



Pension & Fiduciary

Veterans Non-Service-Connected Pension and Survivors Pension

Pension is a needs-based benefit designed to provide certain wartime Veterans and their survivors with a minimum level of income that raises their standard of living.

Wartime Veterans who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service-connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth may be eligible. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for pension at the increased housebound or aid and attendance (A&A) rates. Surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased wartime Veterans are eligible for monthly pension benefits if they meet the net worth and income requirements.

The Fiduciary Program

The Fiduciary program provides oversight for VA's most vulnerable beneficiaries who are unable to manage their own VA benefits. Upon appointment by VA, a fiduciary is authorized to receive direct payment of a beneficiary's VA benefits and to disburse funds to creditors and the beneficiary according to the best interests of the beneficiary.

**3 Pension Management Centers
276,570 Veterans and
201,433 Survivors
Receive Pension
Benefits**

A note on the data:

The 2017 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VBA corporate database.

The availability of gender and age data is limited as some records have no gender or birthdate available. Those records are accounted for in the totals for each table but not in the category columns. Please see footnotes for additional information.

The Old Law Pension Program and Section 306 Pension Program are closed to new applicants. The term "Other Pension" is used to reference them.

Please see the section on page 2: "A Note on How the FY 2017 Pension Data is Presented" for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

Data regarding the fiduciaries of Veterans and survivors receiving VA benefit payments are stored in the Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System (BFFS) while data regarding claims, benefit types and award amounts for fiduciary related records are stored in the VBA corporate database.

Information on the fiduciary program begins on page [20](#).



A Note on How the FY 2017 Pension Data is Presented

New to the Rolls

Individuals who began receiving pension during fiscal year 2017 (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017) are considered “new to the rolls” and the tables are outlined in purple.

On the Rolls

All individuals who are receiving pension on September 30, 2017 are considered “on the rolls” and are outlined in tan.

These tables include “new to the rolls” recipients.

The Office of Performance Analysis and Integrity is available to answer questions regarding the data contained in this report by email at PAI.VBACO@va.gov.

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Pension Programs

Pension Benefits for Veterans

Wartime Veterans who meet one or more of the following basic eligibility criteria may be entitled to pension benefits:

- Permanent and total disability from non-service-connected causes. Veterans are considered permanently and totally disabled if they are:
 - A patient in a nursing home,
or
 - In receipt of Social Security disability benefits,
or
 - Unemployable due to disability as determined by VA.
- 65 years of age or older

Entitlement is subject to income and net worth limitations. Additional amounts may be paid to Veterans who have dependents or who, due to disability, are in need of the aid and attendance (A&A) of another person or are housebound.

Pension Benefits for Surviving Spouses

Surviving spouses of wartime Veterans have basic eligibility for survivors pension if they meet the income and net worth limitations. Additional amounts may be paid to surviving spouses who have dependents or who, due to disability, are in need of A&A of another person or are housebound.

Pension Benefits for Surviving Children

Surviving children of wartime Veterans have basic eligibility for survivors pension if they meet income and net worth limitations and are:

- Unmarried, and
 - Under the age of 18 years,
or
 - Between the age of 18 and 23 years and attending an accredited school,
or
 - Became permanently incapable of self-support prior to reaching 18 years of age.



Special Monthly Pension: Aid and Attendance and Housebound

Veterans and survivors who need the A&A of another person or are housebound may be eligible for additional amounts of pension called special monthly pension. Because pension at the A&A and housebound rates is based upon a higher income limit, claimants ineligible for basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for pension benefits if they are determined to need A&A or are housebound.

Aid and Attendance (A&A)

- Veterans or surviving spouses may be eligible for pension at the A&A rate if:
 - They require the assistance of another person in order to perform activities of daily living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting themselves from the hazards of their daily environment,
or
 - They are bedridden, in that their disability or disabilities require that they remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment,
or
 - They are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity,
or
 - They have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

Housebound

- Veterans may be eligible for pension at the housebound rate if:
 - They have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and,
 - Due to a disability or disabilities, they are permanently and substantially confined to their immediate premises,
or
 - They have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and another disability or disabilities, independently evaluated as 60-percent or more disabling.
- Surviving spouses may be eligible for pension at the housebound rate if disability or disabilities permanently and substantially confine them to their immediate premises.

Old Law and Section 306 Pension

Old Law and Section 306 Pension for Veterans and their surviving spouses and children use laws and regulations different from the current pension program to determine entitlement and the amount of monthly benefits. VA does not accept any new applications for benefits under these older programs. If a beneficiary loses entitlement to Old Law or Section 306 Pension due to changes in circumstances (for example, a change in income), the beneficiary must establish entitlement under the rules of the current Veterans pension or survivors pension program.



