

Table 111. Department of Veterans Affairs health care expenditures and use, and persons treated, by selected characteristics: United States, selected fiscal years 2005–2015

Excel and PDF versions (with more data years and standard errors when available): <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2016.htm#111>.

[Data are compiled from patient records, enrollment information, and budgetary data by the Department of Veterans Affairs]

Type of expenditure and use	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Health care expenditures									
Amount, in millions									
All expenditures ¹	\$30,291	\$38,282	\$42,955	\$47,280	\$50,575	\$51,880	\$54,738	\$58,010	\$64,688
Percent distribution									
All services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Inpatient hospital	24.3	23.5	22.7	21.4	20.6	20.1	19.8	19.8	18.4
Outpatient care	53.4	53.2	53.5	52.5	52.6	53.8	53.2	55.5	59.6
Nursing home care	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.4
All other ²	13.9	15.2	16.0	18.8	19.6	18.8	20.0	17.7	15.6
Health care use									
Number, in thousands									
Inpatient hospital discharges ³	614	622	640	656	653	646	632	619	592
Outpatient visits ⁴	57,169	66,484	73,969	79,457	83,146	87,370	90,226	93,852	101,791
Nursing home discharges ⁵	61	64	65	67	63	67	69	68	68
Inpatients ⁶									
Total	488	492	512	532	540	546	545	558	566
Percent distribution									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Veterans with service-connected disability	37.6	41.1	42.6	43.5	44.9	46.5	48.3	50.0	52.0
Veterans without service-connected disability	61.5	58.0	56.4	55.6	54.3	52.6	50.8	49.1	47.2
Low income	39.9	35.4	34.8	34.6	33.4	32.1	30.4	28.8	28.2
Veterans receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits or who are catastrophically disabled	12.1	11.1	10.5	10.1	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.0	8.3
Veterans receiving medical care subject to copayments ⁷	8.6	10.0	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.6	9.1
Other and unknown ⁸	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Nonveterans	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Outpatients ⁶									
Number, in thousands									
Total	5,077	5,291	5,439	5,631	5,789	5,903	6,009	6,176	6,296
Percent distribution									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Veterans with service-connected disability	31.6	34.7	37.1	38.6	39.8	41.7	44.0	45.8	47.6
Veterans without service-connected disability	62.7	59.7	57.2	56.4	55.1	53.3	51.1	49.0	46.9
Low income	31.8	27.2	25.9	25.7	24.9	24.0	22.6	21.3	21.0
Veterans receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits or who are catastrophically disabled	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9
Veterans receiving medical care subject to copayments ⁷	25.4	25.2	23.8	23.0	22.3	21.4	20.7	20.1	18.8
Other and unknown ⁸	2.0	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.2
Nonveterans	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.5

¹ Health care expenditures exclude construction, medical administration, and miscellaneous operating expenses at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) headquarters.

² Includes expenditures for miscellaneous benefits and services, contract hospitals, education and training, subsidies to state veterans hospitals, nursing homes and residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly domiciliaries), and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

³ Discharges from medicine, surgery, psychiatry, rehabilitation medicine, spinal cord, and neurology units, and residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly, domiciliary care). Does not include long-term stays.

⁴ Hospital outpatient care. Includes the following services: physicians, laboratory tests, home-based primary care, or outpatient fee-basis care.

⁵ Includes VA-covered state nursing home veteran patients.

⁶ Individuals receiving services. Individuals with multiple discharges or visits are only counted once in the inpatient or outpatient category. The inpatient and outpatient totals are not additive because most inpatients are also treated as outpatients.

⁷ Includes veterans who receive medical care subject to copayments according to income level, based on financial means testing.

⁸ Includes expenditures for services for veterans who were prisoners of war, exposed to Agent Orange, and other. Veterans reporting Agent Orange exposure but not treated for it were means tested and placed in the low income or other group depending on income.

NOTES: Some veterans have multiple sources of health coverage, including Medicare or private insurance. Estimates in this table relate only to health care use paid for by the Veteran's Administration. At the end of FY2015, the veteran population was estimated at 21.7 million, with 46% aged 65 and over. Of all living veterans, 4% had served during World War II, 8% during the Korean conflict, 32% during the Vietnam era, 33% during the Persian Gulf War (service from August 2, 1990 to present), and 24% during peacetime. Percentages sum to more than 100% because some veterans serve during more than one war. See Appendix I, Department of Veterans Affairs National Enrollment and Patient Databases. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, National Patient Care Database, National Enrollment Database, budgetary data, and unpublished data. Veteran population estimates were provided by the VA's Office of the Actuary. See Appendix I, Department of Veterans Affairs National Enrollment and Patient Databases.