



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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173,969 Veterans and
125,740 Survivors
Receive Pension
Benefits

A note on the data:

The 2022 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 [126](#): "A Note on How the FY 2022 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 [142](#).



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A Note on How the FY 2022 Pension Data is Presented

New to the Rolls

Individuals who began receiving pension during fiscal year 2022 (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022) 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, 2022 are considered “on the rolls” and are outlined in tan/yellow. 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.

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,
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	9,456
Survivors ¹ who began receiving pension benefits	14,287
Total	23,743

Estimated annual amounts paid – new recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	9,456	\$18,101	\$171,160,243
Survivors Pension	14,287	\$13,080	\$186,870,186
Total	23,743	\$15,079	\$358,030,430

Totals – all recipients

Veterans receiving pension benefits	173,969
Survivors receiving pension benefits	125,740
Total	299,709

Estimated annual amounts paid – all recipients

Benefit program	Number of recipients	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Veterans Pension	173,969	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403
Survivors Pension	125,740	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665
Total	299,709	\$11,892	\$3,564,209,069

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	1,165	3,385	4,459	447
Survivors Pension	N/A	N/A	5,952	5,355	2,460	520
Total	N/A	N/A	7,117	8,740	6,919	967

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	8,785	25,382	123,595	16,207
Survivors	41	889	56,436	38,851	26,317	3,206
Total	41	889	65,221	64,233	149,912	19,413

Recipients and Amounts by Fiscal Year

All recipients FY 2018 to FY 2022

Benefit program	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
Veterans Pension	260,089	239,114	219,587	194,712	173,969	-10.7%
Survivors Pension	192,823	170,037	159,083	139,864	125,740	-10.1%
Total	452,912	409,151	378,670	334,576	299,709	-10.4%

All recipients estimated average individual amount paid annually FY 2018 to FY 2022

Benefit Program	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Chg. FY 2021 to 2022
Veterans Pension	\$12,350	\$12,538	\$12,717	\$12,683	\$13,270	4.6%
Survivors Pension	\$8,800	\$8,976	\$9,333	\$9,386	\$9,986	6.4%
Total	\$10,839	\$11,058	\$11,296	\$11,305	\$11,892	5.2%

² On the rolls survivors of pre-World War I Veterans who served in the Spanish American War (39), the Mexican Border War (2), and Peacetime (0).





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 ³	NA	NA	NA
Improved Pension	9,456	\$18,101	\$171,160,243
Total	9,456	\$18,101	\$171,160,243

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)	7,184	76.0%	\$20,913	\$150,238,578
With housebound (HB)	20	0.2%	\$11,259	\$225,180
Total with A&A or HB ⁴	7,204	76.2%	\$20,886	\$150,463,758
Total without A&A or HB	2,252	23.8%	\$9,190	\$20,696,485
Total all	9,456	100.0%	\$18,101	\$171,160,243

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	8,312	87.9%	\$18,079	\$150,271,733
Female Veterans	342	3.6%	\$16,946	\$5,795,676
Gender not indicated	802	8.5%	\$18,819	\$15,092,834
Total	9,456	100.0%	\$18,101	\$171,160,243

³ The "Other Pension" category groups the Old Law and Section 306 Pension programs, which are no longer open to new applicants.

⁴ 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 ⁵	332	\$1,799	\$597,345
Improved Pension	173,637	\$13,292	\$2,307,965,058
Total	173,969	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403

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)	64,277	36.9%	\$19,213	\$1,234,943,335
With housebound (HB)	2,294	1.3%	\$11,539	\$26,471,133
Total with A&A or HB	66,571	38.3%	\$18,948	\$1,261,414,467
Total without A&A or HB	107,398	61.7%	\$9,750	\$1,047,147,936
Total all	173,969	100.0%	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403

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	161,313	92.7%	\$13,245	\$2,136,596,359
Female Veterans	8,133	4.7%	\$13,611	\$110,696,063
Gender not indicated	4,523	2.6%	\$13,546	\$61,269,982
Total	173,969	100.0%	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403

⁵ 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 gender⁶

	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)	6,279	75.5%	\$20,916	\$131,331,848
	With housebound (HB)	20	0.2%	\$11,259	\$225,180
	Total with A&A or HB	6,299	75.8%	\$20,885	\$131,557,028
	Total without A&A or HB	2,013	24.2%	\$9,297	\$18,714,705
	Total	8,312	100.0%	\$18,079	\$150,271,733

