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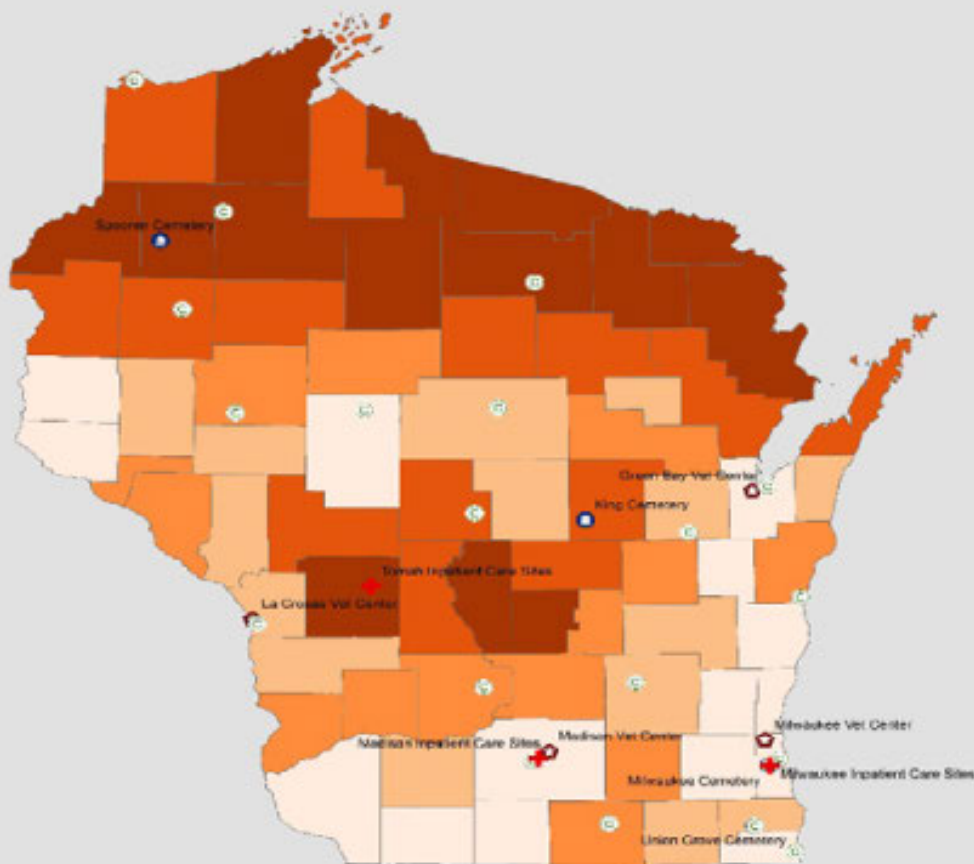


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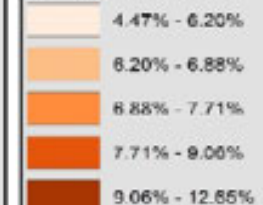


Veterans as a Percent of County Population (FY2017): Wisconsin



- VA Medical Center with Hospital Service
- VA Medical Center without Hospital Service
- VA Clinic
- VA Extended Care (Stand Alone)
- VA Residential Care (Stand Alone)
- Vet Center
- Regional Office
- VA Cemetery

Veteran Population Density by FY2017 County



Wisconsin ranks #21 in total Veteran Population

Veteran Population = 353,898

Sources: Population: VA Office of Data Governance and Analytics: VetPop2016 as of 9/30/2017, U.S. Census Bureau County Population Estimates 2017.

VHA Office of Policy and Planning: VAST data FY18Q2.

