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Veterans in Michigan

*A Brief Overview of Demographic
Trends in Veterans Populations in the
State of Michigan and Nationwide*

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Understanding Michigan's Veteran Population

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Purpose: To provide the Commander's group with a comprehensive understanding of the present and emerging trends in the Michigan Veteran's population in order that this information may be used to target programs and services in the most effective way possible.

Michigan Specific Demographic Trends of Interest:

- National Scorecard
- Age
- Conflict
- Geographic Location
- Utilization of Health Services
- Gender

National Demographic Trends of Interest:

- Unemployment Rates
- Education
- Homelessness

Key Takeaways:

- Michigan's veteran population is shrinking in size
- Its needs are changing because its demographics are changing
- In utilizing this data and further data, we can target our constituents and provide them the best services possible in the most efficient manner.

Questions? Thank You!

Michigan's Veteran Population

Where are we currently? How do we compare nationally?

- 11th in veterans populations
- 6.7% of state population is comprised of veterans. Slightly below average which is 7.6%

States	Veterans Population*	State Population**	% of the Population
Alabama,AL	395,644	4,802,982	8.2%
Alaska,AK	77,482	721,523	10.7%
Arizona,AZ	545,304	6,412,700	8.5%
Arkansas,AR	247,965	2,926,229	8.5%
California,CA	1,865,342	37,341,989	5.0%
Colorado,CO	413,914	5,044,930	8.2%
Connecticut,CT	214,269	3,581,628	6.0%
Delaware,DE	76,132	900,877	8.5%
Dist. of Columbia, DC	35,893	801,723	4.5%
Florida,FL	1,583,715	18,900,773	8.4%
Georgia,GA	771,639	9,727,566	7.9%
Hawaii,HI	113,507	1,366,862	8.3%
Idaho,ID	135,047	1,573,499	8.6%
Illinois,IL	742,532	12,864,380	5.8%
Indiana,IN	472,392	6,501,582	7.3%
Iowa,IA	222,973	3,053,787	7.3%
Kansas,KS	216,709	2,863,813	7.6%
Kentucky,KY	326,162	4,350,606	7.5%
Louisiana,LA	290,587	4,553,962	6.4%
Maine,ME	134,146	1,333,074	10.1%
Maryland,MD	459,918	5,789,929	7.9%
Massachusetts,MA	364,052	6,559,644	5.5%
Michigan,MI	665,261	9,911,626	6.7%
Minnesota,MN	362,620	5,314,879	6.8%
Mississippi,MS	198,190	2,978,240	6.7%
Missouri,MO	487,425	6,011,478	8.1%
Montana,MT	99,714	994,416	10.0%
Nebraska,NE	139,628	1,831,825	7.6%
Nevada,NV	240,192	2,709,432	8.9%
New Hampshire,NH	124,132	1,321,445	9.4%
New Jersey,NJ	404,441	8,807,501	4.6%
New Mexico,NM	170,384	2,067,273	8.2%

