



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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137,817 Veterans and
98,155 Survivors
Receive Pension
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A note on the data:

The 2024 Annual Benefits Report is based on data from the VBA corporate database.

The availability of sex and age data is limited as some records have no sex 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 [126](#): "A Note on How the FY 2024 Pension Data is Presented" for important information on the color coding of the data tables.

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A Note on How the FY 2024 Pension Data is Presented

New to the Rolls

Individuals who began receiving pension during fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) 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, 2024 are considered “on the rolls” and are outlined in tan/yellow. These tables include “new to the rolls” recipients.

Percentages and dollar amounts presented may not sum to totals due to rounding. All dollar amounts presented are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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.

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.



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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.



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Quick Reference: Recipients and Amounts by Program

Totals – new recipients

Veterans who began receiving pension benefits	9,443
Survivors ¹ who began receiving pension benefits	13,055
Total	22,498

Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	9,443	\$20,530	\$193,860,363
Survivors Pension	13,055	\$15,136	\$197,597,170
Total	22,498	\$17,400	\$391,457,533

Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving pension benefits	137,817
Survivors receiving pension benefits	98,155
Total	235,972

Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	137,817	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504
Survivors Pension	98,155	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254
Total	235,972	\$13,124	\$3,096,887,758

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	World War I	World War II	Korean Conflict	Vietnam Era	Gulf War Era
Veterans Pension	N/A	N/A	819	3,079	5,085	460
Survivors Pension	N/A	N/A	4,546	5,582	2,626	301
Total	N/A	N/A	5,365	8,661	7,711	761

All 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	N/A	N/A	4,155	17,931	101,617	14,114
Survivors	24	679	38,259	33,641	22,707	2,845
Total	24	679	42,414	51,572	124,324	16,959

Recipients and Amounts by Fiscal Year

All recipients FY 2020 to FY 2024³

Benefit program	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Chg. FY 2023 to 2024
Veterans Pension	219,568	194,693	173,969	153,565	137,817	-10.3%
Survivors Pension	159,058	139,846	125,740	109,362	98,155	-10.2%
Total	378,626	334,539	299,709	262,927	235,972	-10.3%

All recipients estimated average individual amount paid annually FY 2020 to FY 2024³

Benefit Program	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Chg. FY 2023 to 2024
Veterans Pension	\$12,718	\$12,685	\$13,270	\$14,211	\$14,486	1.9%
Survivors Pension	\$9,334	\$9,387	\$9,986	\$10,772	\$11,212	4.1%
Total	\$11,297	\$11,306	\$11,892	\$12,781	\$13,124	2.7%

² On the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (23), the Mexican Border War (1), and Peacetime (0).

³ Contains a correction to previously reported numbers in the Annual Benefits Report for FY 2020 – FY 2023 to remove Veterans and survivors that did not receive a benefit payment.



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Veterans Pension Data

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	NA	NA	NA
Improved Pension	9,443	\$20,530	\$193,860,363
Total	9,443	\$20,530	\$193,860,363

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)	7,600	80.5%	\$23,341	\$177,389,456
With housebound (HB)	21	0.2%	\$11,061	\$232,272
Total with A&A or HB ⁵	7,621	80.7%	\$23,307	\$177,621,728
Total without A&A or HB	1,822	19.3%	\$8,913	\$16,238,634
Total all	9,443	100.0%	\$20,530	\$193,860,363

New Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by sex

Sex	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	8,029	85.0%	\$20,400	\$163,793,509
Female Veterans	377	4.0%	\$19,308	\$7,279,125
Sex not indicated	1,037	11.0%	\$21,975	\$22,787,729
Total	9,443	100.0%	\$20,530	\$193,860,363

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	231	\$1,788	\$412,992
Improved Pension	137,586	\$14,507	\$1,995,961,512
Total	137,817	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504

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)	53,704	39.0%	\$21,457	\$1,152,317,541
With housebound (HB)	1,603	1.2%	\$12,139	\$19,459,540
Total with A&A or HB	55,307	40.1%	\$21,187	\$1,171,777,081
Total without A&A or HB	82,510	59.9%	\$9,994	\$824,597,423
Total all	137,817	100.0%	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by sex

