



**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE**



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**REPORT TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WI**

This office functions under the direction of the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO), who is appointed by the County Administrator. There are two additional full-time staff and a 19-hour per week clerk. Policy oversight for local aid to Veterans in need is provided by the County Veterans Service Commission which consists of five Veterans, one of whom is a County Board member. The following report covers the years of 2022 and 2023.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND SERVICES:**

Chapter 45 of the WI Statutes requires each County to have a County Veterans Service Officer and establishes duties of the Veterans Service Officer. The position is funded by County tax revenue and also receives a \$14,300 annual block grant through the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Veterans Trust Fund which is to be used according to ss 45.82(1)". In 2023, a one-time supplemental grant of \$19,178 was made available through WDVA to be used for outreach and expended by the end of 2024.

All Jefferson County resident Veterans and their dependents may receive assistance through the Veterans' Service Office. This office provides information and processes applications for both state and federal benefits such as disability compensation, non-service connected pension, vocational training, educational programs, insurance, domiciliary care and death benefits. We also help veterans with enrollment in the VA healthcare system and further assist as personal advocates if the veteran is experiencing difficulty accessing care or resources within the system. This is accomplished not just from office visits, but home visits, nursing home/assisted living facilities visits, and numerous outreach events.

On a case by case basis--Veterans and dependents experiencing temporary financial emergencies can apply for assistance from the Veterans Service Commission (VSC). In accordance with WI State Statute 45.86 – *“Every county board shall annually levy, in addition to all other taxes, a tax sufficient to carry out the purposes of this section. The tax shall be levied and collected as other county taxes for the purpose of providing aid to needy veterans, the needy spouses, surviving spouses, minor and dependent children of the veterans, and the needy parents of veterans entitled to aid under ss 45.81 to 45.84 and to carry out the purposes of s.45.85.”* The WI State Statute does not specify how much should be allocated to “provide aid” – nor does it detail the parameters of such aid. The Jefferson County Veteran Service Commission is annually allocated with an average of \$3,500 in tax levy funding. To help supplement and fill gaps we are fortunate to have partnerships and receive generous donations from both service organizations and private citizens to help meet needs. The Veterans Service Commission policy defines the purpose of assistance as

providing emergency aid to needy veterans and/or their dependents which must be of a temporary nature. This might be due to the Veteran having an interruption of income and waiting for a paycheck or other source of income (such as unemployment compensation, sick pay or other governmental payment such as education, disability or pension benefits.) The need could be due to a medical emergency, automobile accident, fire or other disaster. Often the need is for food--or gas for transportation to a Veteran's facility or for job or housing search. The policy allows for other purposes that may be deemed appropriate by the Commission.

In 2022, \$6,058 of Veterans Service Commission aid was expended in 74 transactions in the form of food and gas gift cards, payments directly to utility providers, landlords, etc. --up from \$5,495 in 2021. In 2022, donations to the Veterans Service Commission totaled \$3,300 in cash and gas gift cards. This amount is down slightly from other years due to the majority of donations being directed to the Jefferson County Veterans Foundation.

A lot of what we can do for Veterans is based on our partnerships with other agencies such as WDVA, Department of Workforce Development, Vet Centers, and many others. We specialize in making warm-handoffs for Veterans to folks who can meet their needs. As we continue to see housing instability and homelessness cases--we partner with the Community Action Coalition through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grant program. They provide case management and temporary financial assistance to low-income veterans (single individuals and those with families) to help maintain stable housing or alleviate homelessness.



Another key resource for at-risk Veterans is our relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs VORP (Veterans Outreach & Recovery Program) representative, Adayta Axelson, who provides case management and in-person home visits for Veterans struggling with a variety of life issues.