Quick Reference: Recipients and Amounts by Program

Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving pension benefits	31,340
Survivors ¹ who began receiving pension benefits	36,972
Total	68,312

Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	31,340	\$14,987	\$469,681,882
Survivors Pension	36,972	\$10,942	\$404,548,260
Total	68,312	\$12,798	\$874,230,142

Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving pension benefits	276,570
Survivors receiving pension benefits	201,433
Total	478,003

Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	276,570	\$12,103	\$3,347,282,676
Survivors Pension	201,433	\$8,443	\$1,700,727,315
Total	478,003	\$10,561	\$5,048,009,991

¹ The term “survivors” includes surviving spouses and children

Recipients by Period of Service



New improved pension recipients by period of service

	Pre-World War I ²	World War I	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era
Veterans Pension			10,502	9,701	9,690	1,447
Survivors Pension	10	15	22,900	9,731	3,841	475
Total	10	15	33,402	19,432	13,531	1,922

All improved pension recipients by period of service

	Pre-World War I ³	World War I	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era
Veterans			42,661	52,220	163,822	17,867
Survivors	89	2,128	123,399	46,355	27,306	2,156
Total	89	2,128	166,060	98,575	191,128	20,023

Recipients and Amounts by Fiscal Year

All recipients FY 2013 to FY 2017

Benefit program	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Chg. FY 2016 to 2017
Veterans Pension	308,116	304,556	295,078	288,710	276,570	-4.2%
Survivors Pension	210,450	211,714	206,375	202,975	201,433	-0.8%
Total	518,566	516,270	501,453	491,685	478,003	-2.8%

All recipients estimated average individual amount paid annually FY 2013 to FY 2017

Benefit Program	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Chg. FY 2016 to 2017
Veterans Pension	\$11,315	\$11,682	\$11,977	\$11,991	\$12,103	0.9%
Survivors Pension	\$6,988	\$7,513	\$7,910	\$8,138	\$8,443	3.7%
Total	\$9,559	\$9,973	\$10,303	\$10,400	\$10,561	1.5%

² New to the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (10).

³ On the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (80), the Mexican Border War (7) the Civil War (1), and Peacetime (1).





New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of Veterans	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ⁴	0	NA	NA
Improved Pension	31,340	\$14,987	\$ 469,681,882
Total	31,340	\$14,987	\$ 469,681,882

New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	16,171	51.6%	\$17,671	\$ 285,754,475
With housebound (HB)	136	0.4%	\$11,147	\$ 1,515,973
Total with A&A or HB ⁵	16,307	52.0%	\$17,616	\$287,270,448
Total without A&A or HB	15,033	48.0%	\$12,134	\$ 182,411,434
Total all	31,340	100%	\$14,987	\$ 469,681,882

New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	28,200	90.0%	\$14,947	\$421,506,372
Female Veterans	1,243	4.0%	\$14,724	\$18,301,716
Gender not indicated	1,897	6.0%	\$15,748	\$29,873,794
Total	31,340	100%	\$14,987	\$ 469,681,882

⁴ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.

⁵ A subtotal of all beneficiaries with aid and attendance or housebound – used in all tables concerning special monthly pension.



All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of Veterans	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ⁶	1,057	\$1,702	\$ 1,798,520
Improved Pension	275,513	\$12,143	\$ 3,345,484,156
Total	276,570	\$12,103	\$ 3,347,282,676

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	113,256	41.0%	\$ 16,769	\$ 1,899,197,400
With housebound (HB)	4,830	1.7%	\$10,080	\$ 48,684,566
Total with A&A or HB	118,086	42.7%	\$16,495	\$1,947,881,966
Total without A&A or HB	158,484	57.3%	\$8,830	\$ 1,399,400,711
Total all	276,570	100%	\$12,103	\$ 3,347,282,676

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	253,921	91.8%	\$12,023	\$3,052,835,923
Female Veterans	11,569	4.2%	\$12,595	\$145,710,369
Gender not indicated	11,080	4.0%	\$13,424	\$148,736,384
Total	276,570	100%	\$12,103	\$3,347,282,676

⁶ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.





New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	14,362	50.9%	\$ 17,656	\$ 253,578,275
	With housebound (HB)	131	0.5%	\$ 11,076	\$ 1,450,933
	Total with A&A or HB	14,493	51.4%	\$17,597	\$255,029,208
	Total without A&A or HB	13,707	48.6%	\$ 12,145	\$ 166,477,164
	Total	28,200	100%	\$ 14,947	\$ 421,506,372

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	655	52.7%	\$17,313	\$ 11,340,268
	With housebound (HB)	3	0.2%	\$13,216	\$ 39,648
	Total with A&A or HB	658	52.9%	\$17,295	\$11,379,916
	Total without A&A or HB	585	47.1%	\$11,832	\$ 6,921,801
	Total	1,243	100%	\$14,724	\$ 18,301,716

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	101,395	39.9%	\$ 16,710	\$ 1,694,305,833
	With housebound (HB)	4,513	1.8%	\$ 10,120	\$ 45,673,034
	Total with A&A or HB	105,908	41.7%	\$16,429	\$1,739,978,867
	Total without A&A or HB	148,013	58.3%	\$ 8,870	\$ 1,312,857,056
	Total	253,921	100%	\$ 12,023	\$ 3,052,835,923

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	5,141	44.4%	\$ 16,642	\$ 85,558,513
	With housebound (HB)	205	1.8%	\$ 9,907	\$ 2,030,839
	Total with A&A or HB	5,346	46.2%	\$16,384	\$87,589,351
	Total without A&A or HB	6,223	53.8%	\$ 9,340	\$ 58,121,017
	Total	11,569	100%	\$ 12,595	\$ 145,710,369



⁷ Certain records do not indicate gender information and are not included in the totals.



