



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.

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295,078 Veterans and
206,375 Survivors
Receive Pension
Benefits

A note on the data:

The 2015 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VETSNET 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 2015 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 VETSNET corporate database.

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



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A Note on How the FY 2015 Pension Data is Presented

New to the Rolls

Individuals who began receiving pension during fiscal year 2015 (October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015) 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, 2015 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,
or
 - 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.



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Quick Reference: Recipients and Amounts by Program

Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving pension benefits	37,554
Survivors ¹ who began receiving pension benefits	33,112
Total	70,666

Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	37,554	\$13,966	\$524,484,173
Survivors Pension	33,112	\$10,581	\$350,368,612
Total	70,666	\$12,380	\$874,852,785

Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving pension benefits	295,078
Survivors receiving pension benefits	206,375
Total	501,453

Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	295,078	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810
Survivors Pension	206,375	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045
Total	501,453	\$10,303	\$5,166,525,855

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			12,891	9,699	13,276	1,688
Survivors Pension	7	26	21,855	7,393	3,446	385
Total	7	26	34,746	17,092	16,722	2,073

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			57,571	55,640	165,812	16,055
Survivors	100	2,769	135,078	41,276	25,450	1,702
Total	100	2,769	192,649	96,916	191,262	17,757

Recipients and Amounts by Fiscal Year

All recipients FY 2011 to FY 2015

Benefit program	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Chg. FY 2014 to 2015
Veterans Pension	313,665	314,790	308,116	304,556	295,078	-3.1%
Survivors Pension	201,955	207,453	210,450	211,714	206,375	-2.5%
Total	515,620	522,243	518,566	516,270	501,453	-2.9%

All recipients estimated average individual amount paid annually FY 2011 to FY 2015

Benefit Program	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Chg. FY 2014 to 2015
Veterans Pension	\$10,401	\$11,038	\$11,315	\$11,682	\$11,977	2.5%
Survivors Pension	\$5,905	\$6,521	\$6,988	\$7,513	\$7,910	5.3%
Total	\$8,640	\$9,243	\$9,559	\$9,973	\$10,303	3.3%

² New to the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (7).

³ On the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (88), the Mexican Border War (11) and the Civil War (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	37,554	\$13,966	\$524,484,173
Total	37,554	\$13,966	\$524,484,173

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)	20,613	54.9%	\$17,153	\$353,579,410
With housebound (HB)	262	0.7%	\$10,073	\$2,639,014
Total with A&A or HB ⁵	20,875	55.6%	\$17,064	\$356,218,424
Total without A&A or HB	16,679	44.4%	\$10,088	\$168,265,749
Total all	37,554	100%	\$13,966	\$524,484,173

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	33,984	90.5%	\$13,886	\$471,907,615
Female Veterans	1,521	4.1%	\$14,191	\$21,584,610
Gender not indicated	2,049	5.4%	\$15,125	\$30,991,948
Total	37,554	100%	\$13,966	\$524,484,173

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	1,663	\$1,686	\$2,803,955
Improved Pension	293,415	\$12,035	\$3,531,212,855
Total	295,078	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810

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)	119,467	40.5%	\$16,362	\$1,954,668,429
With housebound (HB)	6,210	2.1%	\$9,942	\$61,738,052
Total with A&A or HB	125,677	42.6%	\$16,044	\$2,016,406,481
Total without A&A or HB	169,401	57.4%	\$8,959	\$1,517,610,329
Total all	295,078	100%	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810

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	272,039	92.2%	\$11,906	\$3,238,835,854
Female Veterans	12,320	4.2%	\$12,727	\$156,793,214
Gender not indicated	10,719	3.6%	\$12,911	\$138,387,742
Total	295,078	100%	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810