The medical transportation program is a critical service overseen by the CVSO. Since 2009, transportation of Veterans to the Madison VA Hospital and clinics has been provided in partnership with the Federal VA through a Government Services Administration (GSA) contract which allows the County Veterans Service Office to lease an 8-passenger van for \$2,808 annually. The partnership continues to this day—as the federal VA covers the cost of fuel and vehicle maintenance.

In 2019, we received the donation of a 2004 Lexus SUV from Charity Cars, Inc. through the National Auto Body Council in partnership with Miller Auto Body CARSTAR of Milwaukee—which has given us the much-needed additional capacity to transport Veterans to the other VA hospitals and clinics. Transportation would not be possible without volunteer drivers—and we are grateful to the Jefferson County Human Services transportation office for their assistance in coordinating the volunteer drivers and scheduling rides for veterans. Recruiting volunteer drivers is a constant challenge as the number of volunteer drivers had fluctuated from as many as 18 to as few as four drivers to cover an average of 20 travel days per month. In the 2022/2023 fiscal year we transported Veterans to 1,121 appointments and logged 31,569 miles in the process! Driver shortages mean Veterans will miss and/or have to reschedule VA hospital appointments. We continue to actively and continuously recruit volunteer drivers.

## A. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VETERANS BENEFITS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN 2020/2021

The Federal Veterans Administration's *Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX)* report details statistics for every County in the US. According to the 2022 federal report, Jefferson County, Wisconsin presently has an approximate resident population of 4,918 (live) Veterans out of a total population of 331,650 in Wisconsin.

In comparison with 2021—the federal report estimated 4,626 Veterans lived in the County—with a total Veteran population of 342,823. In general, the Veteran population has been decreasing slightly each year—although the amount of time it takes to work through an individual Veteran's case has increased due to the ancillary benefits that we assist with once a VA rating decision is issued. It is interesting to note that our internal case management database (VetraSpec) currently includes approximately 10,000 (live) Veterans of the 20,000+ digital files which include deceased Veterans. I believe the difference in the number of Veteran residents estimated by the federal VA are less accurate than our own case files which are updated as Veterans move into or out of the County. Also—many Veterans do not apply for federal disability compensation or healthcare so they don't hit the federal radar. In addition to the Veterans themselves, other residents of Jefferson County are also potential recipients of Veteran's benefits—including Veteran's spouses, dependent parents and dependent children under age 18 (children who are or become disabled before age 18 can receive benefits for their lifetime).

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office does not charge for the services we provide to assist applicants in navigating the system to secure the benefits they are entitled to. Without our guidance and advocacy--especially for Veterans who are struggling with health issues related to service—many would simply give up. It takes time to follow a claim through the adjudication and appeal process—but Veterans are paid retroactive benefits back to the time they applied. In 2022, Jefferson County Veterans received over a million dollars in retroactive compensation and pension payment in addition to ongoing monthly benefits; money that is going directly into our local economy.

1. The **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** is currently dispensing compensation and/or pension benefits to over 1,780 veterans, widows and families in Jefferson County.

The federally reported "Total VA Expenditures" for (FY22) was \$55,873,000 in contrast to (FY21) where the report reflects \$47,106,000 in federal benefits and services being expended for Jefferson County Veterans through disability compensation, pensions, education, vocational rehabilitation, health care and life insurance—compared to \$45,744,000 in (FY20) and compared to the \$20,938,000 expended in the 2010 fiscal year. The VA's impact has more than doubled in a decade despite showing a decreasing Veteran population in the same time period.

The *Summary of Expenditures by County* report can be found at: <http://www.va.gov/vetdata/>

2. The **State of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs** dispensed \$11,429 in "Aid to Needy Veterans" financial grants to Jefferson County Veterans in 2022. The grants for subsistence aid assist Veterans who lost work due to an illness or injury and the health care grants are mainly for dental care. These numbers do not include the value of the tuition remission provided under the WI GI Bill. We processed 50 new WI GI Bill applications in 2022 and an additional 49 so far in 2023. These figures also don't include state funds expended for care of Jefferson County residents that may be residing at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home at King, Union Grove, or Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. It also does not include the value of the Department of Revenue Veterans and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit program that remitted property tax for a primary home and one acre of land to 100% service-disabled veterans. The CVSO processed 32 new applications for the property tax credit that were approved in 2022 – and 38 to date in 2022.

