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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Notes
SURVEY	Survey Name and Survey Year/Cycle	Char	-		Surveys and years/cycles include 2005-2018 NHIS and 2005-2018 NHANES.
PUBLICID	NHIS Public Use ID	Char	ID		Public use identifier for NHIS participants. For information on how to create PUBLICID from the public-use data, please see notes in the Methods and Analytic Considerations documention.
SEQN	NHANES Respondent Sequence Number	Num	ID		Public use identifier for NHANES participants.
SURVEY_FY	Fiscal Year (FY) that the interview occurred	Num	2005-2019	Fiscal Year	Only present for NHIS participants. For NHANES participants value is set to missing. See Linkage Methodology and Analytic Considerations documentation for further information.
PRIO1_8_FYXX	Healthcare Enrollment Priority status in FYXX	Char	1	Priority Group 1	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups/
			2	Priority Group 2	
			3	Priority Group 3	
			4	Priority Group 4	
			5	Priority Group 5	
			6	Priority Group 6	
			7A	Priority Group 7A	
			7C	Priority Group 7C	
			8A	Priority Group 8A	
			8C	Priority Group 8C	
			8E	Priority Group 8E	
			8G	Priority Group 8G	
NUMBER_OF_SC_CONDITION_FYXX	Number of Service Connected Disabilities in FYXX	Num	0-50		XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20.
TOTAL_COMBINED_RATING_FYXX	Total Combined Disability Rating in FYXX	Char	000	0% Disabled	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20.

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			010	10% Disabled	
			020	20% Disabled	
			030	30% Disabled	
			040	40% Disabled	
			050	50% Disabled	
			060	60% Disabled	
			070	70% Disabled	
			080	80% Disabled	
			090	90% Disabled	
			100	100% Disabled	
				Not Receiving Compensation	
IN_ENR_FYXX	Enrolled in VA health care in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20.
			1	Yes	
GROSS_AWARD_AMOUNT_FYXX	Gross Monthly Compensation and Pension Payment during FYXX	Num		Dollar Amount	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. Not available for FY05 and FY06.
NET_AWARD_AMOUNT_FYXX	Net Monthly Compensation and Pension Payment during FYXX	Num		Dollar Amount	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20.
VA_BENEFIT_USER_FYXX	User of VA benefit services in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. Derived dichotomous variable based on USVETS source variables, IN_VHA_FYXX, COMP_FYXX, PENS_FYXX, IN_LGY_FYXX, LIFE_INS_USER_FYXX, EDUC_FYXX, and IN_VRE_FYXX VA benefit programs include: health care, disability compensation, pension, VA guaranteed home loan, life insurance, education, training, and veteran readiness (vocational rehabilitation) and employment benefit programs.
			1	Yes	

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IN_VHA_FYXX	User of VA healthcare services in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. https://www.va.gov/health-care/
			1	Yes	
COMP_FYXX	User of disability compensation in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. Disability compensation includes tax free monetary benefit paid to Veterans with disabilities that are the results of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/index.asp
			1	Yes	
PENS_FYXX	User of Veterans pension benefit program in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/index.asp.
			1	Yes	
IN_LGY_FYXX	User of VA guaranteed home loan benefit in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp.
			1	Yes	
LIFE_INS_USER_FYXX	User of life insurance benefit in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/index.asp.
			1	Yes	
EDUC_IN_VRE_FYXX	User of education and/or Veteran readiness and employment services in FYXX	Num	0	No	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. Derived dichotomous variable based on USVETS source variables EDUC_FYXX and IN_VRE_FYXX. Education and/or Veteran readiness and employment services benefit programs were combined into one variable by NCHS. https://www.va.gov/education/ and https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp.
			1	Yes	