[National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics](#) [Contact us](#)

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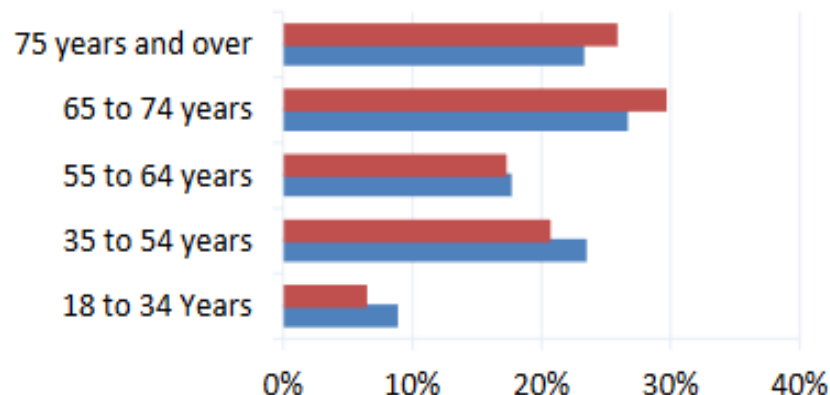
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Veteran Population (as of 9/30/2017)	Wisconsin	National
Number of Veterans	363,898	19,998,799
Percent of Adult Population that are Veterans	8.62%	6.60%
Number of Women Veterans	28,907	1,882,848
Percent of Women Veterans	7.94%	9.41%
Number of Military Retirees	22,025	2,156,647
Percent of Veterans that are Military Retirees	6.05%	10.78%
Number of Veterans Age 65 and Over	192,645	9,410,179
Percent of Veterans Age 65 and Over	52.94%	47.05%

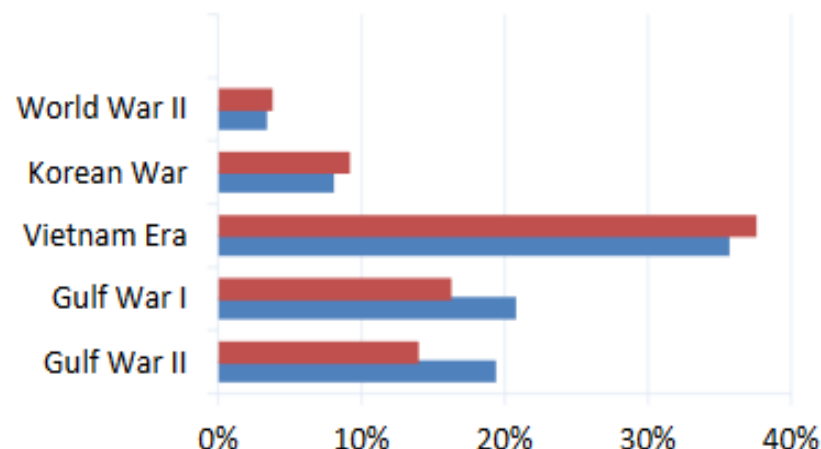
Age Distribution

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Period of Service

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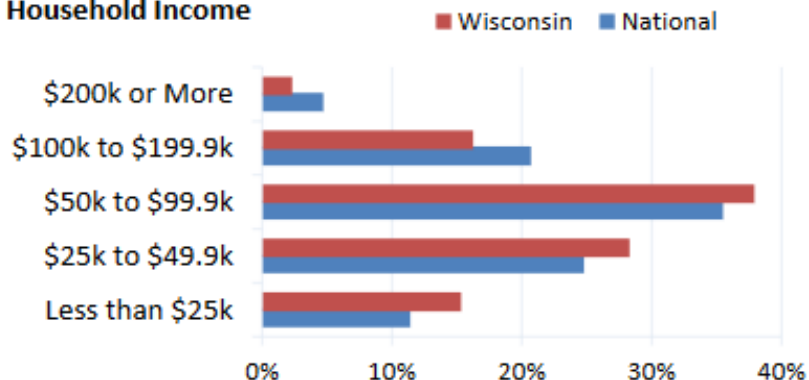