New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

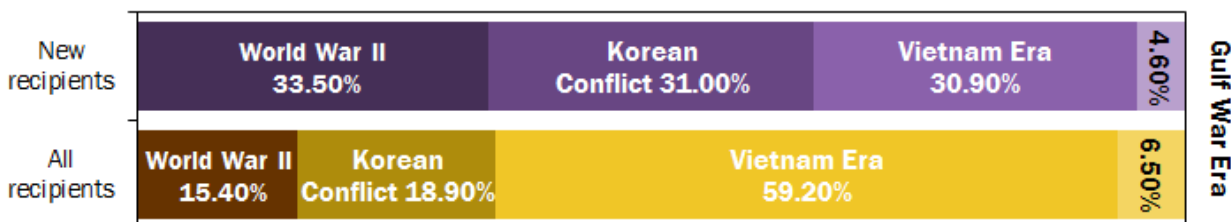
Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	10,502	33.5%	\$18,056	\$189,620,409
Korean Conflict	9,701	31.0%	\$16,740	\$162,391,558
Vietnam Era	9,690	30.9%	\$10,261	\$99,425,368
Gulf War Era	1,447	4.6%	\$12,609	\$18,244,546
Total	31,340	100%	\$14,987	\$469,681,822

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	42,661	15.4%	\$16,365	\$698,145,289
Korean Conflict	52,220	18.9%	\$13,298	\$694,430,327
Vietnam Era	163,822	59.2%	\$10,502	\$1,720,417,617
Gulf War Era	17,867	6.5%	\$13,113	\$234,289,444
Total	276,570	100%	\$12,103	\$3,347,282,676

Chart: New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by period of service

The chart below displays the distribution of the number of Veterans by period of service. The purple bars in the top row are new recipients and the brown/tan bars on the bottom row indicate all Veterans receiving pension benefits at the end of the fiscal year.





New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	124	0.4%	\$12,921	\$1,602,156
Age 35 through 64	3,410	10.9%	\$11,182	\$38,129,831
Age 65 through 74	6,119	19.5%	\$9,145	\$55,960,165
Age 75 and over	21,687	69.2%	\$17,245	\$373,989,729
Total	31,340	100%	\$14,987	\$469,681,882

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	975	0.4%	\$13,930	\$13,581,758
Age 35 through 64	68,271	24.7%	\$12,043	\$822,164,637
Age 65 through 74	101,752	36.8%	\$9,862	\$1,003,485,464
Age 75 and over	105,553	38.2%	\$14,285	\$1,507,844,106
Total⁸	276,570	100%	\$12,103	\$3,347,282,676

⁸ Total includes 19 Veterans and \$206,712 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.



Chart: New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 17 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

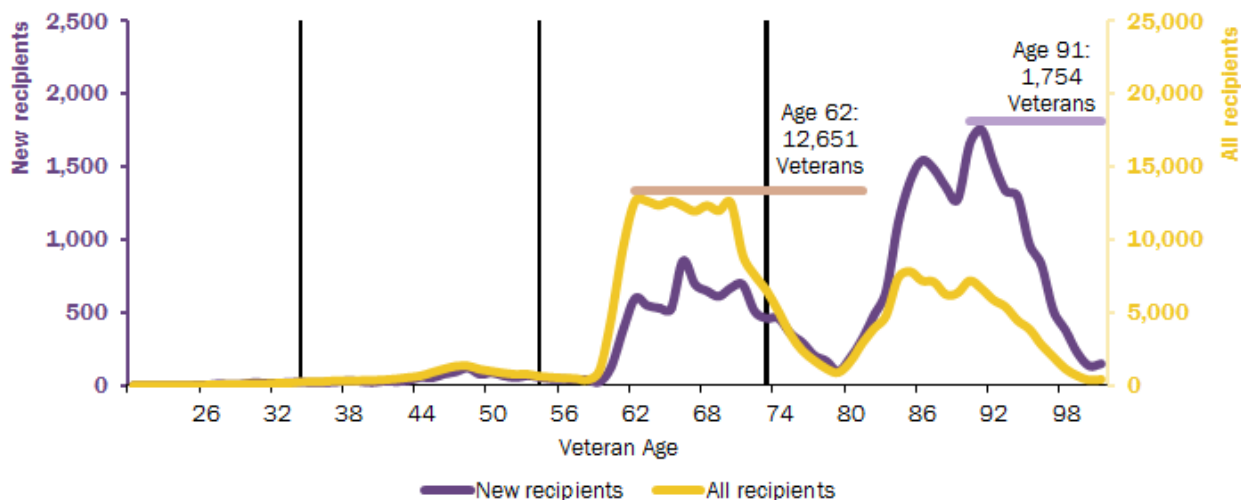
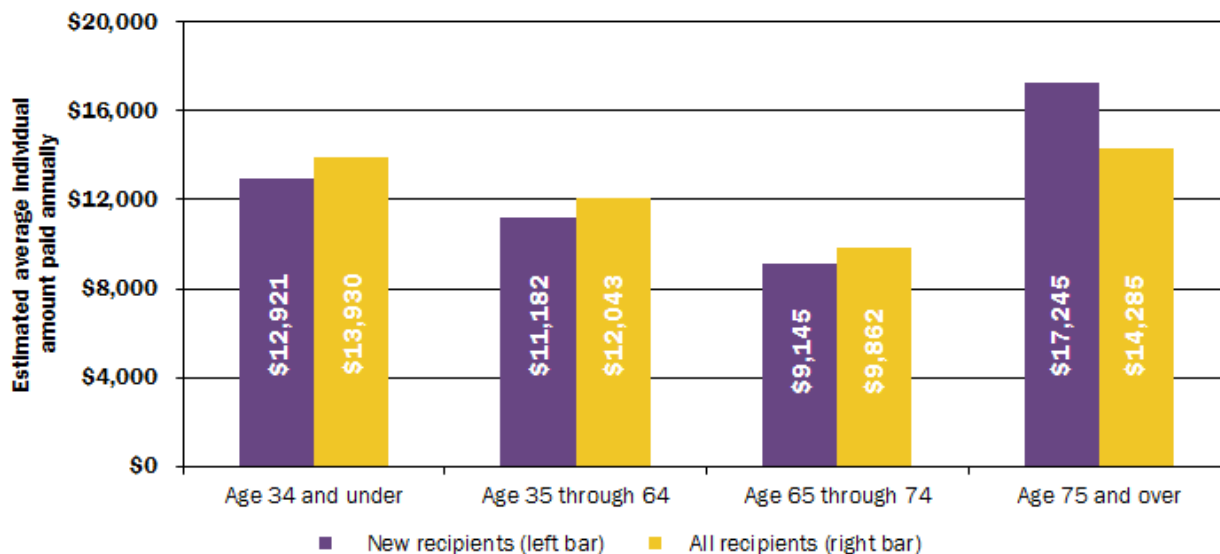