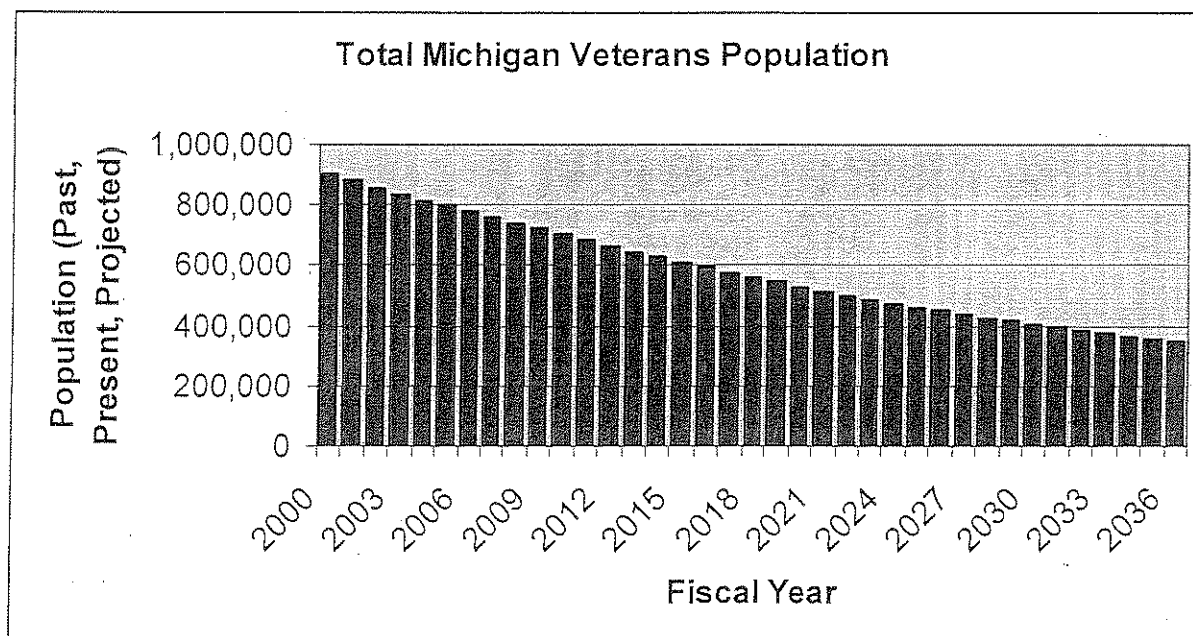
New York, NY	877,841	19,421,055	4.5%
North Carolina, NC	754,249	9,565,781	7.9%
North Dakota, ND	54,595	675,905	8.1%
Ohio, OH	844,404	11,568,495	7.3%
Oklahoma, OK	314,242	3,764,882	8.3%
Oregon, OR	320,820	3,848,606	8.3%
Pennsylvania, PA	903,349	12,734,905	7.1%
Puerto Rico	106,102	3,725,729	2.8%
Rhode Island, RI	65,980	1,055,247	6.3%
South Carolina, SC	400,720	4,645,975	8.6%
South Dakota, SD	69,686	819,761	8.5%
Tennessee, TN	482,099	6,375,431	7.6%
Texas, TX	1,670,929	25,268,418	6.6%
Utah, UT	150,152	2,770,765	5.4%
Vermont, VT	49,733	630,337	7.9%
Virginia, VA	823,056	8,037,736	10.2%
Washington, WA	620,283	6,753,369	9.2%
West Virginia, WV	159,828	1,859,815	8.6%
Wisconsin, WI	397,644	5,698,230	7.0%
Wyoming, WY	55,096	568,300	9.7%
Average	417,656	6,032,902	7.6%

Figures in table represent FY 2011 data provided by:

*USDVA Population Statistics

** US 2010 Census Bureau

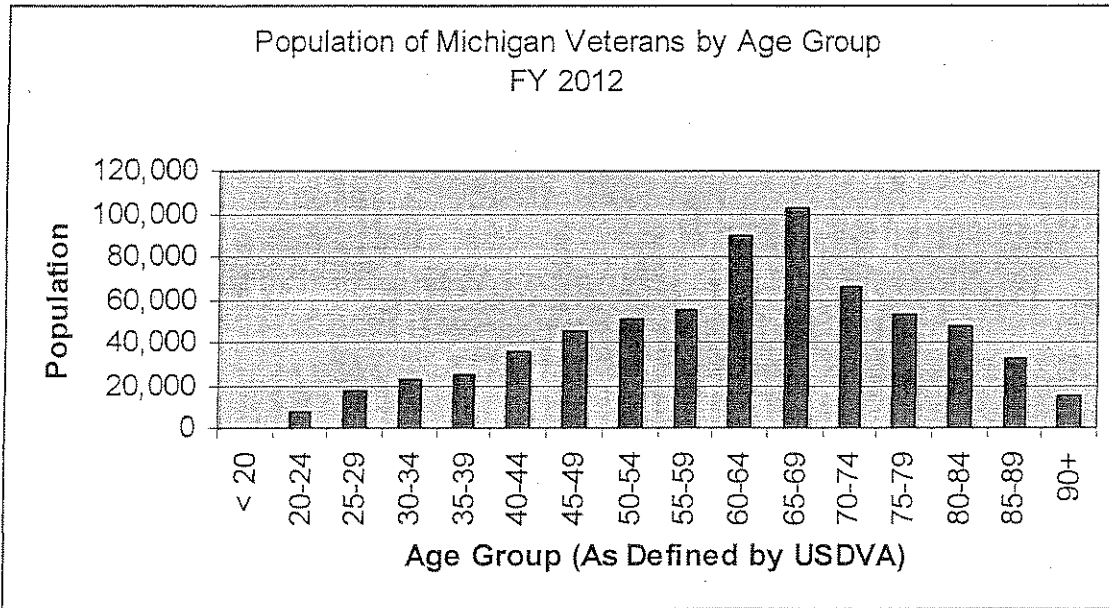
Where are we going? What will Michigan's Veteran's population look like in the future?