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)	18,412	54.2%	\$17,094	\$314,738,688
	With housebound (HB)	239	0.7%	\$10,184	\$2,433,886
	Total with A&A or HB	18,651	54.9%	\$17,006	\$317,172,574
	Total without A&A or HB	15,333	45.1%	\$10,092	\$154,735,041
	Total	33,984	100%	\$13,886	\$471,907,615

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	891	58.6%	\$16,840	\$15,004,122
	With housebound (HB)	12	0.8%	\$7,853	\$94,236
	Total with A&A or HB	903	59.4%	\$16,720	\$15,098,358
	Total without A&A or HB	618	40.6%	\$10,496	\$6,486,252
	Total	1,521	100%	\$14,191	\$21,584,610

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)	107,431	39.5%	\$16,306	\$1,751,761,584
	With housebound (HB)	5,803	2.1%	\$9,964	\$57,823,834
	Total with A&A or HB	113,234	41.6%	\$15,981	\$1,809,585,418
	Total without A&A or HB	158,805	58.4%	\$9,000	\$1,429,250,436
	Total	272,039	100%	\$11,906	\$3,238,835,854

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	5,883	47.7%	\$16,442	\$96,728,194
	With housebound (HB)	256	2.1%	\$9,860	\$2,524,265
	Total with A&A or HB	6,139	49.8%	\$16,168	\$99,252,459
	Total without A&A or HB	6,181	50.2%	\$9,309	\$57,540,755
	Total	12,320	100%	\$12,727	\$156,793,214



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

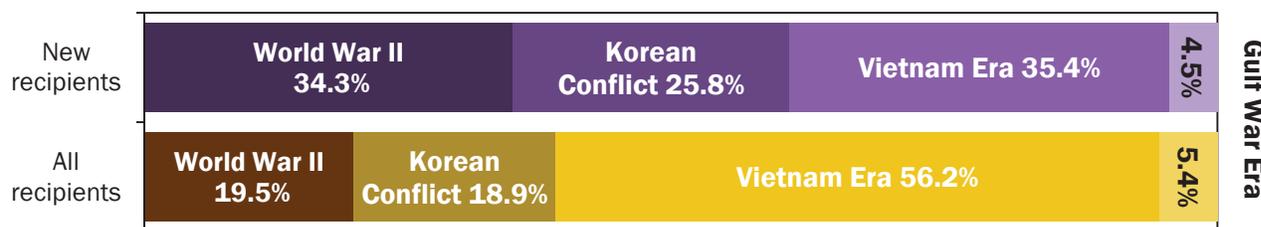
Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	12,891	34.3%	\$17,645	\$227,467,533
Korean Conflict	9,699	25.8%	\$15,516	\$150,486,657
Vietnam Era	13,276	35.4%	\$9,454	\$125,509,215
Gulf War Era	1,688	4.5%	\$12,453	\$21,020,768
Total	37,554	100%	\$13,966	\$524,484,173

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	57,571	19.5%	\$15,536	\$894,433,650
Korean Conflict	55,640	18.9%	\$12,037	\$669,720,185
Vietnam Era	165,812	56.2%	\$10,624	\$1,761,571,143
Gulf War Era	16,055	5.4%	\$12,974	\$208,291,832
Total	295,078	100%	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810

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.



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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	164	0.4%	\$12,959	\$2,125,352
Age 35 through 64	6,508	17.3%	\$10,962	\$71,341,202
Age 65 through 74	7,452	19.9%	\$8,232	\$61,343,627
Age 75 and over	23,430	62.4%	\$16,631	\$389,673,992
Total	37,554	100%	\$13,966	\$524,484,173

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	1,204	0.4%	\$13,604	\$16,379,376
Age 35 through 64	90,905	30.8%	\$11,924	\$1,083,936,725
Age 65 through 74	85,079	28.8%	\$9,618	\$818,267,769
Age 75 and over	117,861	39.9%	\$13,703	\$1,615,093,748
Total⁸	295,078	100%	\$11,977	\$3,534,016,810