## B. MAJOR TRENDS IN THE VETERANS SERVICE BUSINESS

In August 2022, President Biden signed the sweeping PACT ACT that expands VA Healthcare and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This legislation was passed on the heels of the Blue Water Navy (BWN) Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 (PL 116-23) which extended the presumption of herbicide exposure (Agent Orange) to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. We are still seeing new claims for Blue Water Navy Veterans that were finally, after waiting over 40 years, able to apply for service connection if they served within 12 nautical miles from the shore of Vietnam, or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized Zone. Due mainly to these recent federal legislation changes that increase the list of “presumptive conditions” recognizing many more Veterans who served between 1957 and the present—our claims work continues to be a large part of the workload.

We are very grateful to have welcomed a full-time Veterans Benefits Specialist, Shawn Flyte, on-board in January 2022, a position that had been unfunded since 2012 when the Deputy VSO position was filled. The timing could not have been more strategic given the explosion of claims and appeals for Veterans who served in the Gulf—particularly great numbers in Iraq and Afghanistan who have developed respiratory conditions related to burn pits.

We continue to assist many Veterans with enrollment into the VA Healthcare system, especially for mental health services. National Guard and Reserve Veterans – particularly those deployed over the last two decades to Iraq and Afghanistan are establishing contact, placing discharge papers on record, signing up for healthcare and education benefits and to file disability claims—made easier under the PACT Act. A significant number of claims-work (400+) came from Dodge County in the last year due understaffing or a complete lack of staff in the Dodge County Veterans Service Office. Thankfully, a promising new CVSO, Katlynn Rhyner, came on board as the new Dodge CVSO in September 2023.

## C. WORKFLOW AND INITIATIVES IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

The value of the County Veteran Service Office is our ability to help Veterans and their families navigate the complex and confusing VA system—but if Veterans don’t know we are here to help—we are of no use to them, therefore—outreach is a priority! Wisconsin is in the top tier of states offering some of the most extensive benefits available. You can visit our new website at [JeffersonCountyVets.org](https://JeffersonCountyVets.org) and watch as it develops—and learn about our first ever Regional Veterans Benefits Expo which was held October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We look forward to more outreach events in the future. Here in Jefferson County—we aim to set the standard for serving those who served!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Yvonne R. Duesterhoeft*



**Jefferson County Veterans Service Office**

**VETERANS REGIONAL BENEFIT EXPO**  
THURSDAY, OCT. 19 - 11AM-5PM  
Elks Lodge #666 • 117 N 1st St • Downtown Watertown

**FREE LUNCH 'n LEARN**  
How to Avoid Scams & Improve Credit Scores

**HONOR REWARDS**  
Get Your Free Photo ID Card

Connect with your County Veterans Service Officer and Advocates from County Aging Disability Resource Centers for help with:

- Federal, State, County, and Local Veteran Programs
- Planning for Long-Term Care with ADRG Advocates
- Employment Assistance and Education Opportunities
- VA Healthcare and Caregiver Support Programs
- VA Home Loans and Homebuyers Assistance Program
- Legal Assistance to Reinstate WI Driver's Licenses
- Assistance to Create a Will (by appointment only)
- Mobile Vet Center and VOW Mobile Market
- VA Dental Insurance Program and Dental Grants
- Adaptive Cycling with Wisconsin Bike Federation

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Watch for our new website!  
[JeffersonCountyVets.org](https://JeffersonCountyVets.org)

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**FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDY)**