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	243	71.1%	\$20,023	\$4,865,482
	With housebound (HB)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total with A&A or HB	243	71.1%	\$20,023	\$4,865,482
	Total without A&A or HB	99	28.9%	\$9,396	\$930,194
	Total	342	100.0%	\$16,946	\$5,795,676

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by type of special monthly pension and gender⁶

	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)	59,056	36.6%	\$19,194	\$1,133,494,632
	With housebound (HB)	2,138	1.3%	\$11,567	\$24,729,875
	Total with A&A or HB	61,194	37.9%	\$18,927	\$1,158,224,507
	Total without A&A or HB	100,119	62.1%	\$9,772	\$978,371,852
	Total	161,313	100.0%	\$13,245	\$2,136,596,359

Female Veterans	With aid and attendance (A&A)	3,172	39.0%	\$18,751	\$59,477,611
	With housebound (HB)	123	1.5%	\$11,387	\$1,400,638
	Total with A&A or HB	3,295	40.5%	\$18,476	\$60,878,249
	Total without A&A or HB	4,838	59.5%	\$10,297	\$49,817,814
	Total	8,133	100.0%	\$13,611	\$110,696,063



⁶ 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

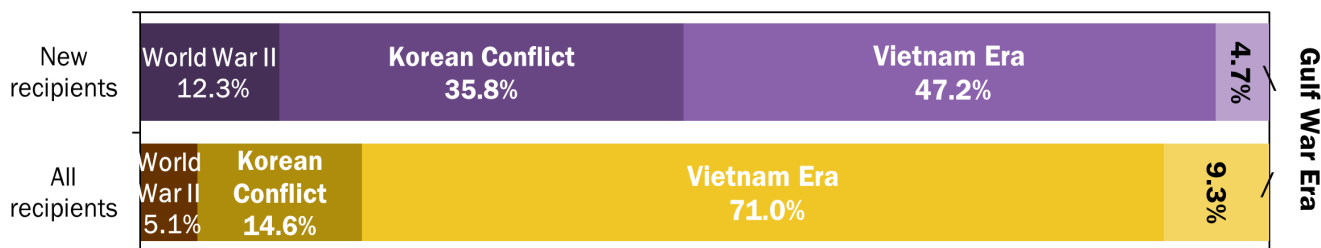
Period of service	Number of Veterans	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
World War II	1,165	12.3%	\$21,518	\$25,068,571
Korean Conflict	3,385	35.8%	\$21,230	\$71,862,573
Vietnam Era	4,459	47.2%	\$15,187	\$67,718,386
Gulf War Era	447	4.7%	\$14,565	\$6,510,713
Total	9,456	100.0%	\$18,101	\$171,160,243

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	8,785	5.1%	\$18,924	\$166,244,342
Korean Conflict	25,382	14.6%	\$16,870	\$428,205,158
Vietnam Era	123,595	71.0%	\$11,928	\$1,474,185,821
Gulf War Era	16,207	9.3%	\$14,804	\$239,927,082
Total	173,969	100.0%	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403

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 ⁷	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	21	0.2%	\$13,097	\$275,040
Age 35 through 64	382	4.0%	\$14,425	\$5,510,197
Age 65 through 74	2,176	23.0%	\$12,068	\$26,260,044
Age 75 and over	6,877	72.7%	\$20,229	\$139,114,962
Total	9,456	100%	\$18,101	\$171,160,243

All Veterans Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of Veterans	% of total ⁷	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 34 and under	276	0.2%	\$15,850	\$4,374,480
Age 35 through 64	15,520	8.9%	\$14,817	\$229,954,008
Age 65 through 74	86,228	49.6%	\$11,832	\$1,020,237,639
Age 75 and over	71,944	41.4%	\$14,650	\$1,053,995,197
Total⁸	173,969	100%	\$13,270	\$2,308,562,403

⁷ Percentages may not sum to total due to rounding.

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 2022 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of Veterans receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (yellow line, right axis).

