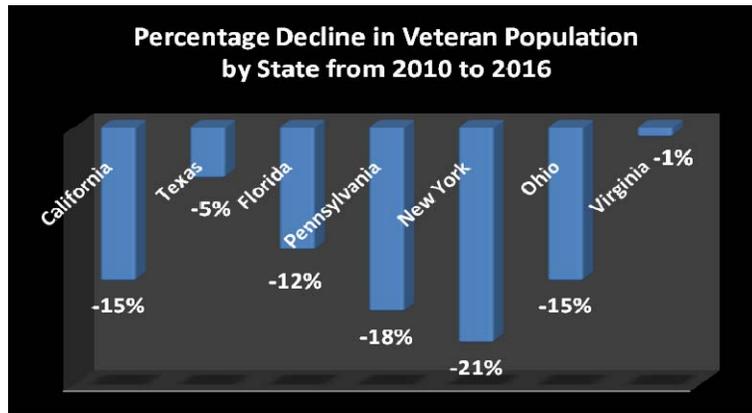


## Who are Virginia’s Veterans?

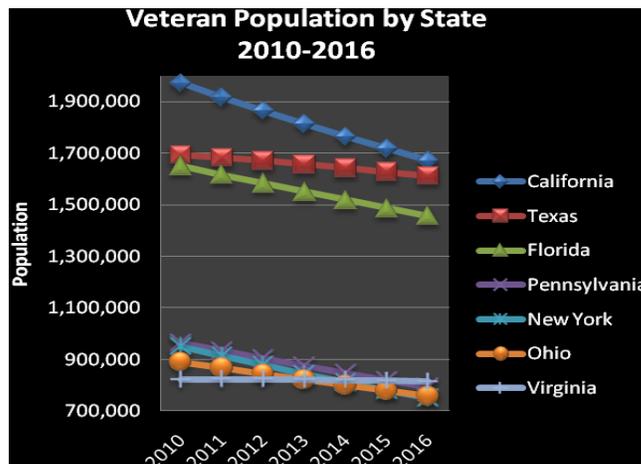
### Population

822,312 Projected number of veterans living in Virginia in as of September 30, 2010  
(USDVA, Table 1L)



The number of veterans living in Virginia will peak in 2011 and 2012 to approximately 823,000 and will begin to decline in 2013. The size of the veterans population in other states, such as California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio, is forecast to decline significantly during that same period. In contrast, Virginia’s decline will be relatively small (i.e. between 2,000 and 3,000 annually) compared with other states’ declines (e.g., California’s population is forecast to decline by 20,000 to 30,000 veterans per year).

7th Virginia’s national ranking in terms of the 2010 veteran population (USDVA, Table 1L). The USDVA predicts that Virginia will rank 5<sup>th</sup> by 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> by 2016.



2,036 Number of female veterans in Virginia (USDVA, Table 1L)

## Deployment

- 4,841 Number of deployed active duty troops listing Virginia as home of record. (Contingency Tracking System Deployment File as of July 31, 2010, [http://dva.state.vi.us/pa\\_veteransdata.asp](http://dva.state.vi.us/pa_veteransdata.asp))
- 2,193 Number of deployed Guard & Reserve forces listing Virginia as home of record. (Contingency Tracking System Deployment File as of July 31, 2010, [http://dva.state.vi.us/pa\\_veteransdata.asp](http://dva.state.vi.us/pa_veteransdata.asp))

## Education

- 42,092 Number of veterans receiving G.I. Bill benefits in Virginia in FFY10. Virginia ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in terms of number of veterans enrolled and receiving GI Bill benefits
- \$130.5M Total G.I. Bill benefits paid to veterans in Virginia in FFY09

## Disabled veterans

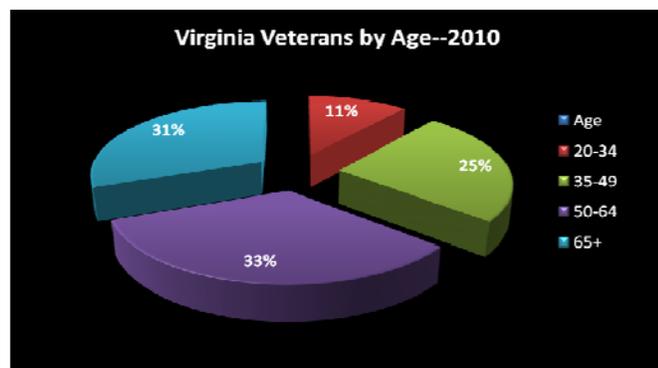
- 121,691 Number of veterans receiving disability benefits in 2009
- 7,358 Number of 100% disabled veterans in 2009 (Compensation and Pension Master File and VETSNET)

## Homelessness

- 900 Estimated number of homeless veterans in Virginia

## Aging

- 252,364 Projected number of veterans age 65+ living in Virginia in 2010 (USDVA, Table 1L)  
The number of veterans age 65+ will continue to increase annually, reaching more than 295,000 by 2017 (USDVA, Table 1L)