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
ADAMS	1,922	\$ 25,246	\$ 7,966	\$ -	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 17,165	1,002
ASHLAND	1,209	\$ 13,508	\$ 7,363	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ 5,816	425
BARRON	3,388	\$ 34,230	\$ 18,788	\$ -	\$ 618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94	\$ 14,730	1,368
BAYFIELD	1,288	\$ 15,323	\$ 7,831	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34	\$ 7,360	585
BROWN	14,063	\$ 153,395	\$ 79,923	\$ -	\$ 4,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 555	\$ 68,089	5,665
BUFFALO	922	\$ 10,989	\$ 6,359	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ 4,333	422
BURNETT	1,628	\$ 21,764	\$ 9,904	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 11,703	734
CALUMET	2,369	\$ 18,630	\$ 7,499	\$ -	\$ 434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 10,669	1,085
CHIPPEWA	4,391	\$ 51,799	\$ 25,875	\$ -	\$ 1,138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 24,666	1,865
CLARK	1,805	\$ 23,078	\$ 11,213	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85	\$ 11,430	751
COLUMBIA	3,894	\$ 52,093	\$ 25,218	\$ -	\$ 1,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 25,406	1,474
CRAWFORD	1,167	\$ 13,173	\$ 6,257	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ 6,607	429
DANE	24,045	\$ 298,302	\$ 106,886	\$ -	\$ 9,545	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,799	\$ 180,071	7,587
DODGE	5,960	\$ 54,710	\$ 23,861	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ 29,417	1,884
DOOR	1,895	\$ 20,770	\$ 10,100	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 10,120	778
DOUGLAS	3,417	\$ 46,006	\$ 25,214	\$ -	\$ 1,203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111	\$ 19,478	1,497
DUNN	2,520	\$ 29,761	\$ 17,140	\$ -	\$ 966	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 11,579	988
EAU CLAIRE	5,873	\$ 56,031	\$ 30,101	\$ -	\$ 2,158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394	\$ 23,378	2,004
FLORENCE	487	\$ 9,642	\$ 3,287	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 6,273	305
FOND DU LAC	6,067	\$ 50,253	\$ 26,307	\$ -	\$ 1,387	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ 22,390	1,882
FOREST	865	\$ 13,076	\$ 5,985	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 7,035	426
GRANT	2,719	\$ 29,339	\$ 15,586	\$ -	\$ 861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96	\$ 12,795	975
GREEN	2,101	\$ 25,093	\$ 12,256	\$ -	\$ 474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 12,264	784
GREEN LAKE	1,218	\$ 14,154	\$ 6,869	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 7,121	470
IOWA	1,429	\$ 12,890	\$ 5,399	\$ -	\$ 192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 7,240	443
IRON	518	\$ 7,671	\$ 3,093	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 4,455	299
JACKSON	1,550	\$ 23,557	\$ 10,805	\$ -	\$ 343	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 12,397	743
<b>JEFFERSON</b>	<b>4,918</b>	<b>\$ 55,873</b>	<b>\$ 25,415</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,481</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 528</b>	<b>\$ 28,448</b>	<b>1,769</b>
JUNEAU	2,187	\$ 35,885	\$ 16,244	\$ -	\$ 526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ 18,991	1,046
KENOSHA	8,810	\$ 115,465	\$ 58,305	\$ -	\$ 4,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 377	\$ 52,239	3,222
KEWAUNEE	1,156	\$ 14,928	\$ 8,012	\$ -	\$ 289	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127	\$ 6,500	544
LA CROSSE	7,703	\$ 91,887	\$ 44,571	\$ -	\$ 3,022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394	\$ 43,900	3,277
LAFAYETTE	850	\$ 9,345	\$ 4,851	\$ -	\$ 144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ 4,279	297
LANGLADE	1,647	\$ 23,473	\$ 12,058	\$ -	\$ 307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89	\$ 11,019	750
LINCOLN	2,099	\$ 31,372	\$ 16,268	\$ -	\$ 361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ 14,566	1,014
MANITOWOC	5,307	\$ 54,340	\$ 28,075	\$ -	\$ 1,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 471	\$ 24,556	2,142
MARATHON	7,720	\$ 73,711	\$ 38,203	\$ -	\$ 1,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 346	\$ 33,541	2,955
MARINETTE	3,586	\$ 60,945	\$ 29,394	\$ -	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201	\$ 30,499	1,781
MARQUETTE	1,402	\$ 20,307	\$ 9,190	\$ -	\$ 169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68	\$ 10,879	579
MENOMINEE	232	\$ 2,282	\$ 1,456	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 815	72
MILWAUKEE	41,332	\$ 733,050	\$ 202,126	\$ 7,033	\$ 17,680	\$ -	\$ 70,567	\$ 2,186	\$ 433,458	13,472

**FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)**

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
MONROE	4,652	\$ 175,910	\$ 45,363	\$ 1,267	\$ 2,003	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 137	\$ 127,139	2,686
OCONTO	2,735	\$ 39,274	\$ 19,146	\$ -	\$ 527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 19,501	1,352
ONEIDA	3,135	\$ 42,795	\$ 22,522	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ -	\$ 311	\$ 216	\$ 19,276	1,404
OUTAGAMIE	10,090	\$ 102,625	\$ 57,173	\$ -	\$ 3,491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 637	\$ 41,324	3,754
OZAUKEE	3,916	\$ 40,071	\$ 20,653	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ 17,414	1,051
PEPIN	510	\$ 6,004	\$ 3,040	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 2,844	194
PIERCE	2,489	\$ 27,789	\$ 15,657	\$ -	\$ 1,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243	\$ 10,618	778
POLK	3,198	\$ 38,494	\$ 19,092	\$ -	\$ 549	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ 18,712	1,288
PORTAGE	3,629	\$ 43,109	\$ 21,737	\$ -	\$ 1,372	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ 19,685	1,740
PRICE	1,258	\$ 15,168	\$ 8,113	\$ -	\$ 138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 6,869	556
RACINE	12,400	\$ 128,869	\$ 64,327	\$ -	\$ 3,594	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490	\$ 60,458	3,489
RICHLAND	1,124	\$ 14,018	\$ 6,097	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 7,763	475
ROCK	10,348	\$ 100,282	\$ 45,363	\$ -	\$ 2,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 397	\$ 51,687	3,497
RUSK	1,141	\$ 14,838	\$ 7,348	\$ -	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 7,310	539
ST. CROIX	5,273	\$ 55,138	\$ 29,608	\$ -	\$ 1,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267	\$ 23,342	1,917
SAUK	3,982	\$ 55,435	\$ 26,884	\$ -	\$ 861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391	\$ 27,299	1,801
SAWYER	1,453	\$ 19,049	\$ 9,827	\$ -	\$ 316	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 8,824	671
SHAWANO	2,802	\$ 30,423	\$ 14,794	\$ -	\$ 404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ 15,113	1,157
SHEBOYGAN	6,636	\$ 47,984	\$ 26,547	\$ -	\$ 1,686	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 415	\$ 19,335	1,941
TAYLOR	1,251	\$ 12,301	\$ 6,252	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 5,876	496
TREMPEALEAU	1,830	\$ 21,307	\$ 11,144	\$ -	\$ 346	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 9,738	723
VERNON	1,708	\$ 23,612	\$ 11,493	\$ -	\$ 304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116	\$ 11,699	819
VILAS	2,115	\$ 27,474	\$ 14,404	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 12,727	1,017
WALWORTH	5,333	\$ 60,842	\$ 28,993	\$ -	\$ 1,928	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 639	\$ 29,282	1,771
WASHBURN	1,587	\$ 22,149	\$ 11,800	\$ -	\$ 251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69	\$ 10,031	671
WASHINGTON	7,954	\$ 73,411	\$ 36,617	\$ -	\$ 2,334	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 595	\$ 33,866	2,052
WAUKESHA	20,350	\$ 193,052	\$ 94,153	\$ -	\$ 7,237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,767	\$ 89,895	5,151
WAUPACA	3,997	\$ 49,935	\$ 29,344	\$ -	\$ 975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158	\$ 19,458	1,489
WAUSHARA	1,870	\$ 28,667	\$ 14,716	\$ -	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ 13,653	903
WINNEBAGO	10,269	\$ 97,584	\$ 53,577	\$ -	\$ 3,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407	\$ 40,027	3,562
WOOD	4,959	\$ 64,124	\$ 33,306	\$ -	\$ 1,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409	\$ 29,253	2,368
<b>WISCONSIN (Totals)</b>	<b>331,650</b>	<b>\$ 4,119,082</b>	<b>\$ 1,820,344</b>	<b>\$ 8,300</b>	<b>\$ 103,083</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 70,880</b>	<b>\$ 18,780</b>	<b>\$ 2,097,694</b>	<b>121,102</b>

**FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)**

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
CONG. DIST (01)	41,257	\$ 453,716	\$ 219,458	\$ -	\$ 15,235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,344	\$ 216,679	12,993
CONG. DIST (02)	37,788	\$ 455,858	\$ 180,163	\$ -	\$ 12,649	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,619	\$ 260,427	12,686
CONG. DIST (03)	46,691	\$ 657,462	\$ 293,969	\$ 1,092	\$ 14,827	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2,578	\$ 344,994	20,100
CONG. DIST (04)	27,232	\$ 559,359	\$ 133,171	\$ 7,033	\$ 11,648	\$ -	\$ 70,567	\$ 1,440	\$ 335,498	9,311
CONG. DIST (05)	40,284	\$ 419,698	\$ 189,960	\$ -	\$ 13,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,051	\$ 212,822	11,236
CONG. DIST (06)	43,263	\$ 429,580	\$ 220,932	\$ -	\$ 11,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,376	\$ 194,588	14,834
CONG. DIST (07)	51,360	\$ 642,491	\$ 321,404	\$ 176	\$ 10,596	\$ -	\$ 311	\$ 2,343	\$ 307,661	21,984
CONG. DIST (08)	43,775	\$ 500,918	\$ 261,286	\$ -	\$ 12,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,028	\$ 225,025	17,958
<b>WISCONSIN (Totals)</b>	<b>331,650</b>	<b>\$ 4,119,082</b>	<b>\$ 1,820,344</b>	<b>\$ 8,300</b>	<b>\$ 103,083</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 70,880</b>	<b>\$ 18,780</b>	<b>\$ 2,097,694</b>	<b>121,102</b>
<b>Notes:</b>										
* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2022, are produced by the VA Predictive Analytics and Actuary Service (VetPop 2020).										
# Prior to FY 08, "Loan Guaranty" expenditures were included in the Education & Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (E&VRE) programs. Currently, all "Loan Guaranty" expenditures are attributed to Travis County, TX, where all Loan Guaranty payments are processed. VA will continue to improve data collection for future GDX reports to better distribute loan expenditures at the state, county and congressional district levels.										
** Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility. Data are provided by the Allocation Resource Center (ARC).										
Expenditure data sources: USASpending.gov for Compensation & Pension (C&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration Insurance Center for the Insurance costs; the VA Financial Management System (FMS) for Construction, Medical Research, General Operating Expenses, and certain C&P and Readjustment data; and the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) for Medical Care costs.										
1. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. For example, \$500 to \$1,000 are rounded to \$1; \$0 to \$499 are rounded to \$0; and "\$ -" = 0 or no expenditures.										
2. The Compensation & Pension expenditures include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors.										
3. Medical Care expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Care expenditures do not include dollars for construction or other non-medical support.										
4. Medical Care expenditures are allocated to the patient's home location, not the site of care.										