

Restricted-use NCHS-VA Linked Data Files
VA Utilization File Variables
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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 documentation. |
| 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. |
| PRI01_8_FYXX | Healthcare Enrollment Priority status in FYXX | Char | 1 | Yes | 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. |

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| TOTAL_COMBINED_RATING_FYXX | Total Combined Disability Rating in FYXX | Char | 000 | No | XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 05-20. |
| | | | 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. 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. |

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| | | | 1 | Yes | |
| 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 |
| | | | 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. https://www.va.gov/education/ and https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp . Note: education and/or Veteran readiness and employment services benefit programs were combined into one variable by NCHS. |
| | | | 1 | Yes | |