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# State Summary

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## New Jersey And the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

### General Information

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) offers a wide variety of programs and services for the nation's 23.5 million veterans. In 2007, about 5.5 million people were treated in [VA health care](#) facilities, 3.6 million veterans and survivors received [VA disability compensation or pensions](#), more than 500,000 used GI Bill [education benefits](#) and more than 2.2 million owned homes purchased with GI Bill [home loan benefits](#). Some 90,000 veterans took advantage of VA's [vocational rehabilitation](#) and employment service in 2007. More than 100,000 veterans and family members were buried in VA's [national cemeteries](#) and more than 360,000 headstones and markers were provided for veterans' graves worldwide.

### General Information – New Jersey

- *Number of veterans: 507,000*
- *VA expenditures in New Jersey: \$1 billion*
  - *Compensation and pensions: \$518 million*
  - *Readjustment benefits: \$62 million*
  - *Medical and construction programs: \$381 million*
  - *Insurance and indemnities: \$56 million*
- *Number of veterans and survivors receiving disability compensation or pension payments in New Jersey: 59,031*
- *Number of New Jersey veterans using GI Bill education benefits: 5,904*
- *Number of veterans owning homes backed by VA loan guarantees: 28,119*
- *Value of New Jersey home loans guaranteed by VA: \$947 million*
- *Number of VA life insurance policies held by New Jersey residents: 49,123*
- *Value of VA life insurance policies held by New Jersey residents: \$555 million*
- *Number of New Jersey participants in vocational rehabilitation: 1,208*
- *Number of veterans buried in New Jersey's VA national cemeteries: 251*
- *Number of headstones and markers provided for graves of New Jersey veterans and survivors: 7,111*

## Health Care

One of the most visible of all VA benefits is [health care](#). VA has 153 hospitals, 732 community-based outpatient clinics, 232 Vet Centers, 135 nursing homes, 47 residential rehabilitation treatment programs and 121 comprehensive home care programs. To improve patients' ability to access care, VA has changed from a hospital-based system to a primarily outpatient-focused system over the past decade. Veterans will make more than 60 million outpatient visits to VA health care facilities this year.

### Health Care - New Jersey

- *Inpatient admissions, fiscal year 2007:*
- *New Jersey Health Care System: 5,186*
  - [East Orange campus](#)
  - [Lyons campus](#)
- *Outpatient visits, statewide, fiscal year 2007: 566,982*
- *Outpatient clinic locations*

<a href="#">Brick</a>	<a href="#">New Brunswick</a>
<a href="#">Cape May</a>	<a href="#">Newark</a>
<a href="#">Elizabeth</a>	<a href="#">Paterson</a>
<a href="#">Fort Monmouth</a>	<a href="#">Sewell</a>
<a href="#">Ft. Dix(Burlington County)</a>	<a href="#">Trenton</a>
<a href="#">Ft. Dix (Marshall Hall)</a>	<a href="#">Ventnor</a>
<a href="#">Hackensack</a>	<a href="#">Vineland</a>
<a href="#">Jersey City</a>	<a href="#">Vineland (NJ Veterans Home)</a>
<a href="#">Morristown</a>	

## Post-Conflict Care

VA has launched special efforts to provide a "seamless transition" for those returning from service in [Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom \(OEF/OIF\)](#). Each VA medical facility and benefits regional office has a point of contact to coordinate activities locally to help meet the needs of these returning combat service members and veterans. In addition, VA increased the staffing of benefits counselors at key military hospitals where severely wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan are frequently sent. Once home, recent Iraq and Afghan veterans have ready access to VA health care, which is free of charge for five years following separation for any health problem possibly related to wartime service. Some 300,000 veterans from the Global War on Terror have sought VA health care since returning stateside, about one-third of the total number of men and women leaving military service.

### Post-Conflict Care - New Jersey

- *Number of veterans from the Global War on Terror seeking treatment in 2007:*
  - *New Jersey Health Care System: 2,223*
- [Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers \(Vet Centers\) Locations:](#)
  - [Newark](#)
  - [Jersey City](#)
  - [Trenton](#)
  - [Ventnor](#)

## **Disabilities and Pensions**

Not all military service-related issues end when people are discharged from active duty. About 2.7 million veterans receive monthly VA disability compensation for medical conditions related to their service in uniform. VA pensions go to about 323,000 wartime veterans with limited means. Family members of about 524,000 veterans qualify for monthly VA payments as the survivors of disabled veterans or pension recipients.

### ***Disabilities and Pensions - New Jersey***

- *Number of veterans receiving monthly disability compensation: 48,079*
- *Number of VA pensions to veterans in New Jersey: 3,100*
- *Number of death compensation or pension payments made to survivors: 7,852*
- *Number of disability compensation claims processed: 6,645*

## **Memorial Affairs**

Most men and women who have been in the military are [eligible for burial](#) in a national cemetery, as are their dependent children and usually their spouses. VA manages the country's [network of national cemeteries](#) with more than 2.9 million [gravesites](#) at 125 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as in 33 soldier's lots and monument sites. In 2007, more than 100,000 veterans and dependents were buried in VA's national cemeteries. Additionally, VA provided more than 359,000 [headstones and markers](#) and 423,000 [Presidential Memorial Certificates](#) to the loved ones of deceased veterans. VA-assisted [state veterans cemeteries](#) provided more than 23,000 interments.

### ***Memorial Affairs – New Jersey***

- *National cemetery burials in New Jersey:*
  - [Beverly](#): 185
  - [Finn's Point](#): 66
- *State cemetery burials (cemeteries receiving VA grants):*
  - *Brig. Gen. W.C. Doyle Veterans Memorial*: 2,752
- *Headstones and markers provided in 2007 (statewide): 6,938*
- *Presidential Memorial Certificates issued in 2007 (statewide): 3,588*

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