FEDERAL VA EXPENDITURES IN WISCONSIN

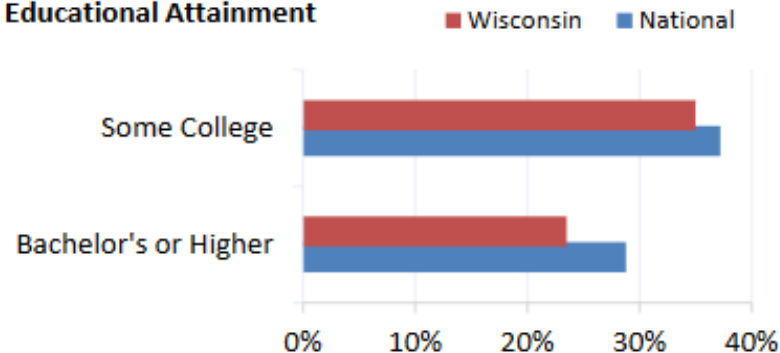
VA Expenditures FY 2017 (in thousands)	Wisconsin	National
Compensation & Pension	\$ 1,202,792	\$ 84,138,460
Construction	\$ 11,322	\$ 1,467,395
Education & Voc Rehab/Employment	\$ 129,167	\$ 13,182,263
General Operating Expenses	\$ 72,645	\$ 9,222,998
Insurance & Indemnities	\$ 33,906	\$ 1,700,374
Medical Care	\$ 1,416,973	\$ 69,709,570