Chart: New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 17 (purple bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan bars on the right) by age group.





Survivors Pension Data⁹

New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of survivors	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ¹⁰	0	NA	NA
Improved Pension	36,972	\$10,942	\$404,548,260
Total	36,972	\$10,942	\$404,548,260

New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	32,600	88.2%	\$11,644	\$ 379,593,541
With housebound (HB)	70	0.2%	\$7,856	\$ 549,922
Total with A&A or HB ¹¹	32,670	88.4%	\$11,636	\$380,143,463
Total without A&A or HB	4,302	11.6%	\$5,673	\$ 24,404,797
Total all	36,972	100%	\$10,942	\$ 404,548,260

New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	81	0.2%	\$11,407	\$923,956
Female survivors	30,699	83.0%	\$11,129	\$341,647,292
Gender not indicated	6,192	16.8%	\$10,009	\$61,977,012
Total	36,972	100%	\$ 10,942	\$404,548,260

⁹ The term “survivors” throughout this section includes surviving spouses and children.

¹⁰ The “Other Pension” category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.

¹¹ A subtotal of all beneficiaries with aid and attendance or housebound – used in all tables concerning special monthly pension.



All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of pension

Type of pension	Number of survivors	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Other Pension ¹²	11,999	\$959	\$11,511,689
Improved Pension	189,434	\$8,917	\$1,689,215,626
Total	201,433	\$8,443	\$1,700,727,315

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension

Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
With aid and attendance (A&A)	129,587	64.3%	\$10,641	\$ 1,378,897,770
With housebound (HB)	1,131	0.6%	\$5,703	\$ 6,450,060
Total with A&A or HB	130,718	64.9%	\$10,598	\$1,385,347,830
Total without A&A or HB	70,715	35.1%	\$4,460	\$ 315,379,485
Total all	201,433	100%	\$8,443	\$ 1,700,727,315

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by gender

Gender	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	1,613	0.8%	\$2,617	\$4,220,893
Female survivors	152,621	75.8%	\$9,167	\$1,399,119,399
Gender not indicated	47,199	23.4%	\$6,301	\$297,387,022
Total	201,433	100%	\$8,443	\$1,700,727,315

¹² The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.





New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender¹³

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	67	82.7%	\$ 12,727	\$ 852,684
	With housebound (HB)	0	0.0%	NA	NA
	Total with A&A or HB	67	82.7%	\$12,727	\$ 852,684
	Total without A&A or HB	14	17.3%	\$5,091	\$ 71,272
Total		81	100%	\$ 11,407	\$ 923,956

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	27,733	90.3%	\$11,682	\$323,969,196
	With housebound (HB)	54	0.2%	\$7,882	\$425,614
	Total with A&A or HB	27,787	90.5%	\$11,674	\$324,394,810
	Total without A&A or HB	2,912	9.5%	\$5,925	\$17,252,482
Total		30,699	100%	\$11,129	\$341,647,292