Sex	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	126,580	91.8%	\$14,398	\$1,822,534,307
Female Veterans	6,846	5.0%	\$14,888	\$101,924,055
Sex not indicated	4,391	3.2%	\$16,378	\$71,946,141
Total	137,817	100.0%	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504

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 sex⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of sex total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	6,408	79.8%	\$23,264	\$149,076,517
	With housebound (HB)	19	0.2%	\$10,820	\$205,572
	Total with A&A or HB	6,427	80.0%	\$23,227	\$149,282,089
	Total without A&A or HB	1,602	20.0%	\$9,058	\$14,511,419
	Total	8,029	100.0%	\$20,400	\$163,793,509

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	289	76.7%	\$22,552	\$6,517,584
	With housebound (HB)	1	0.3%	\$16,164	\$16,164
	Total with A&A or HB	290	76.9%	\$22,530	\$6,553,748
	Total without A&A or HB	87	23.1%	\$8,568	\$745,377
	Total	377	100.0%	\$19,308	\$7,279,125

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and sex⁷

	Special monthly pension status	Number of Veterans	% of sex total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	48,623	38.4%	\$21,387	\$1,039,882,238
	With housebound (HB)	1,471	1.2%	\$12,125	\$17,836,120
	Total with A&A or HB	50,094	39.6%	\$21,115	\$1,057,718,357
	Total without A&A or HB	76,486	60.4%	\$9,999	\$764,815,950
	Total	126,580	100.0%	\$14,398	\$1,822,534,307

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	2,746	40.1%	\$20,908	\$57,412,161
	With housebound (HB)	99	1.4%	\$12,929	\$1,279,968
	Total with A&A or HB	2,845	41.6%	\$20,630	\$58,692,129
	Total without A&A or HB	4,001	58.4%	\$10,805	\$43,231,927
	Total	6,846	100.0%	\$14,888	\$101,924,055



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

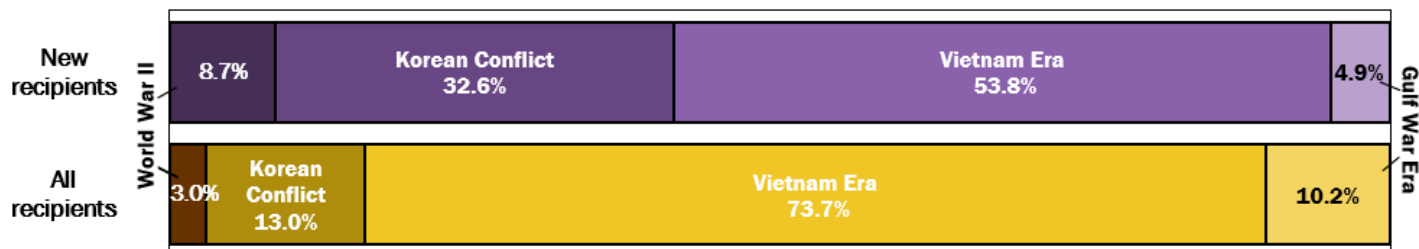
Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	819	8.7%	\$23,513	\$19,256,805
Korean Conflict	3,079	32.6%	\$23,525	\$72,433,801
Vietnam Era	5,085	53.8%	\$18,593	\$94,545,040
Gulf War Era	460	4.9%	\$16,575	\$7,624,716
Total	9,443	100.0%	\$20,530	\$193,860,363

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	4,155	3.0%	\$21,110	\$87,712,786
Korean Conflict	17,931	13.0%	\$19,539	\$350,362,373
Vietnam Era	101,617	73.7%	\$13,085	\$1,329,632,428
Gulf War Era	14,114	10.2%	\$16,201	\$228,666,916
Total	137,817	100.0%	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504