Michigan Veterans and Growing Pains

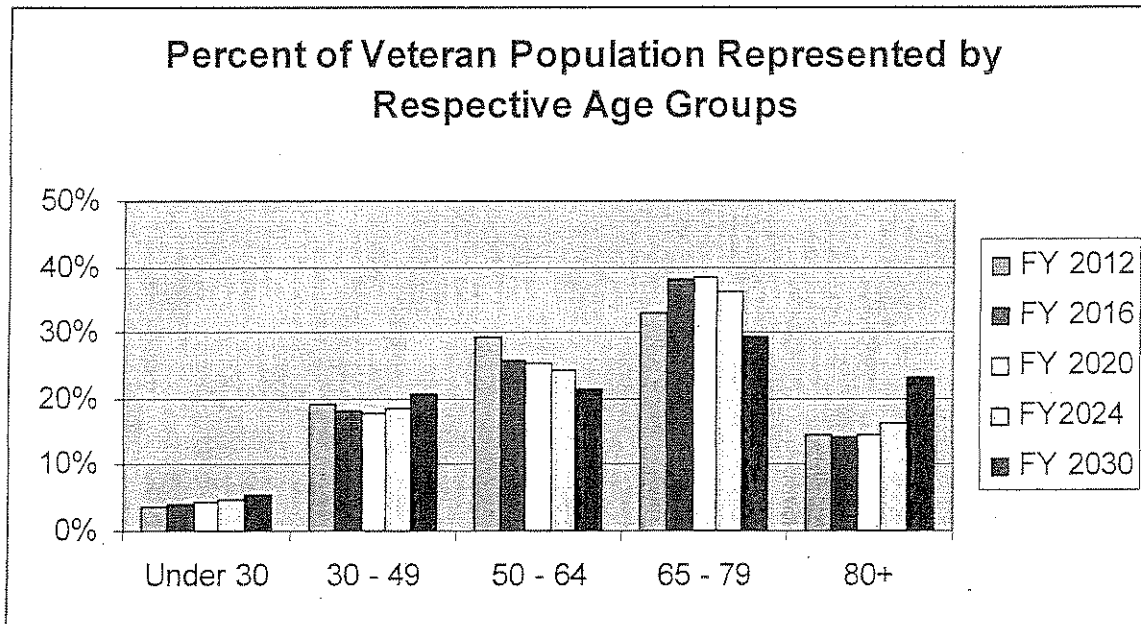
How old are Michigan's veterans?

- Michigan's veterans between the ages of 50 and 70 comprise over half of the total veteran population



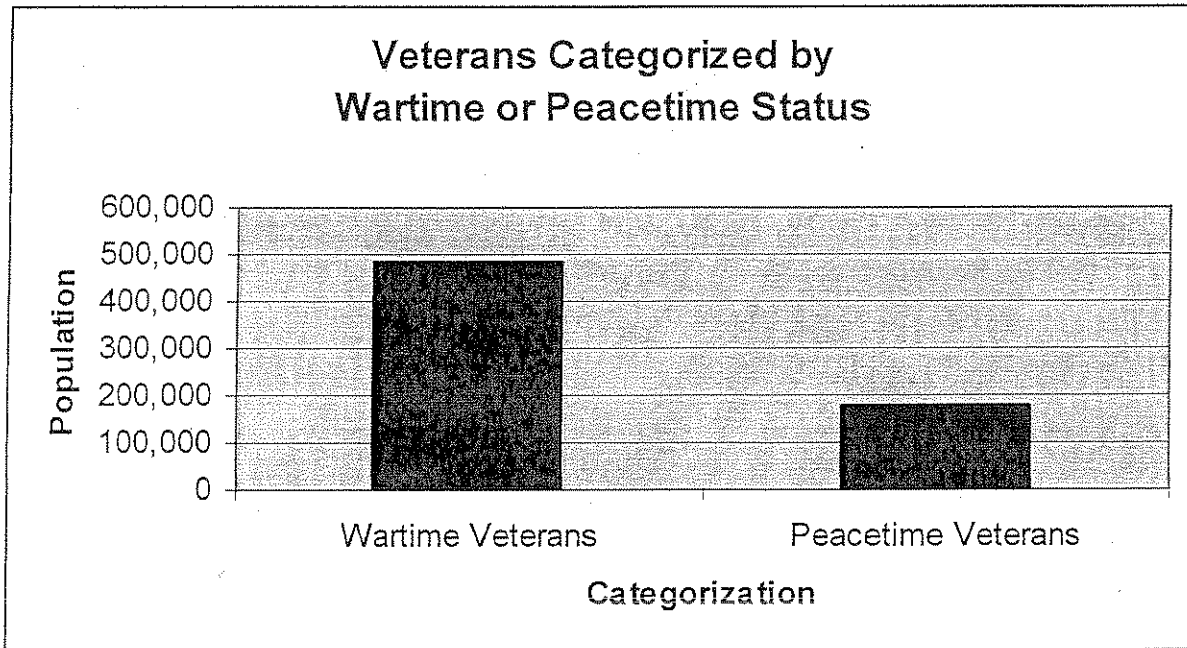
How will these demographics change?

