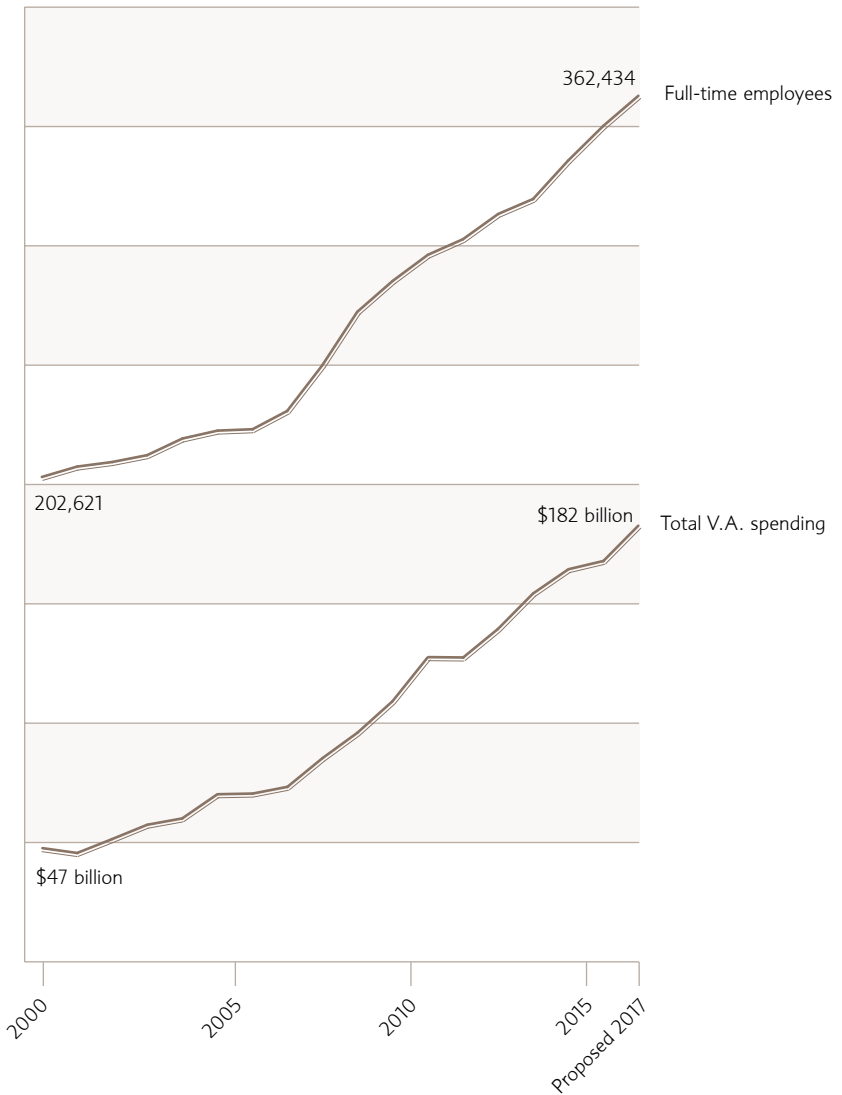


RAPID EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

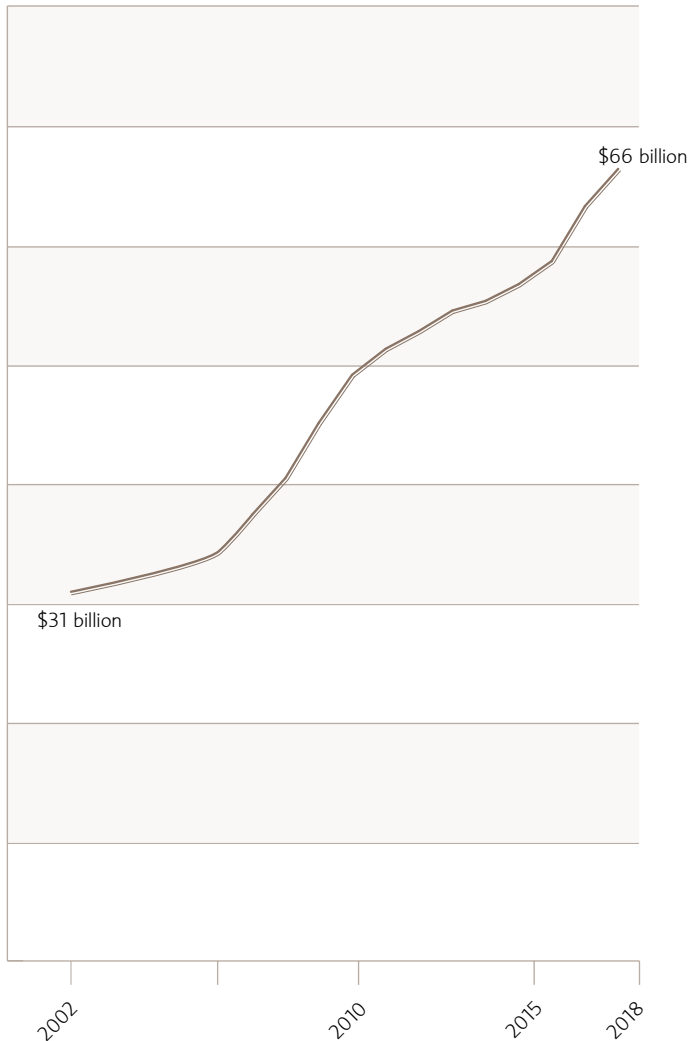
Over the last decade, there has been an enormous infusion of government spending and public employment on behalf of former and current members of the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs has been the fastest-expanding major part of the federal government, with its total employment rising 60 percent over the last decade and its total spending soaring to two and a half times its previous level.