Chart: New recipients 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/yellow 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	11	0.1%	\$14,997	\$164,964
Age 35 through 64	355	3.8%	\$16,726	\$5,937,799
Age 65 through 74	1,664	17.6%	\$14,485	\$24,102,437
Age 75 and over	7,413	78.5%	\$22,077	\$163,655,163
Total	9,443	100%	\$20,530	\$193,860,363

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	134	0.1%	\$17,544	\$2,350,932
Age 35 through 64	12,791	9.3%	\$16,360	\$209,263,075
Age 65 through 74	56,257	40.8%	\$12,592	\$708,387,255
Age 75 and over	68,634	49.8%	\$15,683	\$1,076,372,162
Total⁸	137,817	100%	\$14,486	\$1,996,374,504

⁸ Total includes 1 Veteran and \$1,080 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in the award record.



Chart: New recipients compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2024 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (yellow line, right axis).

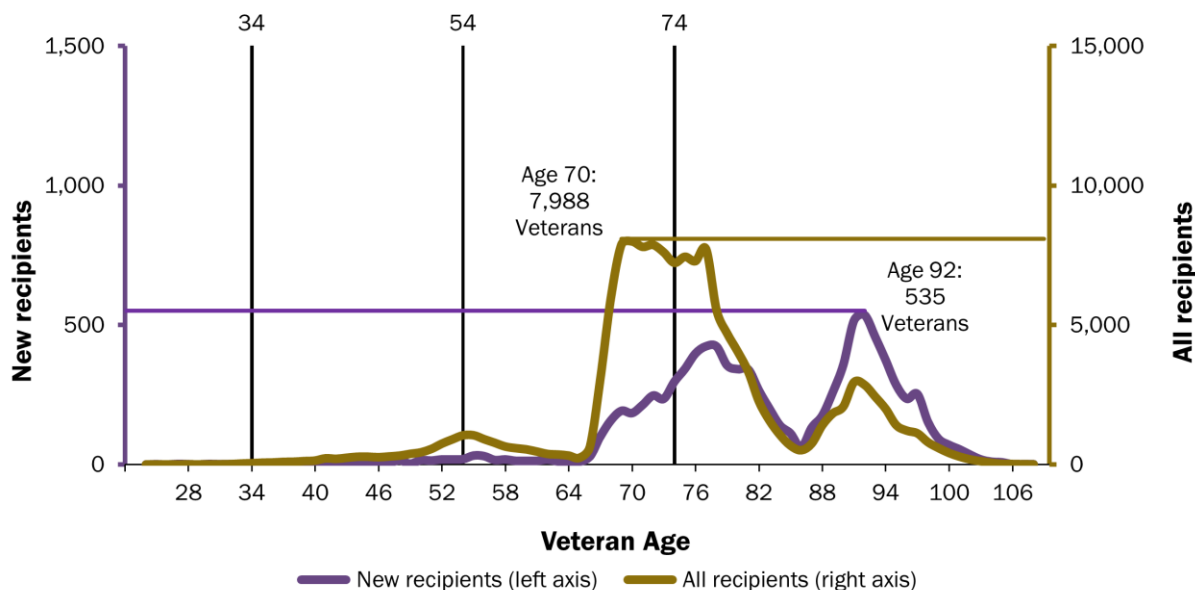
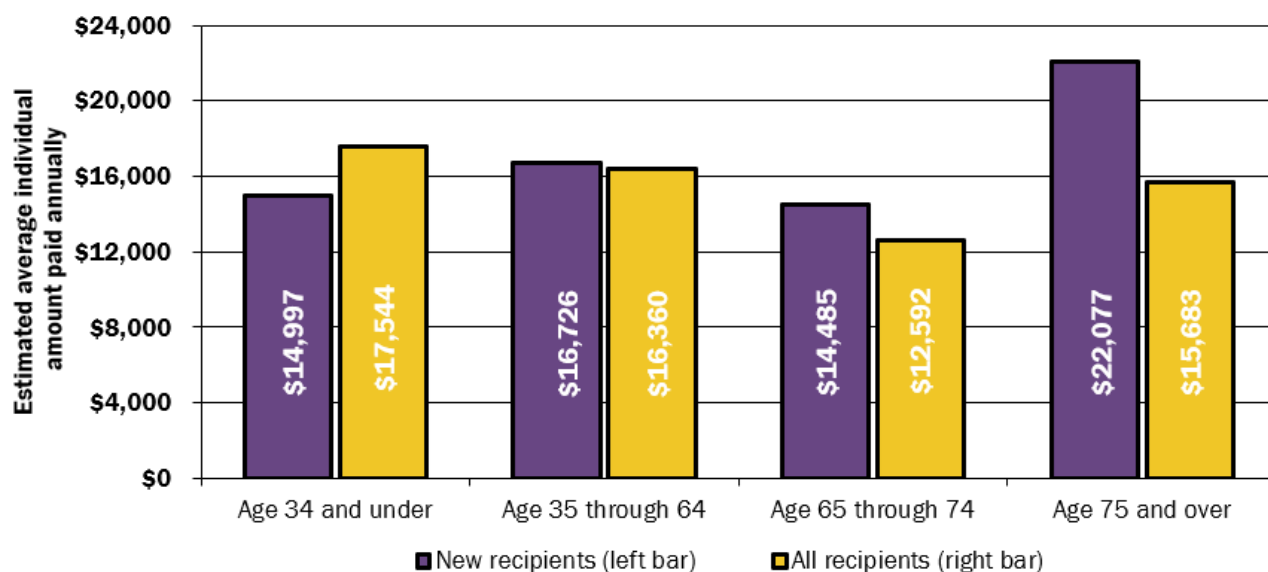


