the [American Community Survey](#).

**Q: How many homeless Veterans are there in my area of interest?**

A: The [CHALENG Report](#) has estimated homeless veterans by locality in Appendix 5. Each year Project CHALENG publishes a report summarizing the results of annual surveys of both local VA staff and community participants (local government, service providers, formerly and currently homeless Veterans). These surveys ask for current perceptions of homeless Veterans' needs, the degree of VA/community cooperation and collaboration in serving homeless Veterans, and progress on local homeless Veterans program initiatives. The most recent CHALENG report is available at this site. The Report includes both Veterans Integrated Service Network and facility data.

**Q: How many served and how many casualties were there by war period, nationally and at the state level?**

A: Service members and casualties are summarized in the document [America's Wars](#). This factsheet is produced in response to numerous requests for war casualty statistics. It provides statistics compiled by sources at the Department of Defense (DoD), indicating the number of fatalities and numbers of wounded among American military personnel serving in principal wars and combat actions from the Revolutionary War to the current Global War on Terrorism. The casualty statistics for wars long ended are updated periodically, sometimes yearly. This almost always reflects the identification of remains of persons previously listed as missing in action and those persons' reclassification as dead. Additional detail is available from the DoD's [Military and Personnel Casualties Statistics](#).

**Q: How many military retirees are there nationally or in my state or zip code area?**

A: This information is provided in the DoD's annual [Statistical Report on the Military Retirement System](#). Choose a fiscal year under Statistical Report. The military retirement system applies to members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. However, most of the provisions also apply to retirement systems for members of the Coast Guard (administered by the Department of Homeland Security), officers of the Public Health Service (administered by the Department of Health and Human Services), and officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (administered by the Department of Commerce).

**Q: Where can I find information and data about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?**

A: General information about PTSD is available from the [National Center for PTSD](#). Expert opinion about PTSD is found under [PTSD and the Military](#). Findings are also available from the [National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study](#).

**Q: Where can I find the latest information and data about dependents and survivors of veterans?**

A: The **2009 National Survey of Veterans** will include data about dependents of living veterans and survivors of deceased veterans and service personnel.