⁸ Total includes 29 Veterans and \$339,192 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 15 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

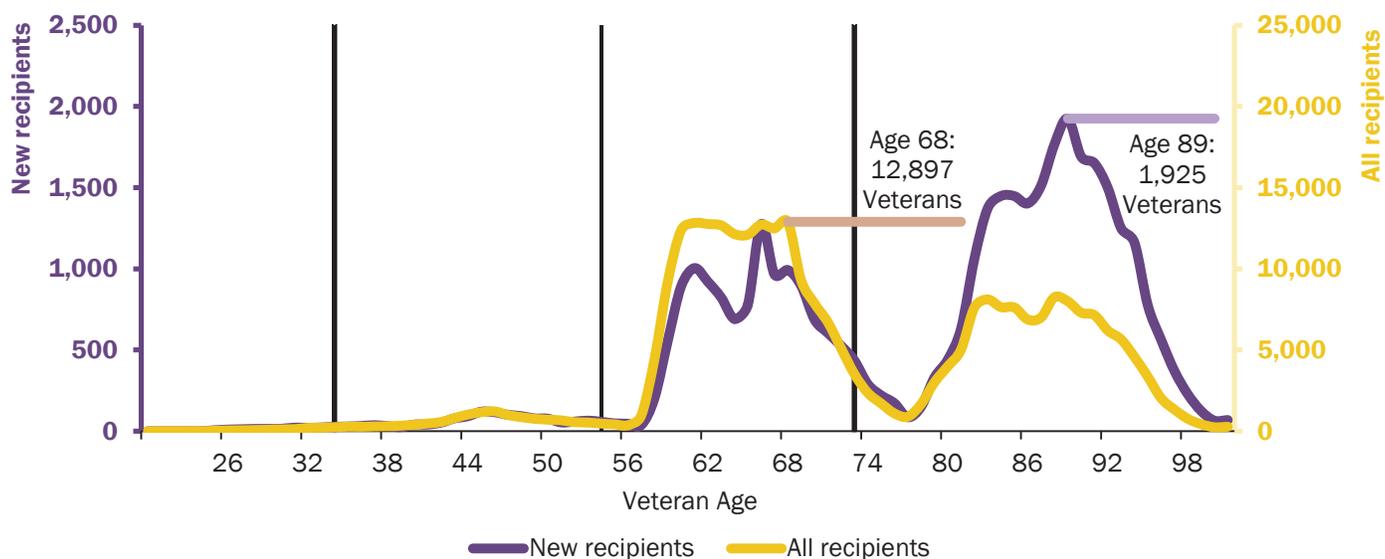
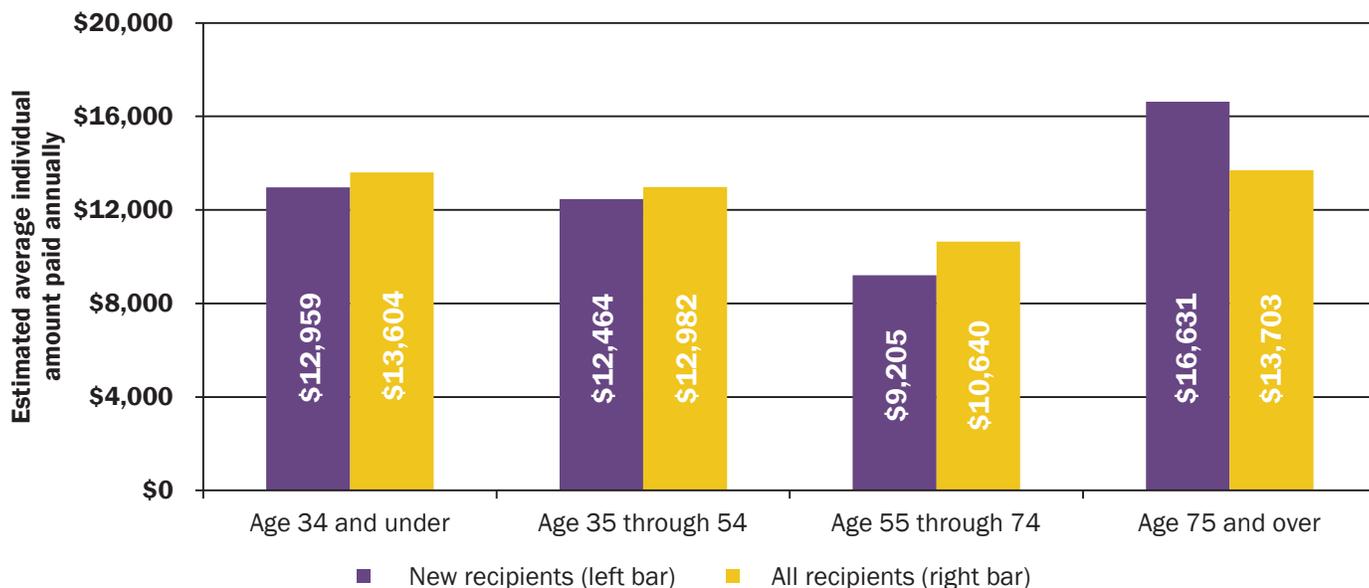