Chart: New recipients compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2024 (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 (yellow bars on the right) by age group.



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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	1	\$732	\$732
Improved Pension	13,054	\$15,137	\$197,596,438
Total	13,055	\$15,136	\$197,597,170

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)	11,860	90.8%	\$15,793	\$187,308,082
With housebound (HB)	13	0.1%	\$9,982	\$129,768
Total with A&A or HB ¹¹	11,873	90.9%	\$15,787	\$187,437,850
Total without A&A or HB	1,182	9.1%	\$8,595	\$10,159,320
Total all	13,055	100.0%	\$15,136	\$197,597,170

New Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by sex

Sex	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	109	0.8%	\$13,993	\$1,525,238
Female survivors	11,194	85.7%	\$15,236	\$170,551,753
Sex not indicated	1,752	13.4%	\$14,566	\$25,520,180
Total	13,055	100.0%	\$15,136	\$197,597,170

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. The 1 survivor listed under type of pension “other” was a recipient whose benefits were reinstated after being terminated in error.

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	4,687	\$840	\$3,937,890
Improved Pension	93,468	\$11,732	\$1,096,575,364
Total	98,155	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254

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)	60,531	61.7%	\$14,169	\$857,671,346
With housebound (HB)	399	0.4%	\$6,953	\$2,774,111
Total with A&A or HB	60,930	62.1%	\$14,122	\$860,445,456
Total without A&A or HB	37,226	37.9%	\$6,449	\$240,067,797
Total all	98,155	100.0%	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by sex

Sex	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	867	0.9%	\$8,031	\$6,962,474
Female survivors	72,687	74.1%	\$11,654	\$847,129,388
Sex not indicated	24,601	25.1%	\$10,017	\$246,421,392
Total	98,155	100.0%	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254

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 sex¹³

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of sex total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	82	75.2%	\$16,034	\$1,314,792
	With housebound (HB)	1	0.9%	\$13,560	\$13,560
	Total with A&A or HB	83	76.1%	\$16,004	\$1,328,352
	Total without A&A or HB	26	23.9%	\$7,573	\$196,886
	Total	109	100.0%	\$13,993	\$1,525,238

