

**FACT SHEET**  
**VBA Claims Data -- Comparison by Cohorts (as of March 2021)**  
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VA is providing key disability claims data for the following Veteran cohorts:

- Gulf War I Deployed (Pre-9/11)
- Gulf War Era Non-Deployed (Pre-9/11)
- Global War on Terror (GWOT)-Deployed (Post 9/11)
- GWOT-Era Non-Deployed
- Karshi-Khanabad (K2)

***Respiratory Conditions - Veteran-Level Analysis\****

***(highest in red)***

	<b><i>GW 1 Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GW 1-Era Non- Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GWOT Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GWOT-Era Non- Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>K2 Cohort</i></b>
<b><i>Population Size</i></b>	750,205	2.6 Million	2.5 Million	2.6 Million	15,670
<b><i># of Veterans who claimed SC for Resp**</i></b>	108,318	154,441	<b>781,384</b>	263,669	4,534
<b><i>Claims Rate (% of Entire Cohort who Claimed SC for Resp)</i></b>	14%	6%	<b>32%</b>	10%	29%
<b><i># of Veterans with SC Resp</i></b>	35,842	58,637	<b>488,636</b>	151,541	3,037
<b><i>% Affected (% of Entire Cohort with SC Resp)</i></b>	5%	2%	<b>20%</b>	6%	19%
<b><i>SC Grant Rate for Resp***</i></b>	33%	38%	63%	57%	<b>67%</b>
<b><i># of Veterans Denied SC for All Resp</i></b>	72,476	95,804	<b>292,748</b>	112,128	1,497

\*Corporate Data, as of March 2021, based on data mining of all respiratory conditions

\*\*\*"SC" is service connection

\*\*\*SC grant rates (% of claimants who were granted SC for respiratory condition(s)) are representative of both explicit and implicit claims based on airborne and other environmental hazards.

**Key “Respiratory” Findings:**

- GWOT-Deployed cohort is 3 times more likely than the similar Non-Deployed cohort to file claims for respiratory conditions.
- Although the GWOT-Deployed and GWOT Non-Deployed population sizes are relatively the same, the GWOT-Deployed cohort has more than 3 times the number of service-connected respiratory disabilities.
- The K2 cohort has the highest grant rate for respiratory conditions at 67%.

**Cancers - Veteran-Level Analysis\***

*(highest in red)*

	<i>GW 1 Deployed</i>	<i>GW 1-Era Non-Deployed</i>	<i>GWOT Deployed</i>	<i>GWOT-Era Non-Deployed</i>	<i>K2 Cohort</i>
<b>Population Size</b>	750,205	2.6 Million	2.5 Million	2.6 Million	15,670
<b># of Veterans who claimed SC for Cancers</b>	16,870	32,462	42,686	19,049	282
<b>Claims Rate (% of Entire Cohort who Claimed SC for Cancer)</b>	2.25%	1.24%	1.74%	.73%	1.80%
<b># Veteran with SC Cancer</b>	4,460	12,111	15,819	7,019	112
<b>% Affected (% of Entire Cohort with SC Cancers)</b>	.59%	.46%	.65%	.27%	.71%
<b>SC Grant Rate**</b>	26%	37%	37%	37%	40%
<b># of Veterans Denied SC for All Cancers</b>	12,410	20,351	26,867	12,030	170

\*Corporate Data, as of March 2021, based on data mining of cancers (any body system)

\*\*Service connection grant rates (% of claimants who were granted SC for cancer(s)) are representative of both explicit and implicit claims based on airborne and other environmental hazards.

**Key “Cancer” Findings:**

- GW I-Deployed cohort has the highest percentage (of the cohorts reviewed) that have filed claims for service connection for cancer.
- Deployed cohorts (GW 1 and GWOT) are roughly 2 times more likely than non-deployed cohorts to file claims for cancers.
- Although the GWOT-Deployed and GWOT Non-Deployed population sizes are relatively the same, the GWOT-Deployed cohort has more than 2 times the number of service-connected cancers.
- Based on the percentage of each cohort who have been impacted by cancer, the K2 cohort has the highest percentage (.71%) of the cohorts to experience a service-connected cancer.
- K2 Veterans have the highest grant rate for cancer at 40%.

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***Any Service-Connected Condition - Veteran-Level Analysis\****

***(highest in red)***

	<b><i>GW 1 Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GW 1-Era Non-Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GWOT Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>GWOT-Era Non-Deployed</i></b>	<b><i>K2 Cohort</i></b>
<b><i>Population Size</i></b>	750,205	2.6 Million	2.5 Million	2.6 Million	15,670
<b><i># of Veterans who claimed SC for any conditions</i></b>	282,777	566,302	1,605,502	719,627	9,647
<b><i>Claims Rate (% of Entire Cohort who Claimed SC for Any Condition)</i></b>	38%	22%	66%	28%	62%
<b><i># Veterans with One or More SC Conditions</i></b>	242,110	470,452	1,511,985	628,988	9,008
<b><i>% Affected (% of Entire Cohort with</i></b>	32%	18%	62%	24%	57%

<b>SC Condition(s)</b>					
<b>SC Grant Rate**</b>	85%	83%	94%	87%	93%
<b>Average # of SC Conditions Granted</b>	8	7	12	8	8

\*Corporate Data, as of March 2021, based on data mining of all Cohort Veterans who claimed service connection for one or more medical conditions (all body systems)

\*\*Service connection grant rates (% of claimants who were granted SC for one or more conditions) for all conditions across all body systems.

**Key Findings for All Service-Connected Conditions:**

- GWOT-Deployed cohort is roughly 2 ½ times more likely than non-deployed cohorts to file claims for service connection for any condition.
- GWOT-Deployed cohort has more than double the number of Veterans who have been granted service connection for one or more conditions (compared to the relatively same size Non-Deployed cohort).
- The average number of service-connected disabilities experienced by GWOT-Deployed is 12 compared to 8 for other cohorts.