Department of Veterans Affairs Budget and Full-time Employees



Sources: V.A. Budget and Full-time Employees 2000-2012; Presidential Budget (2013-2017)

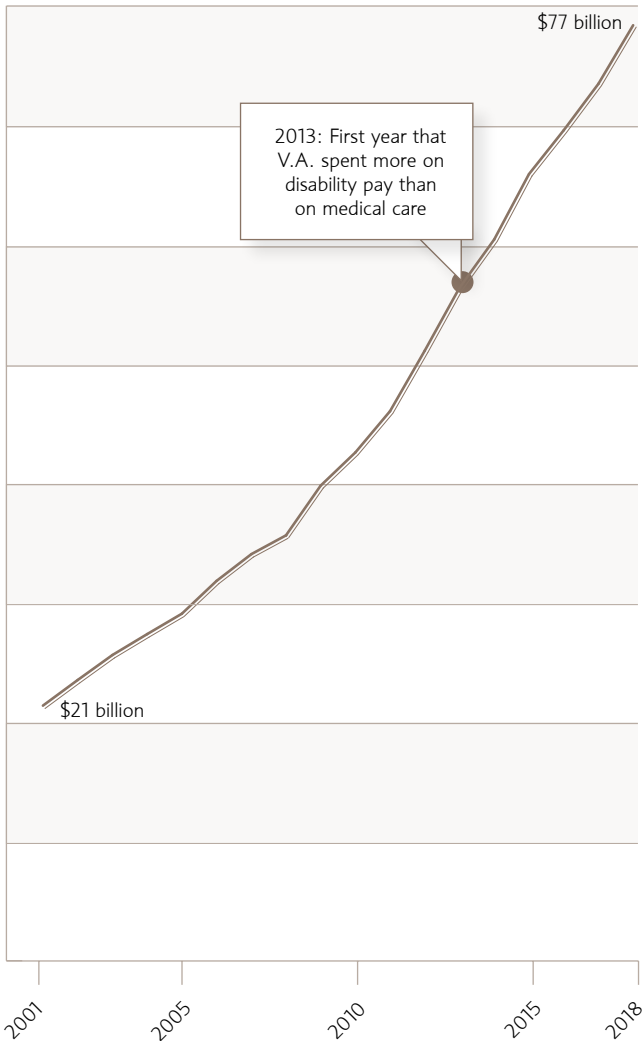
V.A. spending on medical care (inflation-adjusted 2016 dollars)



Sources: V.A. "Geographic Distribution of V.A. Expenditures"; Presidential Budget (2006-2017)