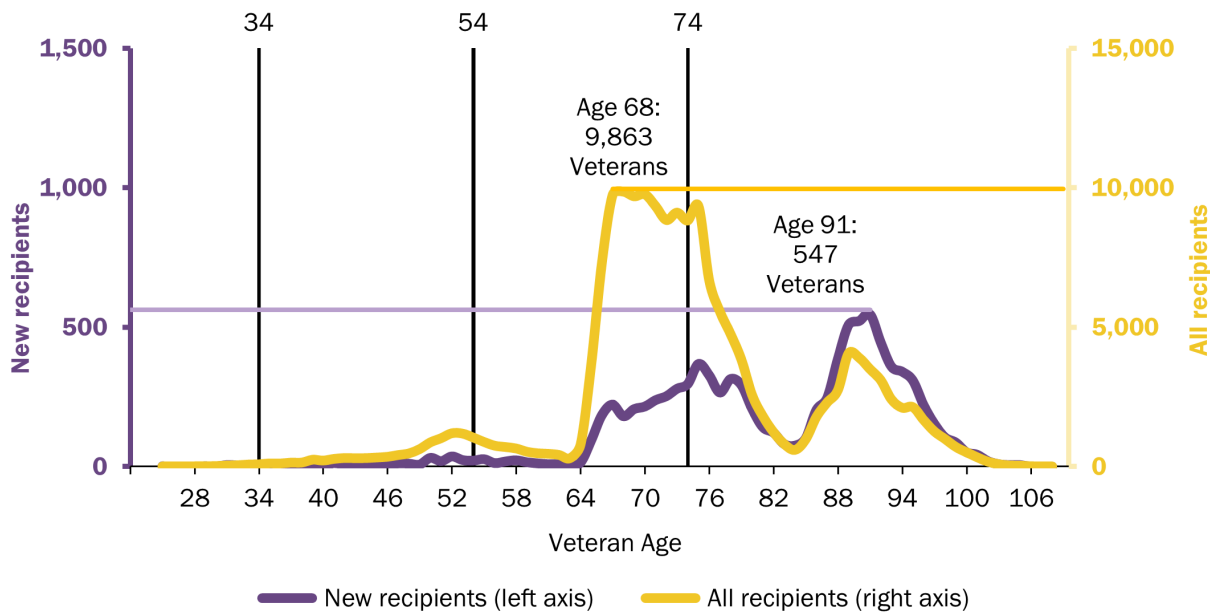
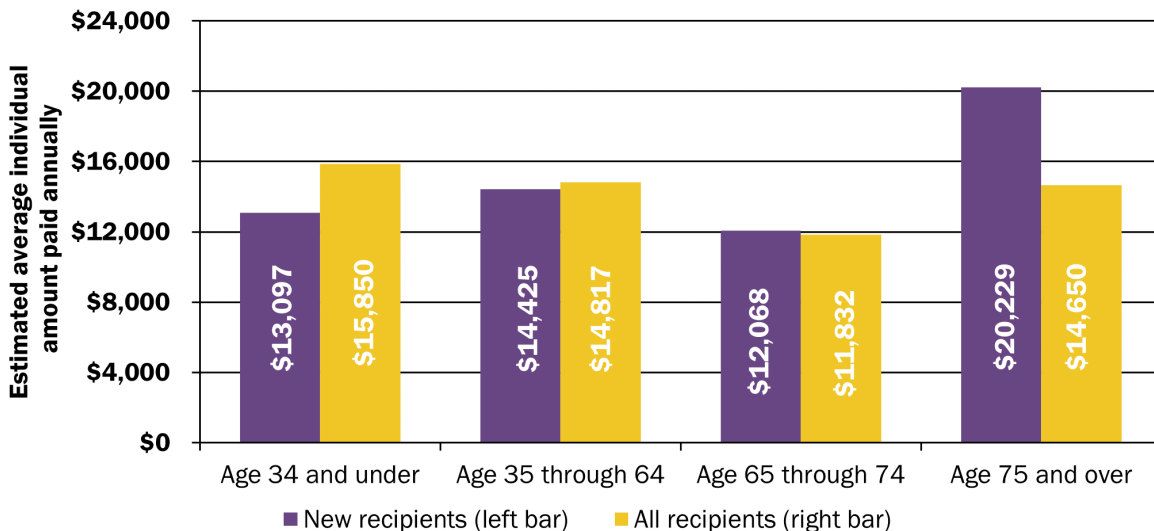


Chart: New recipients compared to all Veterans Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to Veterans who began receiving benefits in FY 2022 (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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**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	\$522	\$522
Improved Pension	14,286	\$13,081	\$186,869,664
Total	14,287	\$13,080	\$186,870,186