## Deaths

- 17,053 Number of veterans in Virginia forecast to die during FFY10 (USDVA, Table 1D)



## Where does Virginia rank nationally?

- 7<sup>th</sup> Veterans population
- 9<sup>th</sup> Total USDVA expenditures
- 6<sup>th</sup> USDVA expenditures for disability compensation and pensions
- 22<sup>nd</sup> USDVA construction spending
- 5<sup>th</sup> Veterans using GI Bill benefits
- 8<sup>th</sup> USDVA expenditures for general operations
- 8<sup>th</sup> USDVA expenditures for indemnities and insurance
- 14<sup>th</sup> USDVA spending on medical care
- 12<sup>th</sup> Number of veterans receiving USDVA medical benefits
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Department of Defense expenditures for retirement pay (FFY09)



## Veterans Economic Impact on Virginia

Virginia’s veterans have a significant positive economic impact on the Commonwealth, bringing in more than \$6.67B in federal funding through compensation and pension payments, construction expenditures, educational and vocational rehabilitation employment expenditures, medical expenditures, and military retiree pay.

### USDVA expenditures in Virginia during FFY09<sup>1</sup>

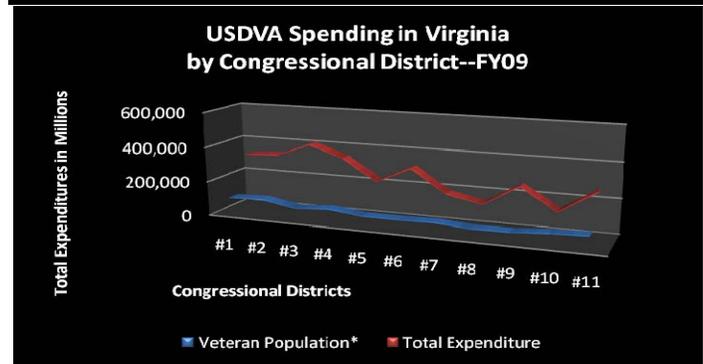
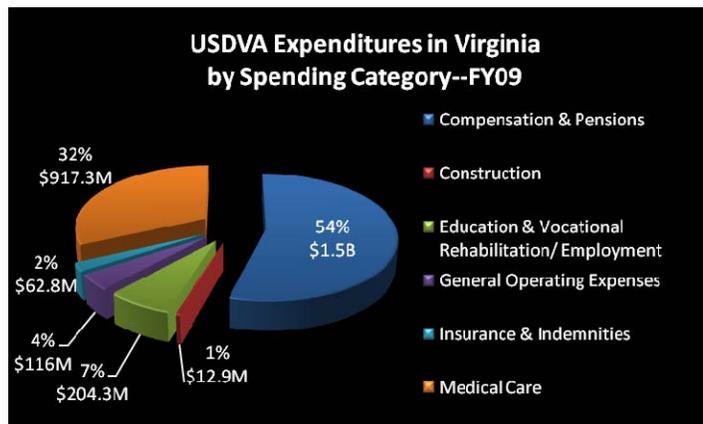
\$2.88B Total USDVA expenditures in Virginia

\$1.57B Compensation and disability payments to Virginia veterans and their dependents. In FFY09, more than 15% of Virginia veterans received disability compensation.

\$12.96M Construction expenditures

\$204M Education and vocational rehabilitation employment expenditures

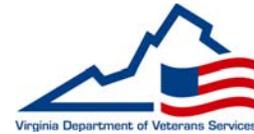
\$917M Medical care expenditures



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<sup>1</sup> Source for all data on this page: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, "Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures FFY09," [http://www1.va.gov/VETDATA/docs/GDX/GDX\\_FY09\\_2.xls](http://www1.va.gov/VETDATA/docs/GDX/GDX_FY09_2.xls)



## **Impact of New Compensation and Pension Claims FY10**

\$121.78M Estimated total fiscal impact of new compensation and pension claims in FY10.

This is based on number of claims submitted by DVS on behalf of Virginia's veterans and approved by the Roanoke Regional Office of the USDVA. 11,233 claims were approved out of 15,941 adjudicated. Multiplied by \$8,000 (the average compensation awarded by the USDVA in Virginia) gives a subtotal of \$89.86M. Retroactive awards to veterans in FY10 totaled \$31.92M, making the total impact \$121.78M.

## **US Department of Defense expenditures in Virginia in FFY09**

\$3.8B Retirement pay to military retirees in Virginia. Interestingly, military retirement pay in Virginia significantly exceeds USDVA total expenditures, and Virginia ranks second, after Florida, in the amount of military retirement pay received. (*Department of Defense, Office of the Actuary, Statistical Information and Analysis Division, "Atlas/Data Abstract for the United States and Selected Areas, Fiscal Year 2009," [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/L03/fy09/atlas\\_2009.pdf](http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/L03/fy09/atlas_2009.pdf)*)