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	10,226	91.4%	\$15,843	\$162,010,094
	With housebound (HB)	12	0.1%	\$9,684	\$116,208
	Total with A&A or HB	10,238	91.5%	\$15,836	\$162,126,302
	Total without A&A or HB	956	8.5%	\$8,813	\$8,425,450
	Total	11,194	100.0%	\$15,236	\$170,551,753

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and sex¹³

	Special monthly pension status	Number of survivors	% of sex total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Male survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	276	31.8%	\$14,251	\$3,933,168
	With housebound (HB)	4	0.5%	\$10,548	\$42,192
	Total with A&A or HB	280	32.3%	\$14,198	\$3,975,360
	Total without A&A or HB	587	67.7%	\$5,089	\$2,987,114
	Total	867	100.0%	\$8,031	\$6,962,474

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	46,177	63.5%	\$14,210	\$656,165,817
	With housebound (HB)	348	0.5%	\$6,664	\$2,319,035
	Total with A&A or HB	46,525	64.0%	\$14,153	\$658,484,851
	Total without A&A or HB	26,162	36.0%	\$7,211	\$188,644,536
	Total	72,687	100.0%	\$11,654	\$847,129,388



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

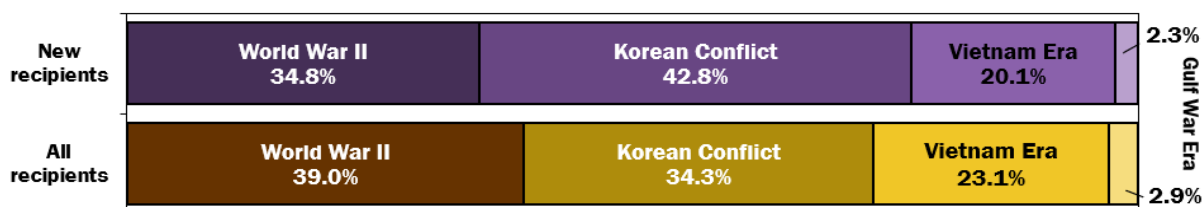
Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World War I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World War II	4,546	34.8%	\$15,669	\$71,230,516
Korean Conflict	5,582	42.8%	\$15,451	\$86,249,446
Vietnam Era	2,626	20.1%	\$14,095	\$37,014,609
Gulf War Era	301	2.3%	\$10,308	\$3,102,600
Total	13,055	100.0%	\$15,136	\$197,597,170

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	24	<0.1%	\$4,512	\$108,281
World War I	679	0.7%	\$4,495	\$3,051,969
World War II	38,259	39.0%	\$11,025	\$421,797,065
Korean Conflict	33,641	34.3%	\$12,081	\$406,423,793
Vietnam Era	22,707	23.1%	\$10,561	\$239,801,762
Gulf War Era	2,845	2.9%	\$10,309	\$29,330,384
Total	98,155	100.0%	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254

Chart: New recipients 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/yellow bars on the bottom row indicate all survivors receiving pension benefits at the end of the fiscal year.



¹⁴ Survivors of Veterans of the 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.



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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	9	0.1%	\$4,984	\$44,856
Age 18 through 34	32	0.2%	\$6,226	\$199,236
Age 35 through 64	531	4.1%	\$9,230	\$4,901,096
Age 65 through 74	666	5.1%	\$12,288	\$8,184,086
Age 75 and over	11,817	90.5%	\$15,593	\$184,267,896
Total	13,055	100.0%	\$15,136	\$197,597,170

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	84	0.1%	\$4,236	\$355,836
Age 18 through 34	133	0.1%	\$8,222	\$1,093,541
Age 35 through 64	10,420	10.6%	\$9,097	\$94,793,389
Age 65 through 74	13,377	13.6%	\$7,471	\$99,944,507
Age 75 and over	74,091	75.5%	\$12,200	\$903,893,104
Total¹⁵	98,155	100.0%	\$11,212	\$1,100,513,254

¹⁵ Total includes 50 survivors and \$432,876 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in the award record.



Chart: New Survivors Pension recipients compared to all Survivors Pension recipients by age

The chart below displays the ages of the survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 2024 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (yellow line, right axis).