**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)	12,029	84.2%	\$13,996	\$168,361,149
With housebound (HB)	20	0.1%	\$7,180	\$143,604
Total with A&A or HB¹¹	12,049	84.3%	\$13,985	\$168,504,753
Total without A&A or HB	2,238	15.7%	\$8,206	\$18,365,433
Total all	14,287	100.0%	\$13,080	\$186,870,186

**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	101	0.7%	\$10,763	\$1,087,057
Female survivors	11,721	82.0%	\$13,159	\$154,240,158
Gender not indicated	2,465	17.3%	\$12,796	\$31,542,972
Total	14,287	100.0%	\$13,080	\$186,870,186

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	5,750	\$868	\$4,993,330
Improved Pension	119,990	\$10,423	\$1,250,653,335
Total	125,740	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665

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)	74,870	59.5%	\$12,587	\$942,398,827
With housebound (HB)	576	0.5%	\$6,391	\$3,681,256
Total with A&A or HB	75,446	60.0%	\$12,540	\$946,080,083
Total without A&A or HB	50,294	40.0%	\$6,155	\$309,566,582
Total all	125,740	100.0%	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665

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	1,209	1.0%	\$6,837	\$8,265,330
Female survivors	88,932	70.7%	\$10,343	\$919,859,220
Gender not indicated	35,599	28.3%	\$9,200	\$327,522,116
Total	125,740	100.0%	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665

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)	48	47.5%	\$14,272	\$685,068
	With housebound (HB)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total with A&A or HB	48	47.5%	\$14,272	\$685,068
	Total without A&A or HB	53	52.5%	\$7,585	\$401,989
Total		101	100.0%	\$10,763	\$1,087,057

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	9,960	85.0%	\$14,003	\$139,471,709
	With housebound (HB)	18	0.2%	\$7,313	\$131,640
	Total with A&A or HB	9,978	85.1%	\$13,991	\$139,603,349
	Total without A&A or HB	1,743	14.9%	\$8,397	\$14,636,809
Total		11,721	100.0%	\$13,159	\$154,240,158

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)	315	26.1%	\$12,330	\$3,884,052
	With housebound (HB)	10	0.8%	\$7,061	\$70,608
	Total with A&A or HB	325	26.9%	\$12,168	\$3,954,660
	Total without A&A or HB	884	73.1%	\$4,876	\$4,310,670
Total		1,209	100.0%	\$6,837	\$8,265,330

Female survivors	With aid and attendance (A&A)	54,779	61.6%	\$12,593	\$689,856,316
	With housebound (HB)	490	0.6%	\$6,217	\$3,046,345
	Total with A&A or HB	55,269	62.1%	\$12,537	\$692,902,661
	Total without A&A or HB	33,663	37.9%	\$6,742	\$226,956,559
Total		88,932	100.0%	\$10,343	\$919,859,220



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

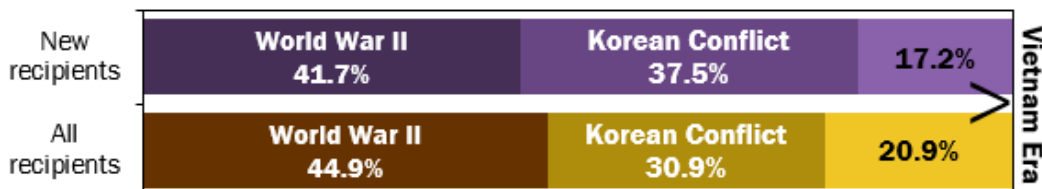
Veteran's period of service	Number of survivors	% of total	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Pre-World War I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World War I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World War II	5,952	41.7%	\$13,868	\$82,543,481
Korean Conflict	5,355	37.5%	\$13,485	\$72,212,749
Vietnam Era	2,460	17.2%	\$11,152	\$27,435,099
Gulf War Era	520	3.6%	\$8,998	\$4,678,858
Total	14,287	100.0%	\$13,080	\$186,870,186

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	41	<0.1%	\$5,022	\$205,908
World War I	889	0.7%	\$3,954	\$3,515,357
World War II	56,436	44.9%	\$10,070	\$568,311,923
Korean Conflict	38,851	30.9%	\$10,576	\$410,896,714
Vietnam Era	26,317	20.9%	\$9,264	\$243,801,188
Gulf War Era	3,206	2.6%	\$9,019	\$28,915,575
Total	125,740	100.0%	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665