Chart: New compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 15 (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.





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	33,112	\$10,581	\$350,368,612
Total	33,112	\$10,581	\$350,368,612

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)	28,174	85.1%	\$11,425	\$321,888,519
With housebound (HB)	97	0.3%	\$7,238	\$702,039
Total with A&A or HB ¹¹	28,271	85.4%	\$11,411	\$322,590,558
Total without A&A or HB	4,841	14.6%	\$5,738	\$27,778,054
Total all	33,112	100%	\$10,581	\$350,368,612

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	48	0.1%	\$10,163	\$487,812
Female survivors	29,006	87.6%	\$10,659	\$309,173,839
Gender not indicated	4,058	12.3%	\$10,031	\$40,706,961
Total	33,112	100%	\$10,581	\$350,368,612

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	14,758	\$988	\$14,581,725
Improved Pension	191,617	\$8,444	\$1,617,927,320
Total	206,375	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045

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)	124,440	60.3%	\$10,319	\$1,284,087,162
With housebound (HB)	1,393	0.7%	\$5,451	\$7,593,898
Total with A&A or HB	125,833	61.0%	\$10,265	\$1,291,681,060
Total without A&A or HB	80,542	39.0%	\$4,232	\$340,827,985
Total all	206,375	100%	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045

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	1,449	0.7%	\$2,130	\$3,086,914
Female survivors	145,543	70.5%	\$8,681	\$1,263,480,557
Gender not indicated	59,383	28.8%	\$6,162	\$365,941,574
Total	206,375	100%	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045

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)	35	72.9%	\$12,112	\$423,912
	With housebound (HB)	0	0.0%	NA	NA
	Total with A&A or HB	35	72.9%	\$12,112	\$423,912
	Total without A&A or HB	13	27.1%	\$4,915	\$63,900
Total		48	100%	\$10,163	\$487,812

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	24,950	86.0%	\$11,444	\$285,519,942
	With housebound (HB)	86	0.3%	\$7,272	\$625,395
	Total with A&A or HB	25,036	86.3%	\$11,429	\$286,145,337
	Total without A&A or HB	3,972	13.7%	\$5,798	\$23,028,502
Total		29,006	100%	\$10,659	\$309,173,839

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)	145	10.0%	\$10,001	\$1,450,200
	With housebound (HB)	1	0.1%	\$10,548	\$10,548
	Total with A&A or HB	146	10.1%	\$10,005	\$1,460,748
	Total without A&A or HB	1,303	89.9%	\$1,248	\$1,626,166
Total		1,449	100%	\$2,130	\$3,086,914