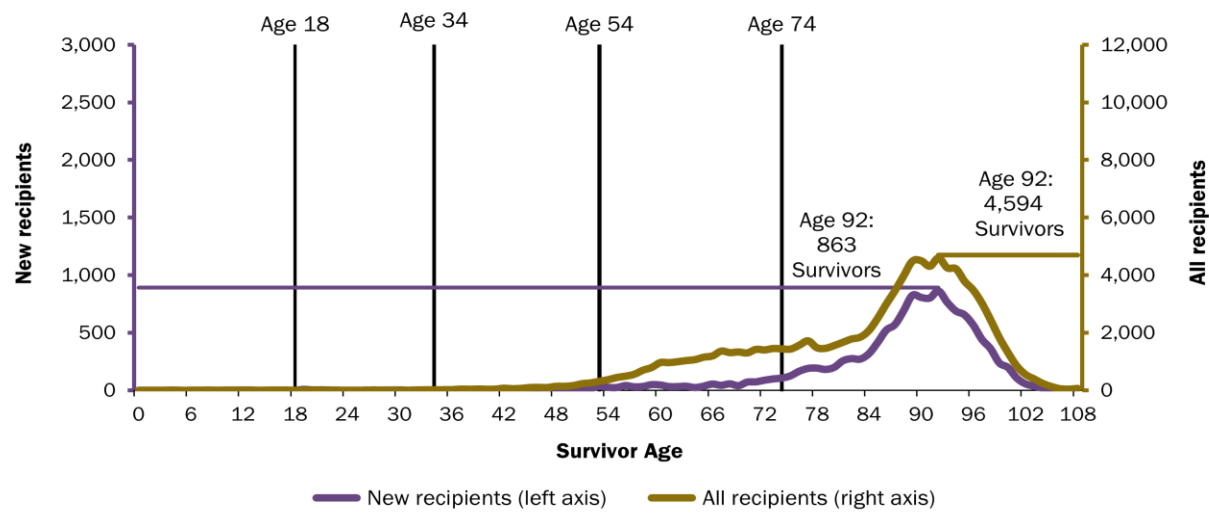
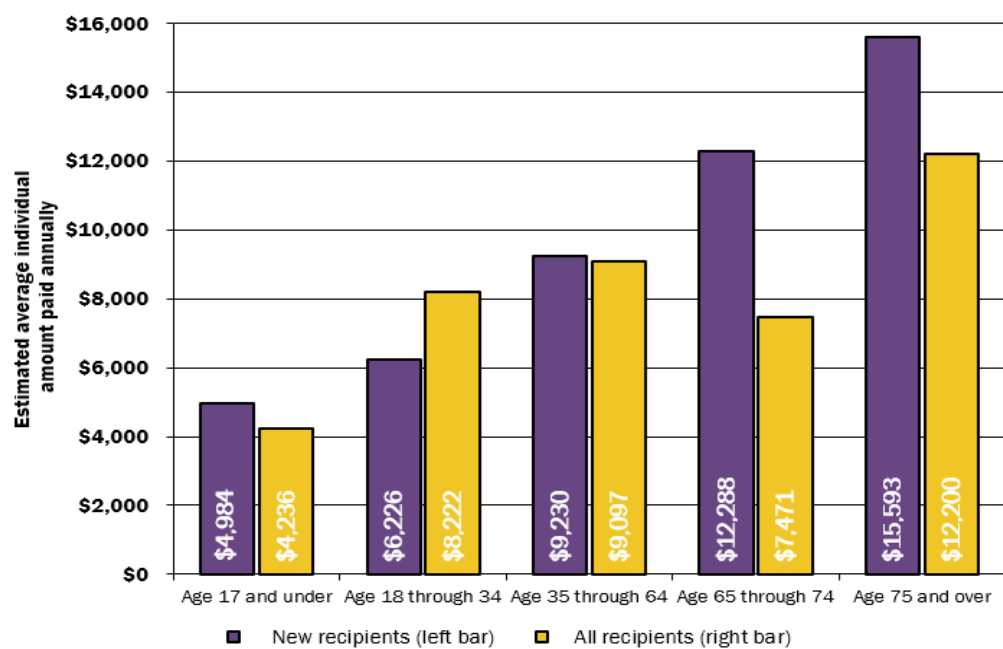


Chart: New recipients compared to all Survivor Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 2024 (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 (yellow 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.