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender¹³

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of gender total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	219	13.6%	\$10,827	\$ 2,371,068
	With housebound (HB)	1	0.1%	\$10,572	\$ 10,572
	Total with A&A or HB	220	13.6%	\$10,826	\$2,381,640
	Total without A&A or HB	1,393	86.4%	\$1,320	\$ 1,839,253
Total		1,613	100%	\$2,617	\$ 4,220,893

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	110,670	72.5%	\$ 10,708	\$ 1,185,005,653
	With housebound (HB)	940	0.6%	\$5,615	\$ 5,277,796
	Total with A&A or HB	111,610	73.1%	\$10,665	\$1,190,283,449
	Total without A&A or HB	41,011	26.9%	\$5,092	\$ 208,835,951
Total		152,621	100%	\$ 9,167	\$ 1,399,119,399



¹³ Certain records do not indicate gender information and are not included in the totals.



New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

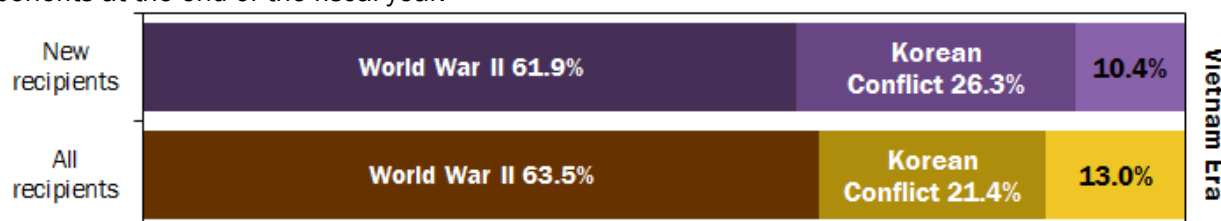
Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	10	0.0%	\$4,626	\$46,260
World War I	15	0.0%	\$9,835	\$147,528
World War II	22,900	61.9%	\$11,464	\$262,530,156
Korean Conflict	9,731	26.3%	\$10,800	\$105,097,851
Vietnam Era	3,841	10.4%	\$8,663	\$33,275,183
Gulf War Era	475	1.3%	\$7,266	\$3,451,283
Total	36,972	100%	\$10,942	\$404,548,260

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by period of service

Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	89	<0.1%	\$3,159	\$281,189
World War I	2,128	1.1%	\$3,109	\$6,616,323
World War II	123,399	61.3%	\$8,685	\$1,071,746,266
Korean Conflict	46,355	23.0%	\$8,464	\$392,365,235
Vietnam Era	27,306	13.6%	\$7,813	\$213,329,148
Gulf War Era	2,156	1.1%	\$7,602	\$16,389,154
Total	201,433	100%	\$8,443	\$1,700,727,315

Chart: New compared to all Survivors Pension recipients by Veteran's period of service¹⁴

The chart below displays the distribution of the number of survivors by the Veteran's period of service. The purple bars in the top row are new recipients and the brown/tan bars on the bottom row indicate all survivors receiving pension benefits at the end of the fiscal year.



¹⁴ Survivors of Veterans of the Gulf War Era, World War I and Pre-World War I do not make up a significant enough portion of the total to be visible on the chart.





New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	60	0.2%	\$9,277	\$556,620
Age 18 through 34	109	0.3%	\$5,549	\$604,800
Age 35 through 64	2,140	5.8%	\$6,910	\$14,787,264
Age 65 through 74	1,627	4.4%	\$8,240	\$13,406,283
Age 75 and over	32,976	89.2%	\$11,356	\$374,475,789
Total¹⁵	36,972	100%	\$10,942	\$404,548,260

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	193	0.1%	\$6,607	\$1,275,136
Age 18 through 34	336	0.2%	\$5,704	\$1,916,712
Age 35 through 64	24,657	12.2%	\$6,396	\$157,709,507
Age 65 through 74	18,153	9.0%	\$5,653	\$102,627,252
Age 75 and over	157,692	78.3%	\$9,090	\$1,433,367,232
Total¹⁶	201,433	100%	\$8,443	\$1,700,727,315

¹⁵ Total includes 60 survivors and \$717,504 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.

¹⁶ Total includes 402 survivors and \$3,831,476 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.



Chart: New compared to all Survivors Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 17 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