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	99,860	68.6%	\$10,423	\$1,040,827,200
	With housebound (HB)	1,115	0.8%	\$5,449	\$6,076,066
	Total with A&A or HB	100,975	69.4%	\$10,368	\$1,046,903,266
	Total without A&A or HB	44,568	30.6%	\$4,859	\$216,577,291
Total		145,543	100%	\$8,681	\$1,263,480,557



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	7	0.0%	\$4,520	\$31,641
World War I	26	0.1%	\$9,168	\$238,356
World War II	21,855	66.0%	\$11,151	\$243,710,369
Korean Conflict	7,393	22.3%	\$10,239	\$75,699,838
Vietnam Era	3,446	10.4%	\$8,116	\$27,968,558
Gulf War Era	385	1.2%	\$7,065	\$2,719,850
Total	33,112	100%	\$10,581	\$350,368,612

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	100	0.0%	\$3,125	\$312,470
World War I	2,769	1.4%	\$3,160	\$8,750,650
World War II	135,078	65.5%	\$8,152	\$1,101,184,342
Korean Conflict	41,276	20.0%	\$7,663	\$316,301,932
Vietnam Era	25,450	12.3%	\$7,596	\$193,308,432
Gulf War Era	1,702	0.8%	\$7,433	\$12,651,219
Total	206,375	100%	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045

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	45	0.1%	\$8,643	\$388,956
Age 18 through 34	101	0.3%	\$4,929	\$497,786
Age 35 through 64	2,378	7.2%	\$6,921	\$16,458,142
Age 65 through 74	1,422	4.3%	\$7,581	\$10,780,525
Age 75 and over	29,157	88.1%	\$11,048	\$322,139,379
Total¹⁵	33,112	100%	\$10,581	\$350,368,612

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	144	0.1%	\$4,775	\$687,603
Age 18 through 34	358	0.2%	\$5,192	\$1,858,886
Age 35 through 64	28,002	13.6%	\$6,181	\$173,069,448
Age 65 through 74	17,433	8.4%	\$5,224	\$91,069,848
Age 75 and over	159,778	77.4%	\$8,510	\$1,359,671,264
Total¹⁶	206,375	100%	\$7,910	\$1,632,509,045

¹⁵ Total includes 9 survivors and \$103,824 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in award record.

¹⁶ Total includes 660 survivors and \$6,151,996 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 15 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (tan line, right axis).

