



Veterans Health Administration
VA Montana Health Care System

Montana Veteran Demographics (updated Jan. 6, 2017)

Montana Veteran Estimate for FY 16

MT State Pop.*	MT Veteran Pop.	Wartime Vets^	Gulf War	Vietnam War	Korean Conflict	WWII	Peacetime	Female	Male
1,042,520	98,386	74,820	33,741	34,181	6,711	2,793	23,566	8,613	89,773

[Source: VA.gov and US Census]

^reflects total Wartime Vets in Montana; since some Veterans may have served in multiple conflicts, this number is not a total of those numbers representing the five periods of service shown above

Key Takeaways:

- Montana has one of the highest per capita Veteran populations in the U.S.; about 1 in 10 residents (9.4%) are Veterans
- Female Veterans account for nearly 9% (8.75%) of the total Veteran population in Montana
- Combat Veterans account for nearly 80% of Montana’s Veteran population

VA Montana Health Care data for ENROLLED Veterans

Total Veterans	Eligible Veterans	Enrolled Veterans
96369	73744	47132

[Source: [VSSC data for FY 15](#)]

Key Takeaways:

- Roughly three-quarters (76.5%) of all MT Veterans are eligible for VA health care services
- Less than two-thirds (63.9%) of eligible MT Veterans are enrolled with VA Montana HCS

Total Uniques (CY16)	Male	Female
36540	33782	2758

[Source: [VistA data pull for CY 16 from QM](#)]

Key Takeaways:

- Over three-quarters (77.5%) of all Veterans enrolled in VAMTHCS were seen in CY 16
- Female Veterans accounted for 7.5% of those enrolled Veterans seen in CY 16

Age	Unique Veterans seen in CY16	%
20-29	1413	3.9%
30-39	3526	9.6%
40-49	3277	8.9%
50-59	4543	12.4%
60-69	10730	29.3%
70-79	8181	22.3%
80-89	3911	10.7%
90-99+	1048	2.9%

[Source: [VistA data pull for CY 16 from QM](#)]

Key Takeaways:

- Nearly two-thirds (65.2%) of all Montana Veterans seen in CY 16 were 60 or older

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Period of Service	Total Encounters (CY16)	%
Korean	46361	7.1%
Other / None	514	0.1%
Gulf War	170151	25.9%
Post-Korean	37786	5.8%
Post-Vietnam	66560	10.1%
Pre-Korean	1563	0.2%
Vietnam Era	310176	47.3%
World War II	22652	3.5%
TOTAL	655768	

[Source: VistA data pull for CY 16 from QM]

Key Takeaways:

- Vietnam Veterans used nearly half (47.3%) of all VAMT care in CY16
- Gulf War Veterans (includes OEF/OIF) used over a quarter (25.9%) of all VAMT care in CY16

Rurality of Veterans ENROLLED for VA Montana Health Care

Closest Facility	Highly Rural	Rural	Urban	Total	Highly Rural + Rural	Highly Rural + Rural (% of Total)
(V19) (436) Montana HCS (Total)	4,511	29,990	13,675	48,178	34,501	72%
(V19) (436) Fort Harrison VAMC	147	550	14	711	697	98%
(V19) (436A4) Miles City VAMC	348	635	9	992	983	99%
(V19) (436GA) Anaconda	107	3,583	44	3,734	3,690	99%
(V19) (436GB) Great Falls	228	1,509	4,724	6,461	1,737	27%
(V19) (436GC) Missoula	419	2,073	3,373	5,867	2,492	42%
(V19) (436GD) Bozeman	444	3,864	93	4,401	4,308	98%
(V19) (436GF) Kalispell	679	5,267	92	6,038	5,946	98%
(V19) (436GH) Billings	409	2,432	5,133	7,974	2,841	36%
(V19) (436GI) Glasgow	294	454	9	757	748	99%
(V19) (436GJ) Miles City VA Clinic	4			4	4	100%
(V19) (436GK) Glendive	234	474	15	723	708	98%
(V19) (436GL) Cut Bank	363	578	11	952	941	99%
(V19) (436GM) Lewistown	174	696	14	884	870	98%
(V19) (436HC) Havre	159	797	19	975	956	98%
(V19) (436QA) Hamilton	88	2,074	36	2,198	2,162	98%
(V19) (436QB) Plentywood	301	142	2	445	443	100%
(V19) (436QC) Helena	113	4,862	87	5,062	4,975	98%

[Source: VA Office of Rural Health, "Current Enrollment Cube Rurality by VAMC & Clinic, June 30, 2016"]

Key Takeaways:

- Nearly three-quarters (72%) of all enrolled Veterans are considered rural or highly rural
- 14 of 17 sites of care in VAMT serve enrolled Veteran populations that are 98% rural or greater