- The overall decline in population will largely be felt among the age group of 50 – 64.
- As a result of this decline in population, other age groups will become a larger percentage of the veteran population.

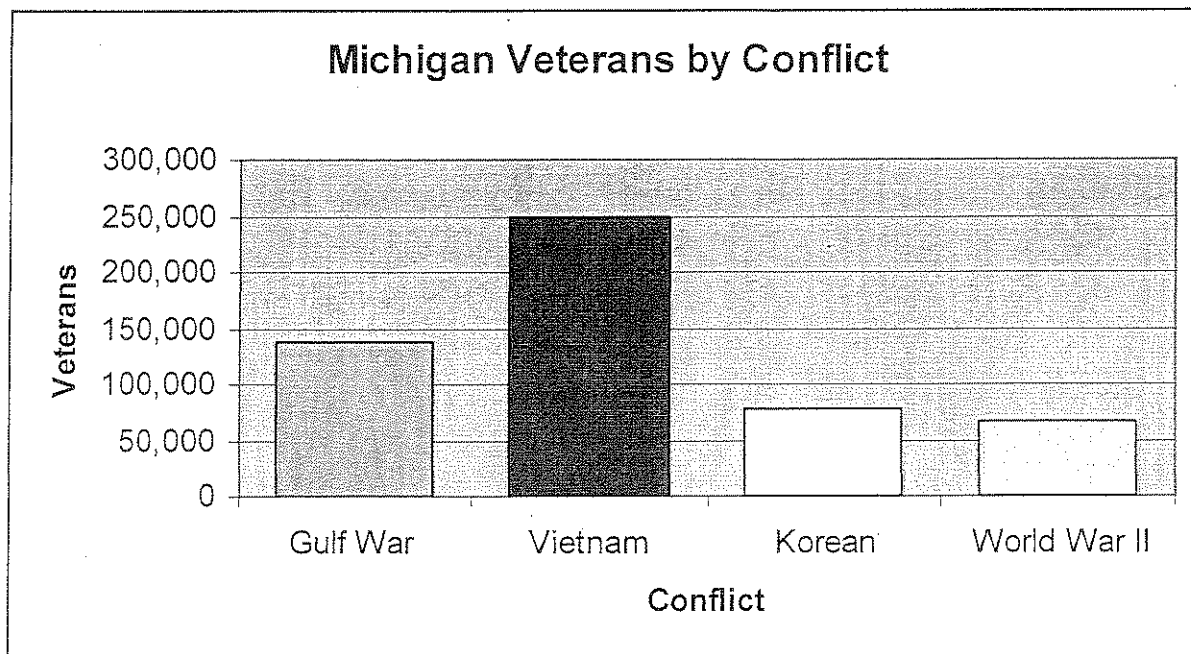


Michigan's Veterans by Conflict

What conflicts have Michigan's veterans participated in? In what proportion?