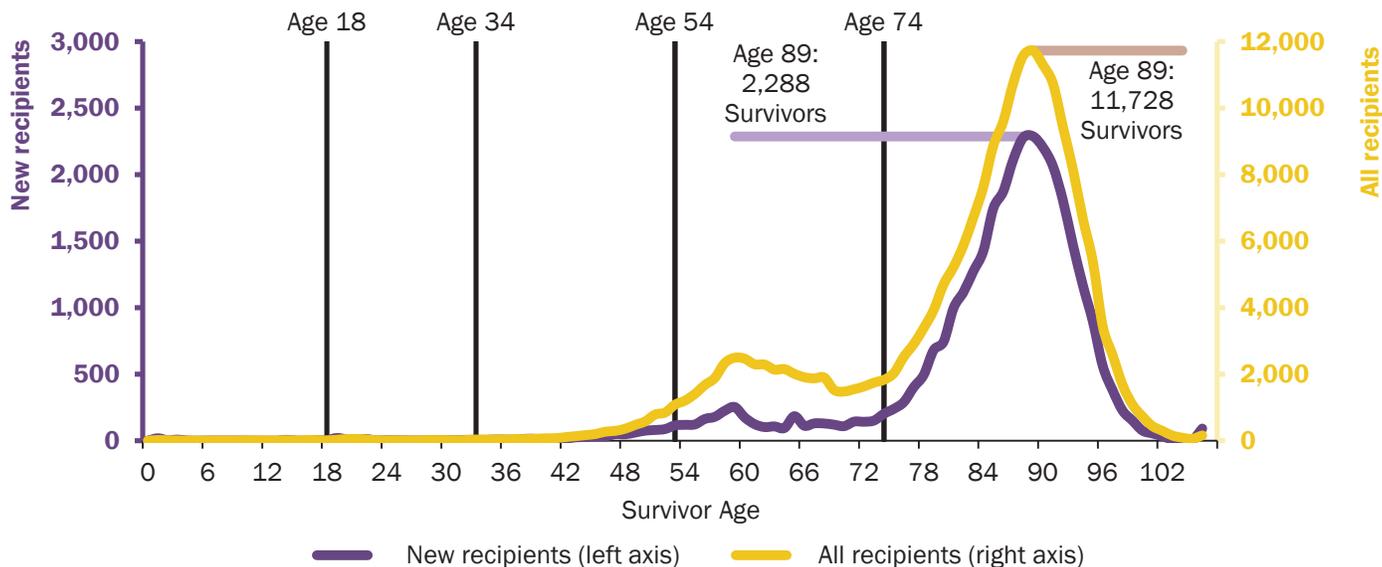
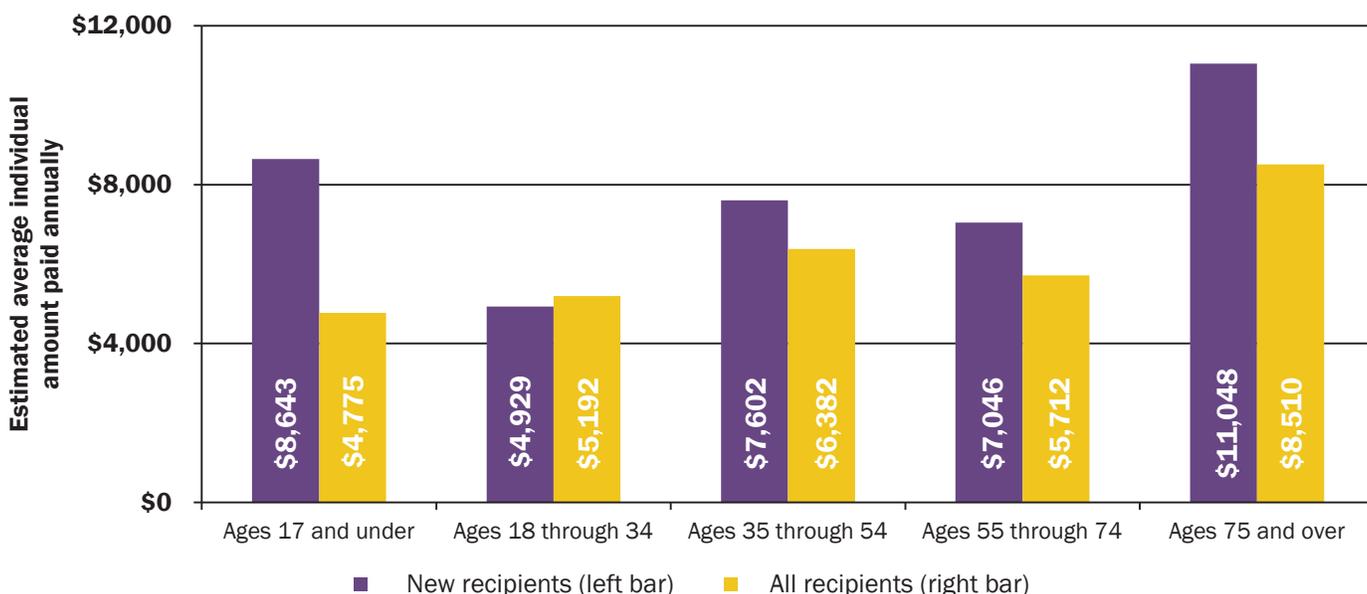


Chart: New compared to all Survivor Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 15 (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.





