

# Veterans and Service-Connected Disabilities

Chart by Allsup Veterans Disability Appeal Service®

Veterans with Disabilities FY 2016			Veterans with Disabilities FY 2011		
284,550	Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits		223,007	Veterans who began receiving compensation benefits	
\$11,661	Estimated average individual amount per year, new recipients		\$8,222	Estimated average individual amount per year, new recipients	
Most Prevalent Service-Connected Disabilities for Veterans Receiving Compensation			Most Prevalent Service-Connected Disabilities for Veterans Receiving Compensation		
<b>1</b>	1,610,911	Tinnitus	840,865	Tinnitus	
<b>2</b>	1,084,069	Hearing loss	701,760	Hearing loss	
<b>3</b>	887,899	<b>Post-traumatic stress disorder</b>	501,280	Post-traumatic stress disorder	
<b>4</b>	844,353	<b>Lumbosacral or cervical strain</b> <small>Up from #6 in 2011</small>	441,030	Scars, general	
<b>5</b>	827,459	Scars, general	354,581	Diabetes mellitus	
<b>6</b>	755,204	Limitation of flexion, knee	309,915	Lumbosacral or cervical strain	
<b>7</b>	580,986	Paralysis of the sciatic nerve	299,062	Limitation of motion of the knee	
<b>8</b>	511,300	Limitation of motion of the ankle	294,937	Hypertensive vascular disease	
<b>9</b>	438,572	Diabetes mellitus	287,751	Traumatic arthritis	
<b>10</b>	436,339	<b>Migraine</b> <small>New to top 10 list</small>	268,320	Impairment of the knee, general	
	7,977,092	Total number of most prevalent disabilities	4,299,501	Total number of most prevalent disabilities	
	6.50	Average service-connected disabilities per Veteran by period of service-Gulf War Era	5.19	Average service-connected disabilities per Veteran by period of service-Gulf War Era	

Source: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/REPORTS/abr\\_archive.asp#apr](https://www.benefits.va.gov/REPORTS/abr_archive.asp#apr)