



2015 SURVIVORS BENEFITS SUMMARY

MORE THAN \$8.3 BILLION IN BENEFITS PAID

On behalf of a grateful nation, the Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to surviving spouses, children, and parents of deceased Servicemembers and Veterans.

To learn more about survivors benefits, go to:
www.benefits.va.gov

Survivors Pension

This monthly benefit is paid to surviving spouses who have not remarried and dependent children of wartime Veterans whose deaths were not due to service-connected disabilities. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount paid varies based on the amount of other income.

More than
46,000
completed survivors
pension claims
in FY 2015



More than
\$1.7
billion
in benefits paid to
205,315 survivors

Burial Benefits

VA will reimburse all or part of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. The amount paid to the family depends on whether the Veteran's death was service-connected.

More than
162,000
completed burial
claims
in FY 2015

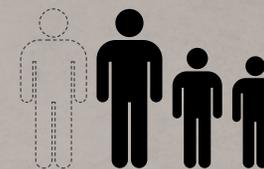


More than
\$116
million
in benefits paid

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to surviving spouses who have not remarried,* dependent children and parents of military Servicemembers who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training. This benefit is also payable to eligible survivors of Veterans whose deaths resulted from a service-connected disability, or nonservice-connected disability if the Veteran was rated as totally disabled for a prescribed period immediately preceding their death.

More than
56,000
completed
DIC claims
in FY 2015



More than
\$6.2
billion
in benefits paid to
386,311 survivors

The average annual payment in 2015 was **\$16,221**

*Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after Dec. 16, 2003, and at or after age 57, can receive DIC.