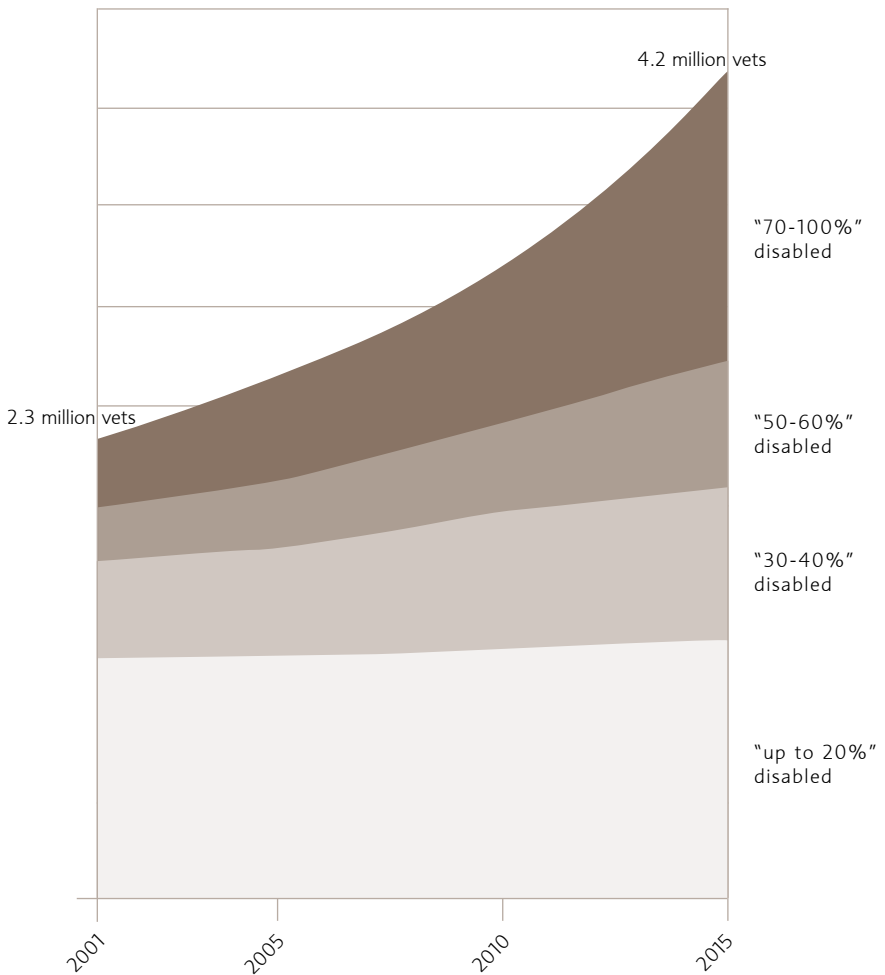
V.A. disability pay

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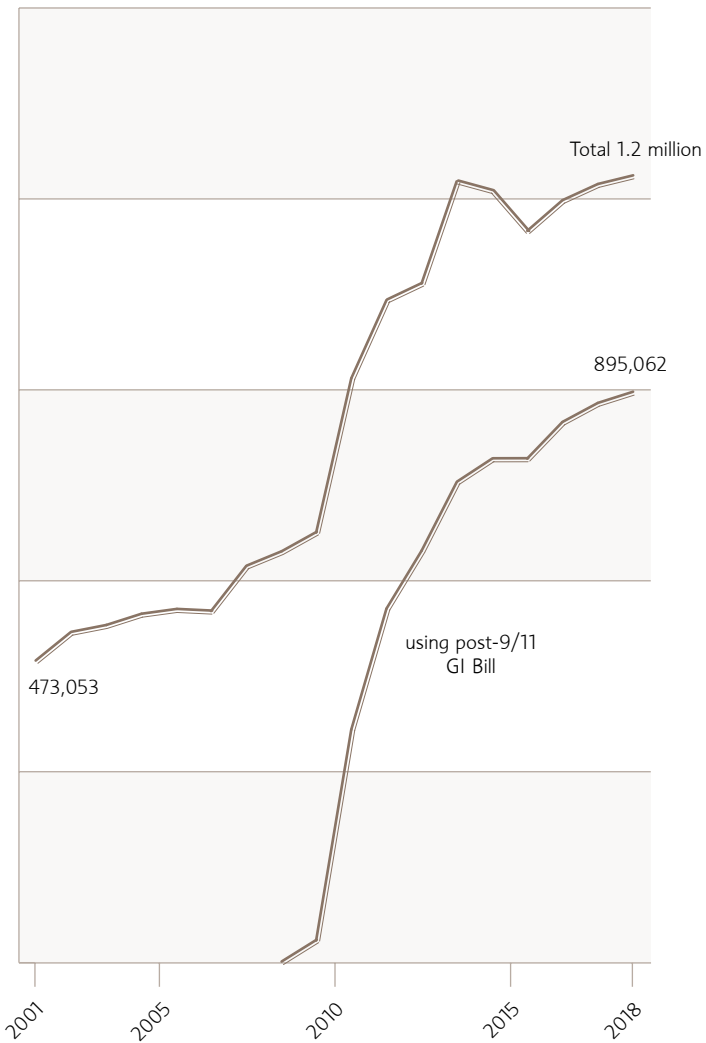
Sources: V.A. "Disability Compensation and Patient Expenditures: FY 2000 to FY 2013";
Presidential Budget (2006-2017)

Veterans given high disability ratings



Sources: V.A. Annual Benefits Reports (2006-2015)

V.A. education-program users



Sources: V.A. "Education Program Beneficiaries FY2000 to FY2013"; Presidential Budget (2012-2017)

Federal spending on veterans

2016 Department of Veterans Affairs total	\$167,484,033,000
Veterans Health Administration	\$65,377,994,000
Health Care Services	\$57,098,105,000
Rural health	\$19,553,638,000
Mental health	\$7,484,000,000
Special programs for terror-war vets	\$5,025,900,000
Homeless programs	\$1,477,000,000
Telehealth	\$1,114,127,000
For caregivers	\$622,466,000
Women veterans	\$475,000,000
Traumatic brain injury	\$271,800,000
Research	\$1,891,860,000
Veterans Benefits Administration	\$92,396,430,000
Disability compensation	\$74,845,470,000
Pensions	\$5,723,046,000
Education benefits	\$12,941,285,000
Adaptive and rehabilitation	\$1,641,810,000
National Cemeteries Administration	\$271,220,000

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Veterans' funding from other agencies	
Department of Defense military retirement pay	\$56,490,000,000
Department of Defense unemployment compensation	\$537,107,000
Department of Labor veterans' employment and training	\$271,110,000

Full-time employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs	349,800
Veterans Health Administration	311,232
Veterans Benefits Administration	21,871
National Cemeteries Administration	1,789

Facilities	
V.A. hospitals	144
Community living centers	136
Residential rehabilitation care facilities	120
Health-care centers	20
Community-based outpatient clinics	766
Vet centers	300