

VA Utilization File

2016 NHCS Data Linked to VA Data

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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Variable Notes
SURVEY	Survey Name	Char	2016 NHCS		The value of this variable indicates the year of the NHCS survey linked to the VA data.
PATIENT_ID	NHCS Patient ID	Char	ID		Identifier for NHCS patients.
PRI01_8_FYXX	Healthcare Enrollment Priority status in FYXX	Char	1	Priority Group 1	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. 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	
			8B	Priority Group 8B	
			8C	Priority Group 8C	
			8D	Priority Group 8D	
			8E	Priority Group 8E	
			8G	Priority Group 8G	
NUMBER_OF_SC_CONDITION_FYXX	Number of Service Connected Disabilities in FYXX	Num	0-58		XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18.
TOTAL_COMBINED_RATING_FYXX	Total Combined Disability Rating in FYXX	Char		Not receiving compensation	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18.

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			000	0% Disabled	
			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	
IN_ENR_FYXX	Enrolled in VA health care in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18.
			0	No	
			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 15-18.
NET_AWARD_AMOUNT_FYXX	Net Monthly Compensation and Pension Payment during FYXX	Num		Dollar Amount	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18.

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VA_BENEFIT_USER_FYXX	User of VA benefit services in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. Derived dichotomous variable based on USVETS source variables IN_VHA_FYXX, COMP_FYXX, PENS_FYXX, IN_LGY_FYXX, LIFE_INS_USER_FYXX, EDUC_FYXX, and IN_VRE_FYXX. 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.
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
IN_VHA_FYXX	User of VA healthcare services in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. https://www.va.gov/health-care/
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
COMP_FYXX	User of disability compensation in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. 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.asp .
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
PENS_FYXX	User of Veterans pension benefit program in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/index.asp .
			0	No	
			1	Yes	

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IN_LGY_FYXX	User of VA guaranteed home loan benefit in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp .
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
LIFE_INS_USER_FYXX	User of life insurance benefit in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/index.asp .
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
EDUC_IN_VRE_FYXX	User of education and/or Veteran readiness and employment services in FYXX	Num	.	Missing/Unknown	XX represents VA administrative data for fiscal years 15-18. Education and/or Veteran readiness and employment services benefit programs were combined into one variable by NCHS. Derived dichotomous variable based on USVETS source variables EDUC_FYXX and IN_VRE_FYXX. https://www.va.gov/education/ and https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp .
			0	No	
			1	Yes	