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	124,808
Surviving spouse	81,407
Adult disabled child	13,778
Minor child ¹⁸	3,548
Dependent parent	110
Total¹⁹	223,651

Amount of benefits managed by benefit type²⁰

Benefit Paid	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Compensation	\$1,683,439,913	\$30,270
Veterans Pension	\$682,527,899	\$12,613
Survivors Pension	\$543,003,330	\$7,685
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	\$111,425,512	\$15,278
Total	\$3,020,396,654	

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 15.

²⁰ Source: VETSNET Corporate Database



Number of beneficiaries by fiduciary relationship¹⁷

Relationship	Number of Beneficiaries
Legal Custodian	161,043
Spouse Payee	23,589
Court Appointed Fiduciary	7,224
Supervised Direct Pay	5,909
Institutional Award	2,220
Custodian in Fact	78
Superintendent of Indian Reservation	16
Proposed Fiduciary ²¹	23,572
Total	223,651

Misuse

During fiscal year 2015, fiduciary personnel conducted 1,512 misuse investigations of which 705 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), 25 misuse cases were accepted by OIG for further investigation.

OIG reported the following actions have been taken²²:

- Investigations opened: 25
- Investigations completed and referred to prosecutor’s office: 35
- Cases accepted for prosecution: 13
- Cases declined for prosecution: 17
- Cases pending: 5

The number of OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2015²²:

- Arrests: 16
- Indictments: 10
- Convictions: 5

The amount of funds involved in OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2015:

- The total amount of restitution ordered in cases arising from the misuse of benefits by a fiduciary is \$588,820²³.
- The total amount of money recovered by the government in misuse cases is \$1,180,906¹⁸.
- The total amount of benefits reissued to beneficiaries is \$3,347,484¹⁷.

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 2015. 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

PO 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

PO 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

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

575 North Pennsylvania Street

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

6437 Garners Ferry Road

Columbia, SC 29209-2495

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



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Philadelphia – PA Pension Management Center

PO 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
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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 14975
Milwaukee, WI 53214

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

1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling St. Paul, MN 55111

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
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Reno	NV
Muskogee	OK
Portland	OR
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National Pension Call Center:

1-877-294-6380



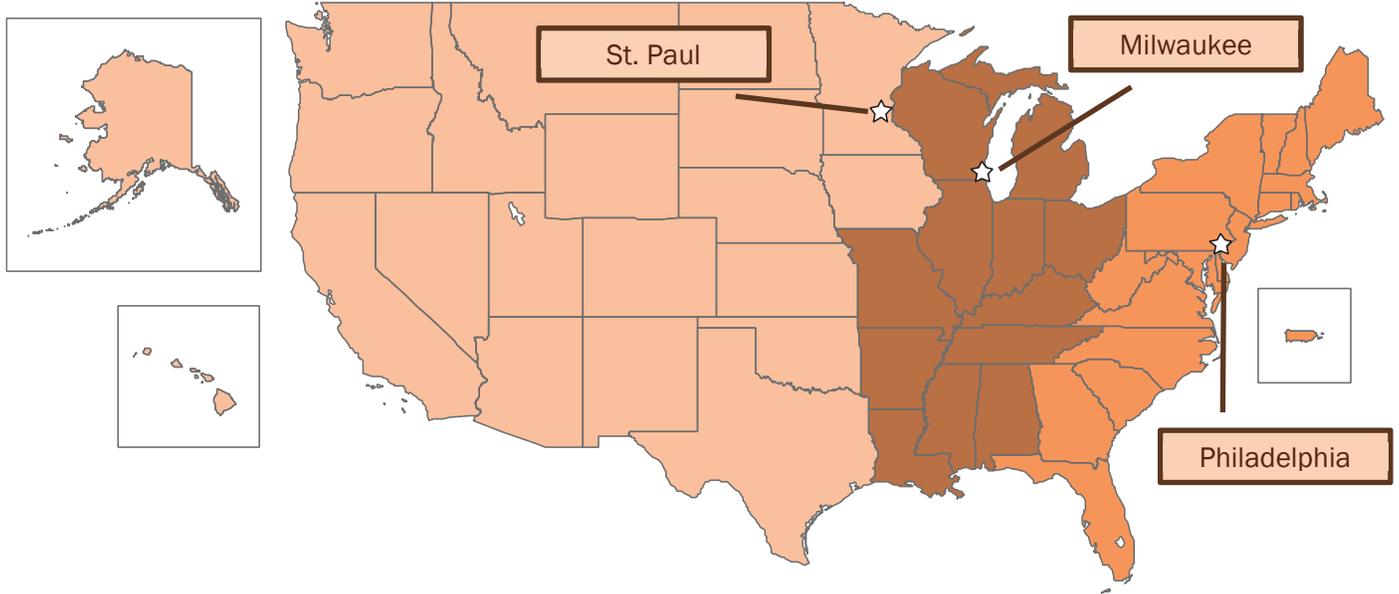
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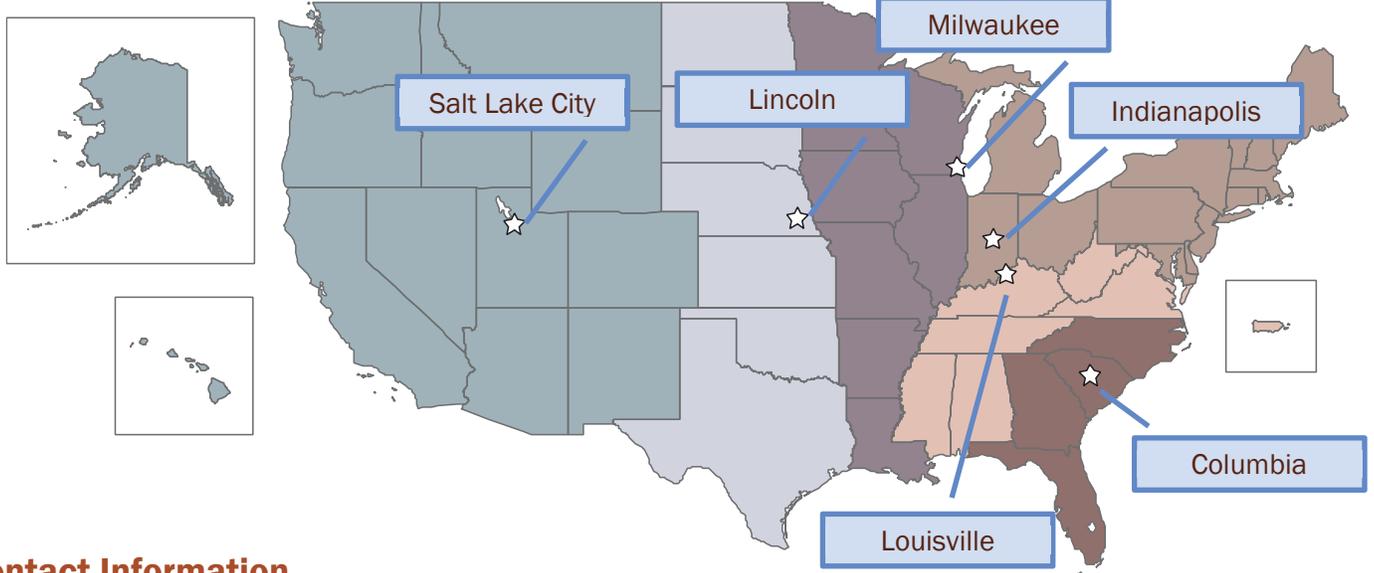
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Appendix – Maps of Fiduciary Hub and Pension Management Center Jurisdiction

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