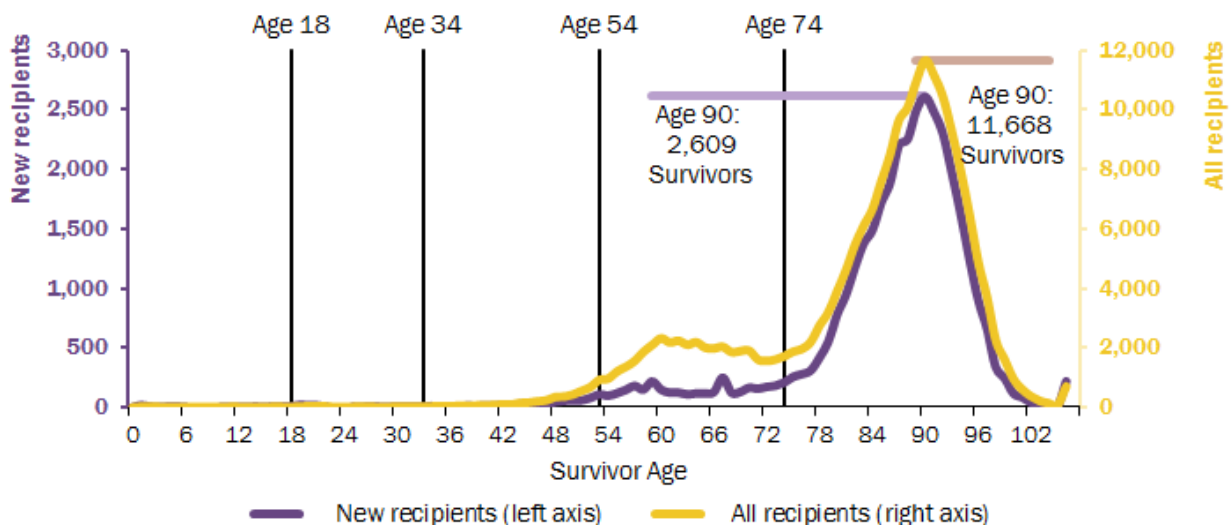
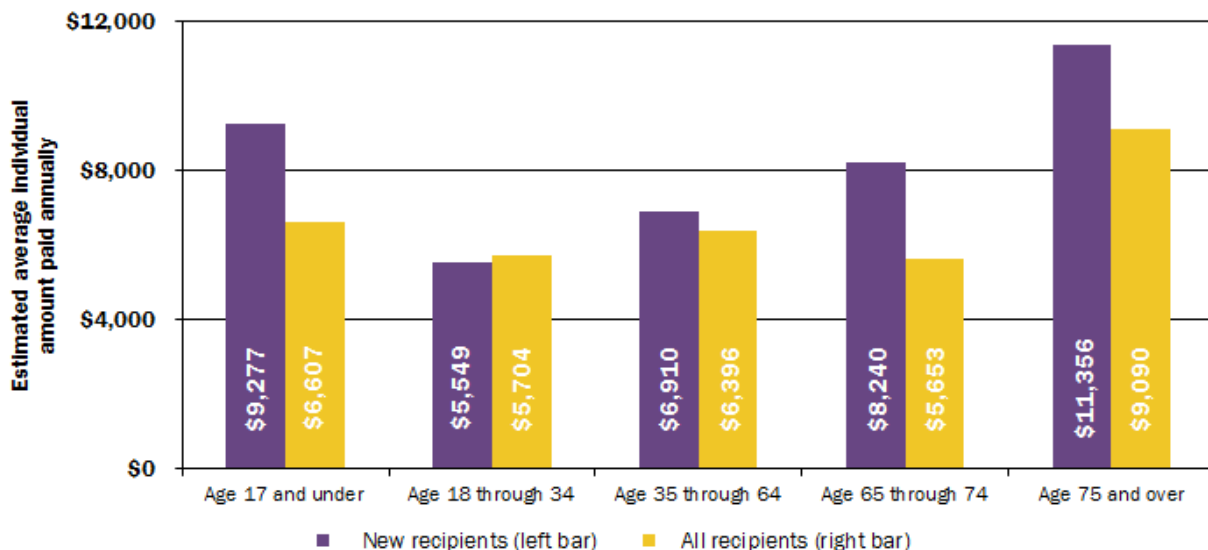


Chart: New compared to all Survivor Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 17 (purple bars on the left) vs. the estimated average individual amount paid annually for all survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan bars on the right) broken down by age.



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Fiduciary

Purpose of the Fiduciary Program



VA's Fiduciary Program provides protection to Veterans and other beneficiaries who are unable to manage their financial affairs. Under this program, VA appoints fiduciaries to manage VA benefits and ensure the welfare and needs of beneficiaries by using the least restrictive, yet most effective payment method. The program closely monitors fiduciaries for compliance with program responsibilities to ensure that VA benefits are being used for the sole purpose of meeting the needs, security, and comfort of beneficiaries and their dependents.

Beginning with fiscal year 2015, Fiduciary Program totals represent the number of beneficiaries served during the fiscal year.

Number of beneficiaries by beneficiary type¹⁷

Beneficiary Type	Number of Beneficiaries
Veteran	121,690
Surviving spouse	78,065
Adult disabled child	8,963
Minor child ¹⁸	2,515
Dependent parent	49
Total¹⁹	211,282

Amount of benefits managed by benefit type²⁰

Benefit Paid	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Compensation	\$1,892,096,495	\$28,796
Veterans Pension	\$637,464,234	\$11,373
Survivors Pension	\$539,458,160	\$6,815
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	\$117,469,920	\$13,658
Total	\$3,186,488,809	

¹⁷ Source: Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System

¹⁸ Includes minors in receipt of one-time insurance awards due to being named a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

¹⁹ Includes any beneficiary who received services from VA's fiduciary program during FY 17.