VETERAN POPULATION INFORMATION

Household Income

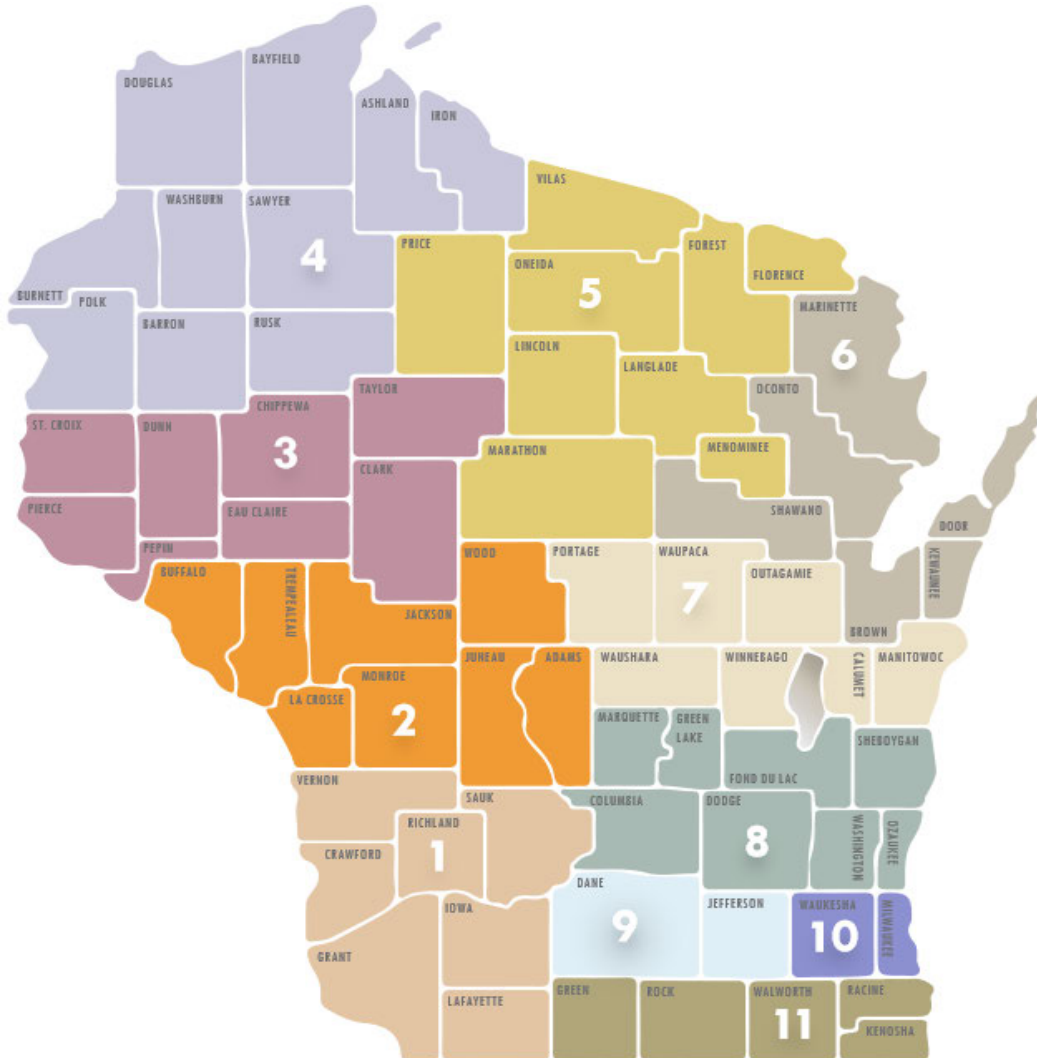


Educational Attainment





WDVA ECONOMIC IMPACT ON WISCONSIN



FY19 GRANT ADMINISTRATION IN \$

REGION 1 - \$80,056.08

REGION 2 - \$152,615

REGION 3 - \$225,232

REGION 4 - \$210,061

REGION 5 - \$88,299

REGION 6 - \$89,958

REGION 7 - \$270,927

REGION 8 - \$133,569

REGION 9 - \$42,730

REGION 10 - \$413,849

REGION 11 - \$153,120

TRIBES - \$96,250

TOTAL GRANT FY19 \$1,966,671

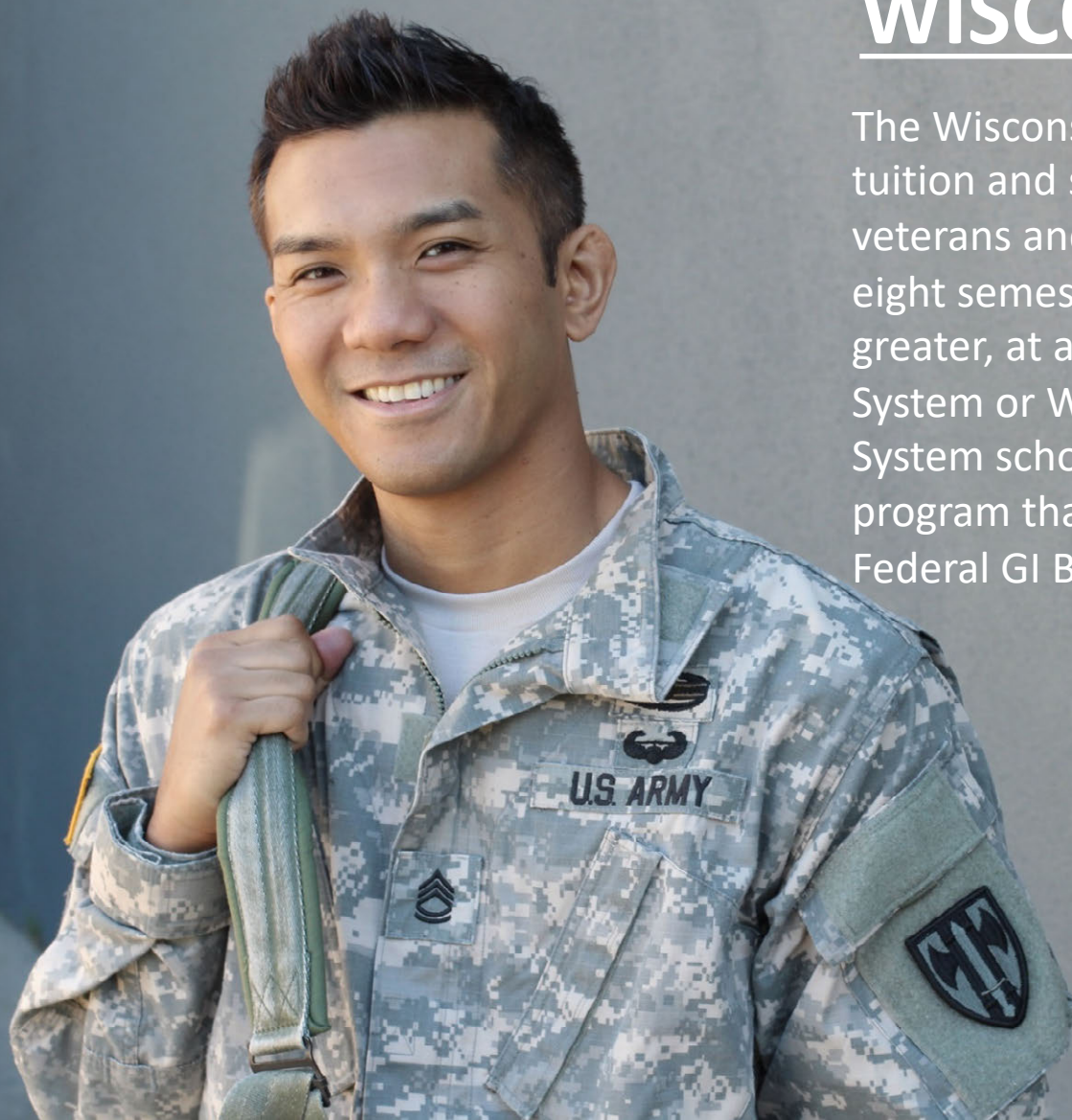


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WISCONSIN GI BILL

The Wisconsin GI Bill remits (forgives) full tuition and segregated fees for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to eight semesters or 128 credits, whichever is greater, at any University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System school. The Wisconsin GI Bill is a state program that is entirely separate from the Federal GI Bill.





WISCONSIN GI BILL HIGHLIGHTS

A qualifying veteran is a current Wisconsin resident who was either:

- A Wisconsin resident at time of entry into active military service.
- OR-
- A Wisconsin resident for at least five consecutive years preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which he or she registers.

Eligibility for the WI GI Bill is determined by WDVA.

The educational institution administers the program.

Eligible family members of qualifying veterans (spouse/child) may use this benefit if the veteran has been awarded a service connected disability rating of at least 30% by the USDVA or died in the line of duty. Spouse/child must reside with the veteran.

Other important information

- Veteran must utilize Federal GI Bill benefits first
- No income limits
- No delimiting period
- No limits on level of study





VETERANS EDUCATION (VETED) GRANT

The Veterans Education (VetEd) grant program provides a reimbursement grant based on a credit-bank system that is based on length of active duty military service to eligible veterans who have not yet been awarded a bachelor's degree for the reimbursement of tuition and fees following successful course completion at an eligible UW, technical college, or approved private institution of higher learning.

To be eligible there is a income requirement.



VETERANS RETRAINING GRANT

Recently unemployed or underemployed veterans may receive up to \$3,000 per year, for a maximum of two years, if they have a financial need while being retrained for employment. The amount of the grant is determined by the applicant's financial need as calculated by the WDVA.

- Veteran must be enrolled in technical college or OJT program expected to lead to employment.