Fiduciary Program totals represent the number of beneficiaries served during the fiscal year.

Number of beneficiaries by beneficiary type¹⁶

Beneficiary Type	Number of Beneficiaries
Veteran	63,503
Surviving spouse	21,819
Adult disabled child	7,720
Minor child ¹⁷	7561
Insurance	522
Dependent parent	30
Total¹⁸	101,155

Amount of benefits managed by benefit type¹⁹

Benefit Paid	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Compensation	\$2,154,821,340	\$46,387
Veterans Pension	\$259,806,428	\$18,543
Survivors Pension	\$192,384,504	\$10,806
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	\$179,512,469	\$15,347
Total	\$2,786,524,740	

¹⁶ Source: Beneficiary and Fiduciary Directory.

¹⁷ Includes minors in receipt of one-time insurance awards due to being named a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

¹⁸ Includes any beneficiary who received services from VA's fiduciary program during FY 2024.

¹⁹ Source: VBA corporate database.



Number of beneficiaries by fiduciary type²⁰

Relationship	Number of Beneficiaries
VA Appointed Fiduciary	79,954
Spouse Payee	20,983
Supervised Direct Pay	77
Temporary	63
Proposed Fiduciary ²¹	78
Total	101,155

Misuse

During fiscal year 2024, fiduciary personnel conducted 941 misuse investigations and removed and replaced 540 fiduciaries. Of the cases VA referred to the VA Office of the Inspector General (OIG), 12 misuse cases were accepted by OIG for further investigation.

OIG reported the following actions have been taken²²:

- Investigations opened: 12
- Investigations completed and referred to prosecutor's office: 12
- Cases accepted for prosecution: 4
- Cases declined for prosecution: 3
- Cases pending: 5

The number of OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2024²².

- Arrests: 1
- Indictments: 2
- Convictions: 8

The amount of funds involved in OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2024²³:

- The total amount of restitution ordered in cases arising from the misuse of benefits by a fiduciary was \$1,576,849.
- The total amount of money recovered by the government in misuse cases was \$101,770.
- The total amount of benefits reissued to beneficiaries was \$1,994,115.

²⁰ Source: Beneficiary and Fiduciary Directory

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 2024. 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

550 Foothill Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84113

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

3800 Village Dr.

Lincoln, NE 68516

Regional offices served:

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

Milwaukee – WI VA Fiduciary Hub

5400 West National Ave.

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

321 West Main Street, Suite 390

Louisville, KY 40202

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 St.

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
Manila	PH

Columbia – SC VA Fiduciary Hub

6437 Garners Ferry Rd.

Columbia, SC 29209

Regional offices served:

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

Fiduciary Hub Call Center:

1-888-407-0144



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Appendix – Pension Management Center Addresses

Philadelphia – PA Pension Management Center

5000 Wissahickon Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Milwaukee – WI Pension Management Center

5400 West National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214

St. Paul – MN Pension Management Center

1 Federal Drive
Fort Snelling
St. Paul, MN 55111

National Pension Call Center:

1-800-827-1000



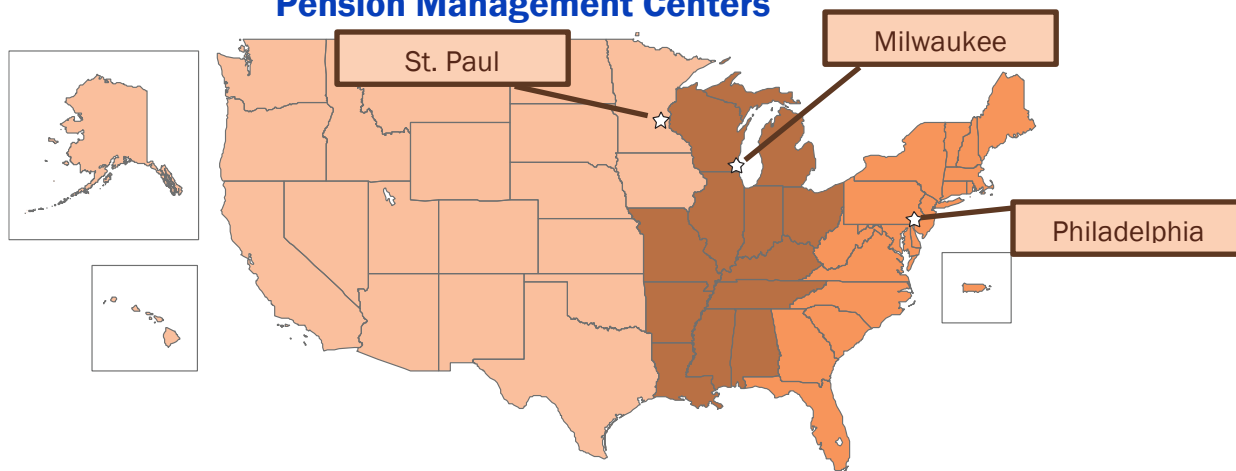
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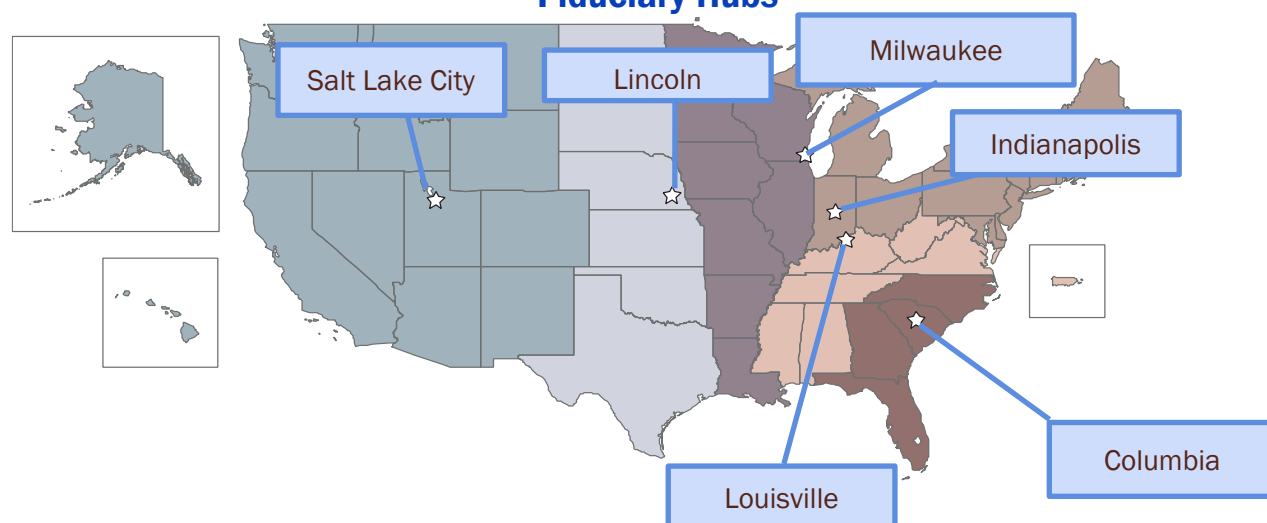
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Appendix – Maps of Fiduciary Hub and Pension Management Center Jurisdiction

Pension Management Centers



Fiduciary Hubs



Contact Information

Pension Information:
1-800-827-1000

Pension Intake Center
P.O. Box 5365
Janesville, WI 53547-5365

Fiduciary Information:
1-888-407-0144

Fiduciary Intake Center
P.O. Box 5211
Janesville, WI 53547-5211

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