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 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 ¹⁵	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	22	0.2%	\$2,855	\$62,808
Age 18 through 34	46	0.3%	\$6,580	\$302,664
Age 35 through 64	1,011	7.1%	\$8,619	\$8,713,496
Age 65 through 74	812	5.7%	\$9,374	\$7,611,946
Age 75 and over	12,394	86.8%	\$13,729	\$170,160,936
Total¹⁶	14,287	100.0%	\$13,080	\$186,870,186

All Survivors Pension recipients and estimated annual payments by age

Age range	Number of survivors	% of total ¹⁵	Estimated average individual amount paid annually	Estimated total amount paid annually
Age 17 and under	149	0.1%	\$4,323	\$644,076
Age 18 through 34	203	0.2%	\$7,482	\$1,518,901
Age 35 through 64	14,632	11.6%	\$8,000	\$117,055,156
Age 65 through 74	17,191	13.7%	\$6,970	\$119,826,093
Age 75 and over	93,480	74.3%	\$10,867	\$1,015,844,591
Total¹⁷	125,740	100.0%	\$9,986	\$1,255,646,665

¹⁵ Percentages may not sum to total due to rounding.

¹⁶ Total includes 2 new survivors and \$18,336 in benefits with no date of birth indicated in the award record.

¹⁷ Total includes 85 survivors and \$757,848 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 2022 (purple line, left axis) vs. the total number of survivors receiving benefits at the end of the fiscal year (yellow line, right axis).

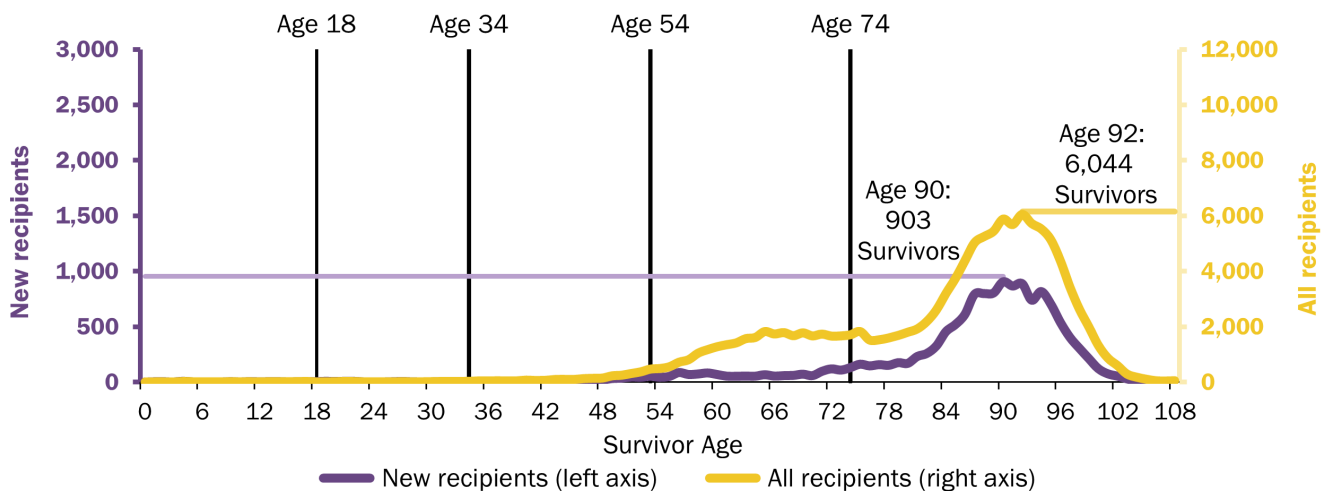
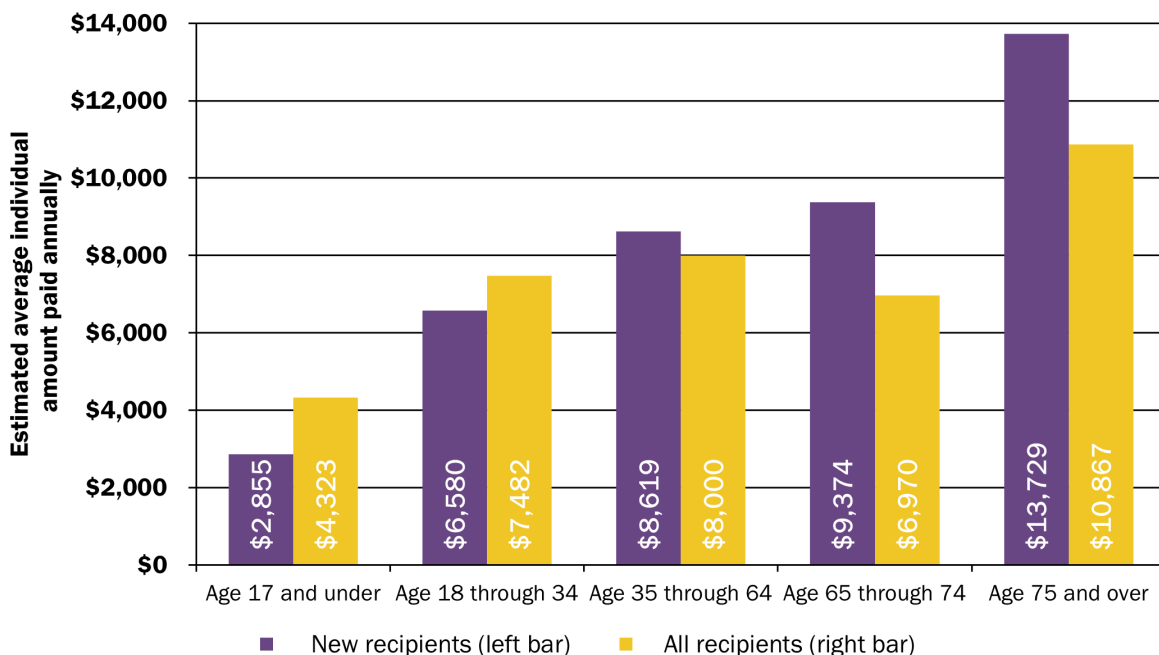