²⁰ Source: VBA corporate database



Number of beneficiaries by fiduciary relationship¹⁷

Relationship	Number of Beneficiaries
Legal Custodian	149,408
Spouse Payee	25,021
Court Appointed Fiduciary	5,134
Supervised Direct Pay	6,376
Institutional Award	1,461
Custodian in Fact	27
Superintendent of Indian Reservation	13
Proposed Fiduciary ²¹	23,842
Total	211,282

Misuse

During fiscal year 2017, fiduciary personnel conducted 2,721 misuse investigations of which 701 fiduciaries were removed based upon a finding of misuse of benefits. Of the cases VA referred to the VA Office of the Inspector General (OIG), 19 misuse cases were accepted by OIG for further investigation.

OIG reported the following actions have been taken²²:

- Investigations opened: 39
- Investigations completed and referred to prosecutor’s office: 53
- Cases accepted for prosecution: 19
- Cases declined for prosecution: 23
- Cases pending: 11

The number of OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2017²²:

- Arrests: 21
- Indictments: 22
- Convictions: 14

The amount of funds involved in OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2017²³:

- The total amount of restitution ordered in cases arising from the misuse of benefits by a fiduciary was \$363,712.
- The total amount of money recovered by the government in misuse cases was \$103,556.
- The total amount of benefits reissued to beneficiaries was \$2,126,787.

²¹ Includes beneficiaries awaiting the final determination of incompetency and/or the appointment of a fiduciary.

²² Includes action taken by OIG on cases referred as of the end of fiscal year 2017. Figures may include cases referred during previous fiscal years.

²³ Source: OIG

Appendix – Fiduciary Hub Addresses and Regional Offices Served

Salt Lake City – UT VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 58086

Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Regional offices served:

Salt Lake City	UT
Albuquerque	NM
Los Angeles	CA
Anchorage	AK
Oakland	CA
Boise	ID
Phoenix	AZ
Cheyenne	WY
Portland	OR
Denver	CO
Reno	NV
Ft. Harrison	MT
Honolulu	HI
San Diego	CA
Seattle	WA

Lincoln – NE VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 5444

Lincoln, NE 68505-5444

Regional offices served:

Lincoln	NE
Wichita	KS
Sioux Falls	SD
Muskogee	OK
Fargo	ND
Waco	TX
Houston	TX

Milwaukee – WI VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 14975

Milwaukee, WI 53214-0975

Regional offices served:

Milwaukee	WI
Little Rock	AR
Des Moines	IA
St. Louis	MO
St. Paul	MN
New Orleans	LA
Chicago	IL

Louisville – KY VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 3487

Louisville, KY 40201

Regional offices served:

Louisville	KY
Roanoke	VA
Huntington	WV
Jackson	MS
Nashville	TN
Montgomery	AL
San Juan	PR

Indianapolis – IN VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 441780

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Regional offices served:

Indianapolis	IN
Detroit	MI
Newark	NJ
Baltimore	MD
Manchester	NH
White River	
Junction	VT
Boston	MA
Pittsburgh	PA
Philadelphia	PA
Wilmington	DE
Hartford	CT
New York	NY
Providence	RI
Buffalo	NY
Togus	ME
Cleveland	OH

Columbia – SC VA Fiduciary Hub

P.O. Box 9367

Columbia, SC 29209-9998

Regional offices served:

Columbia	SC
Winston-Salem	NC
Atlanta	GA
St. Petersburg	FL

The Manila Regional Office oversees all fiduciary matters in the Philippines.

Fiduciary Hub Call Center:

1-888-407-0144



Appendix – Pension Management Center Addresses and Regional Offices Served

Philadelphia – PA Pension Management Center

P.O. Box 8079
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Regional offices served:

Hartford	CT
Wilmington	DE
St. Petersburg	FL
Atlanta	GA
Boston	MA
Baltimore	MD
Togus	ME
Winston-Salem	NC
Manchester	NH
Newark	NJ
Buffalo	NY
New York	NY
Philadelphia	PA
Pittsburgh	PA
San Juan	PR
Providence	RI
Columbia	SC
Roanoke	VA
White River Junction	VT
Huntington	WV

Milwaukee – WI Pension Management Center

P.O. Box 342000
Milwaukee, WI 53234-9907

Regional offices served:

Montgomery	AL
Little Rock	AR
Chicago	IL
Indianapolis	IN
Louisville	KY
New Orleans	LA
Detroit	MI
St. Louis	MO
Jackson	MS
Cleveland	OH
Nashville	TN
Milwaukee	WI

St. Paul – MN Pension Management Center

P.O. Box 11000
Fort Snelling St. Paul, MN 55111-0000

Regional offices served:

Anchorage	AK
Phoenix	AZ
Los Angeles	CA
Oakland	CA
San Diego	CA
Denver	CO
Honolulu	HI
Des Moines	IA
Boise	ID
Wichita	KS
St. Paul	MN
Ft. Harrison	MT
Fargo	ND
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National Pension Call Center:

1-877-294-6380



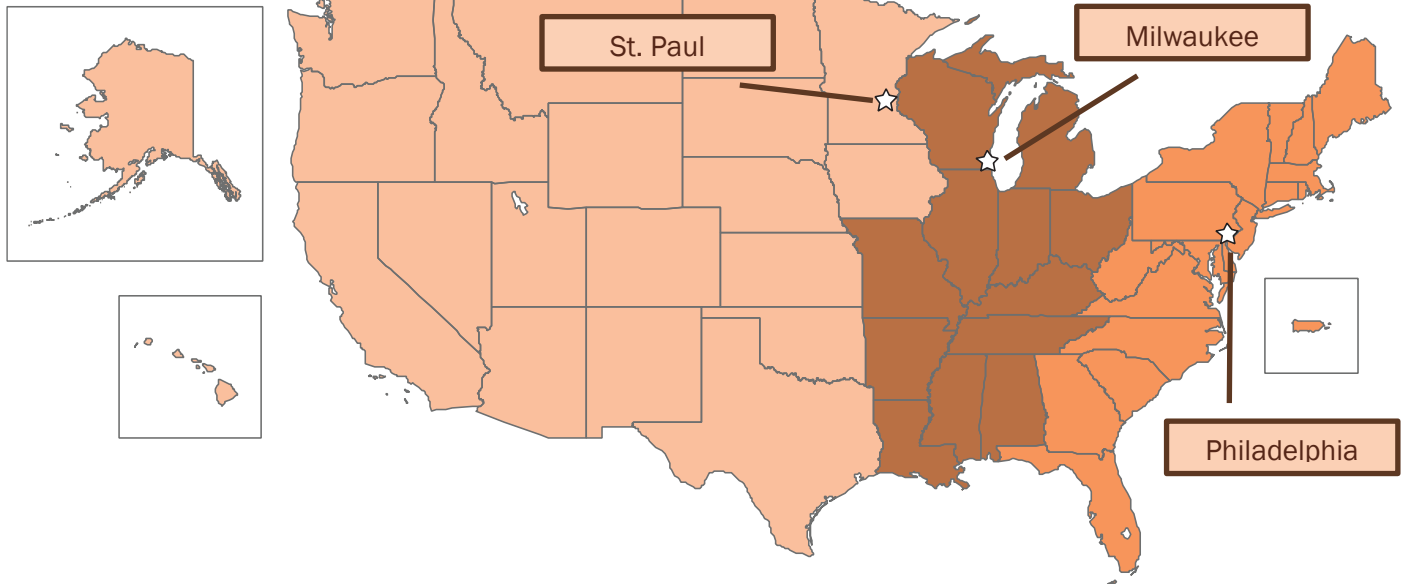
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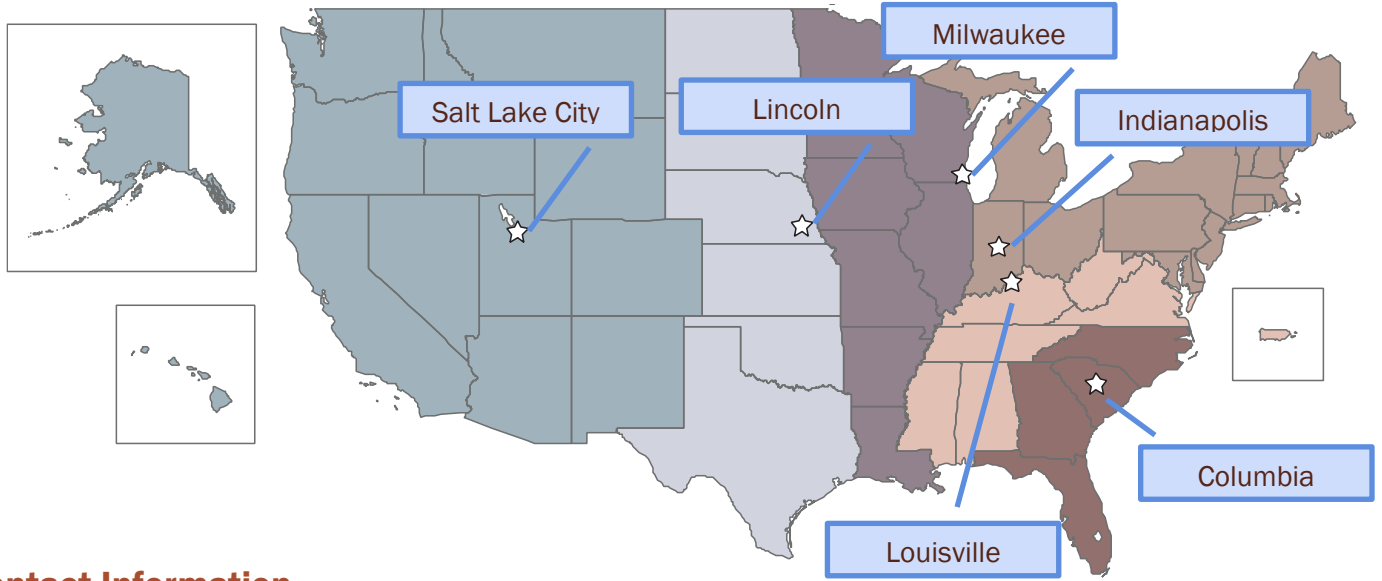
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