- For technical education, reimbursement goes to the veteran.
- For OJT, benefit is paid to employers to offset wages during training period.



VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the important role that veteran-owned and disabled veteran-owned businesses play in the Wisconsin economy. In order to help such businesses identify and promote themselves, the WDVA makes available a logo for certified veteran-owned businesses operating in Wisconsin.

May register with Wisconsin Department of Administration's esupplier system to be notified of state bids/contracts.

Authorizes use wisconsin veteran-owned business logo (including electronic versions of logo).

Business added to searchable database on WDVA website.



VETERANS EMPLOYMENT GRANT

The State of Wisconsin works to connect veterans with good, family supporting jobs. One way we do that is by supporting those businesses hiring honorably discharged veterans with a 50% or more service-connected disability

The Benefits of Hiring a Veteran

Veterans have qualities that every employer is looking for; leadership, the ability to work as a team leader and a team member, the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, the ability to give and follow directions, planning and organizational skills, commitment to working safely, and flexibility and adaptability.

Grant Program at a Glance

Employers can receive \$5,000 in funding over a 12 month period when they hire a qualifying veteran full-time and up to \$2,500 part-time.



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VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP GRANT

The Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Grant is available to registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations that provide entrepreneurship training, or technical, business or other assistance to veteran entrepreneurs to improve employment outcomes. The Entrepreneurship Grant program includes a maximum total of up to \$400,000 annually.





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VETERANS NONPROFIT GRANT

The Wisconsin Non-Profit Grant is available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that provide financial assistance or other services to veterans and their dependents. The Non-Profit Grant program includes a maximum total of up to \$250,000 annually to nonprofit organizations and no more than \$25,000 to each grant recipient.





RESOURCES

Contact WDVA

Main Contact Information

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Live Chat is also available



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