Chart: New recipients compared to all Survivor Pension recipients by estimated average individual amounts paid annually and age

The chart below displays the estimated average individual amount paid annually to survivors who began receiving benefits in FY 2022 (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.

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, Fiduciary Program totals represent the number of beneficiaries served during the fiscal year.

Number of beneficiaries by beneficiary type¹⁸

Beneficiary Type	Number of Beneficiaries
Veteran	67,294
Surviving spouse	29,343
Adult disabled child	8,336
Minor child ¹⁹	2,594
Insurance	471
Dependent parent	35
Total²⁰	108,073

Amount of benefits managed by benefit type²¹

Benefit Paid	Estimated total amount paid annually	Estimated average individual amount paid annually
Compensation	\$1,908,517,520	\$40,925
Veterans Pension	\$318,738,511	\$17,277
Survivors Pension	\$262,824,123	\$10,093
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	\$148,098,388	\$15,165
Total	\$2,638,178,542	

¹⁸ Source: Beneficiary and Fiduciary Directory.

¹⁹ Includes minors in receipt of one-time insurance awards due to being named a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

²⁰ Includes any beneficiary who received services from VA's fiduciary program during FY 2022.

²¹ Source: VBA corporate database.



Number of beneficiaries by fiduciary type²²

Relationship	Number of Beneficiaries
Legal Custodian	87,193
Spouse Payee	20,650
Supervised Direct Pay	94
Temporary	69
Proposed Fiduciary ²³	65
Legal Custodian	2
Total	108,073

Misuse

During fiscal year 2022, fiduciary personnel conducted 2,067 misuse investigations of which 817 fiduciaries were removed. 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 taken²⁴:

- Investigations opened: 25
- Investigations completed and referred to prosecutor’s office: 25
- Cases accepted for prosecution: 12
- Cases declined for prosecution: 8
- Cases pending: 5

The number of OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2022²⁴.

- Arrests: 12
- Indictments: 16
- Convictions: 15

The amount of funds involved in OIG prosecutorial outcomes during fiscal year 2022²⁵:

- The total amount of restitution ordered in cases arising from the misuse of benefits by a fiduciary was \$1,773,706.
- The total amount of money recovered by the government in misuse cases was \$299,865.
- The total amount of benefits reissued to beneficiaries was \$1,346,660.

²² Source: Beneficiary and Fiduciary Directory

²³ Includes beneficiaries awaiting the final determination of incompetency and/or the appointment of a fiduciary.

²⁴ Includes action taken by OIG on cases referred as of the end of fiscal year 2022. Figures may include cases referred during previous fiscal years.

