

Table 509. Veterans Compensation and Pension Benefits—Number on Rolls by Period of Service and Status: 1980 to 2006

[In thousands (4,646 represents 4,646,000), except as indicated. As of September 30. Living refers to veterans receiving compensation for disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty and low-income war veterans receiving pension who have permanent and total mostly nonservice-connected disabilities or are age 65 or older. Deceased refers to deceased veterans whose dependents were receiving pensions and compensation benefits]

Period of service and veteran status	1980	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	4,646	3,584	3,330	3,236	3,369	3,432	3,503	3,582
Living veterans	3,195	2,746	2,669	2,672	2,832	2,899	2,973	3,056
Service-connected	2,273	2,184	2,236	2,308	2,485	2,556	2,637	2,726
Nonservice-connected	922	562	433	364	347	343	336	330
Deceased veterans	1,451	838	662	564	538	533	530	527
Service-connected	358	320	307	307	314	318	323	326
Nonservice-connected	1,093	518	355	257	224	215	207	201
Prior to World War I	14	4	2	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Living	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
World War I	692	198	89	34	19	16	13	11
Living	198	18	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
World War II	2,520	1,723	1,307	968	813	766	718	674
Living	1,849	1,294	961	676	546	506	466	430
Korean conflict ¹	446	390	368	323	306	302	295	290
Living	317	305	290	255	241	237	231	226
Vietnam era ²	662	774	868	969	1,120	1,172	1,218	1,260
Living	569	685	766	848	983	1,028	1,068	1,104
Gulf War ³	(X)	(X)	138	334	490	552	630	716
Living	(X)	(X)	134	326	479	540	617	701
Peacetime	312	495	559	607	620	624	627	631
Living	262	444	514	567	583	587	591	596

X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500. ¹ Service during period June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955. ² Service from August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975. ³ Service from August 2, 1990, to the present.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 1980 to 1995, Annual Report of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; beginning 2000, Annual Accountability Report and unpublished data; <<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/page.cfm?pg=2>>.