²⁵ 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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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



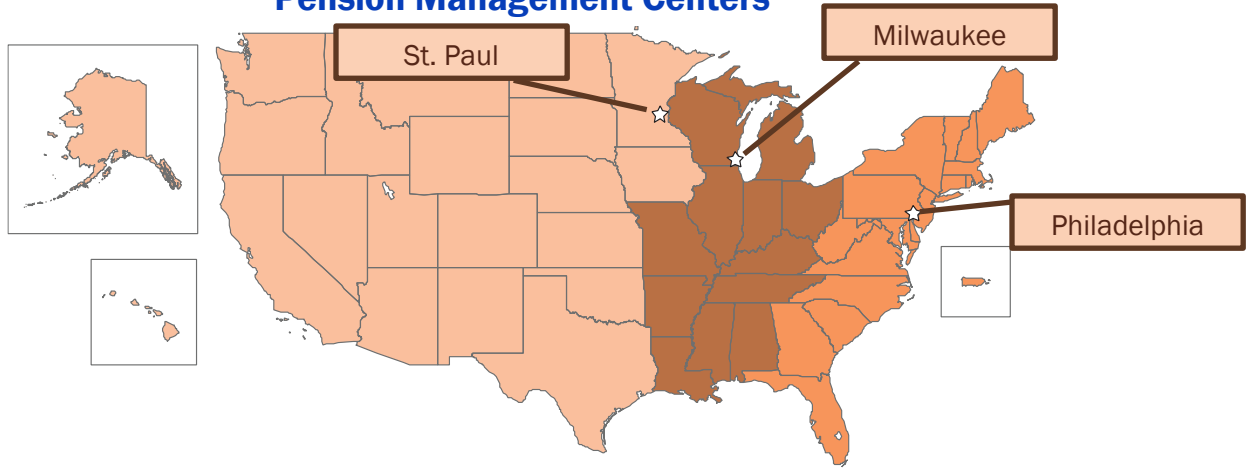
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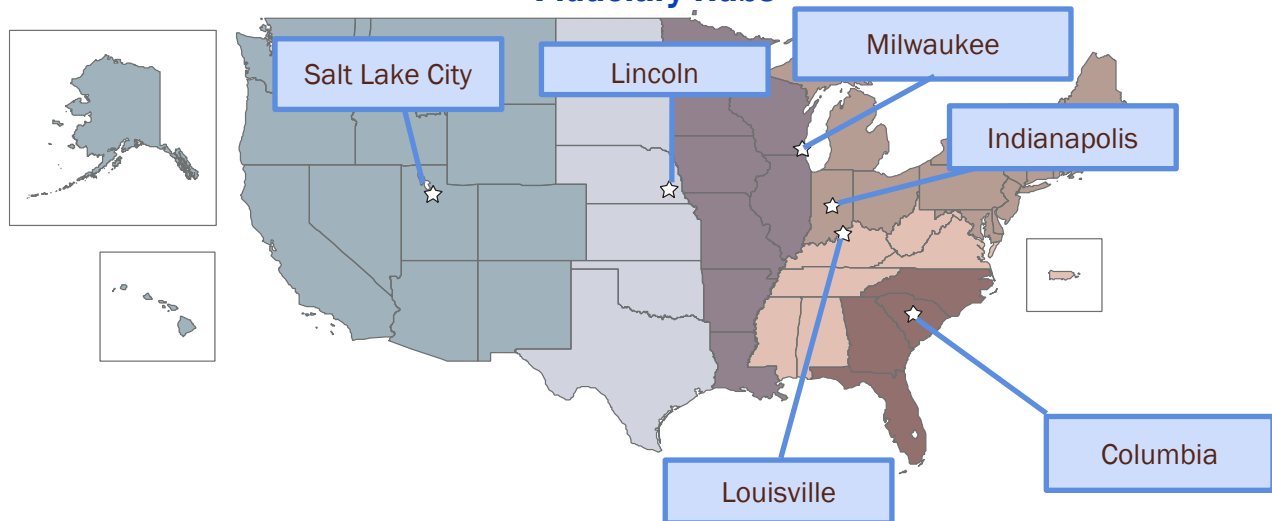
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Appendix – Maps of Fiduciary Hub and Pension Management Center Jurisdiction

Pension Management Centers



Fiduciary Hubs



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Fiduciary Information:
1-888-407-0144

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