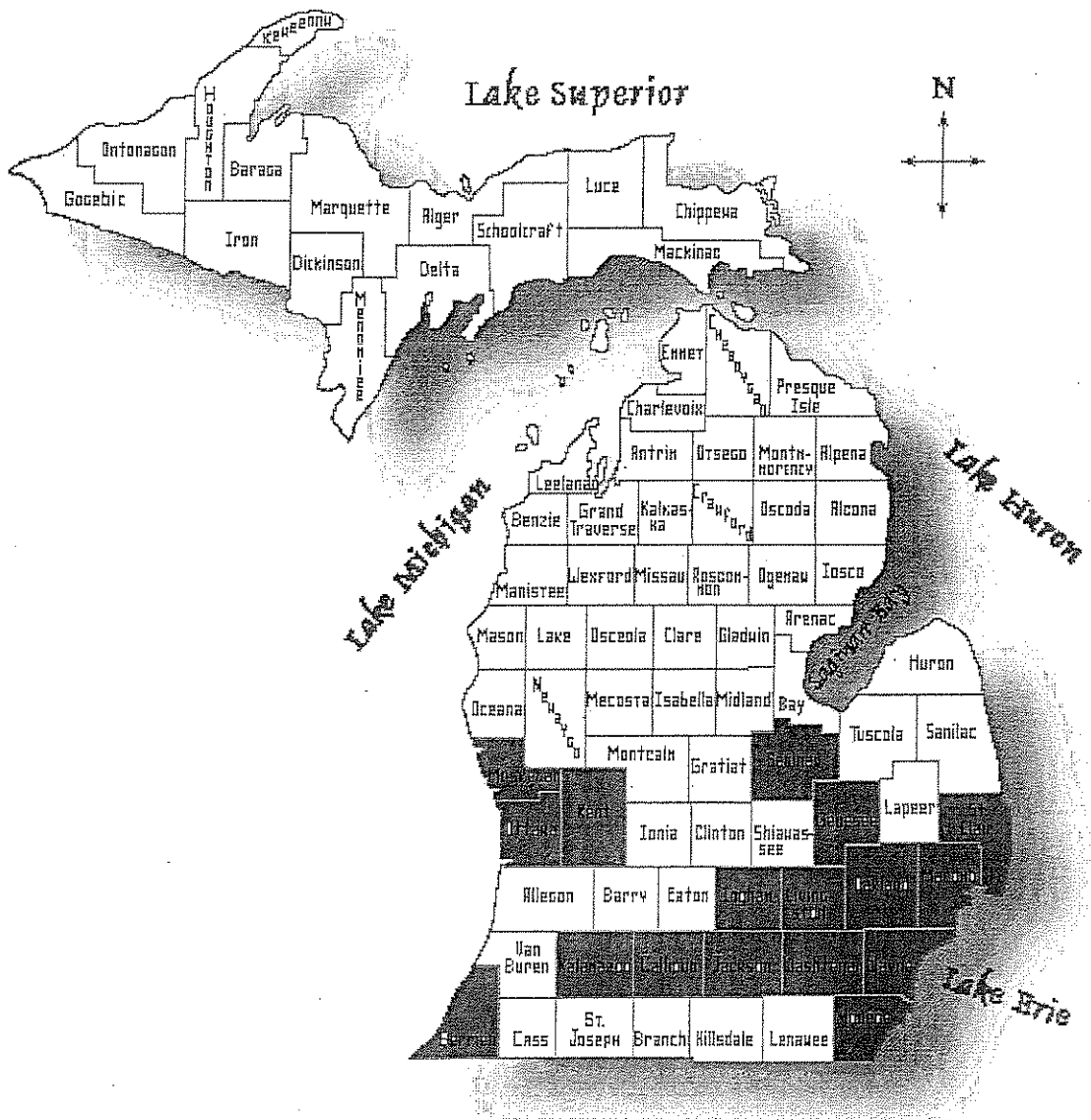
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Michigan's Veterans by Location

Do we know where veterans are locating?

- In FY 2012, 17 Counties have a population of 10,000 veterans or more
- Approximately 67.5% of Michigan's total Veteran population reside in these 17 counties



Veteran Population by County

<u>County, St</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>
Alcona, MI	1,615
Alger, MI	972
Allegan, MI	8,330
Alpena, MI	2,881
Antrim, MI	2,620
Arenac, MI	1,593
Baraga, MI	944
Barry, MI	4,858
Bay, MI	8,749
Benzie, MI	1,785
Berrien, MI	11,237
Branch, MI	3,560
Calhoun, MI	10,499
Cass, MI	4,361
Charlevoix, MI	2,782
Cheboygan, MI	2,478
Chippewa, MI	3,703
Clare, MI	3,405
Clinton, MI	4,757
Crawford, MI	1,727
Delta, MI	3,800
Dickinson, MI	2,551
Eaton, MI	8,182
Emmet, MI	3,009
Genesee, MI	29,238
Gladwin, MI	2,670
Gogebic, MI	2,030
Grand Traverse, MI	7,407
Gratiot, MI	2,813
Hillsdale, MI	3,418
Houghton, MI	2,789
Huron, MI	2,705
Ingham, MI	14,852
Ionia, MI	4,148
Iosco, MI	3,679
Iron, MI	1,265
Isabella, MI	3,814
Jackson, MI	11,614
Kalamazoo, MI	14,152
Kalkaska, MI	1,732
Kent, MI	33,985
Keweenaw, MI	280
Lake, MI	1,221

Lapeer, MI	7,049
Leelanau, MI	2,564
Lenawee, MI	8,161
Livingston, MI	12,363
Luce, MI	717
Mackinac, MI	1,035
Macomb, MI	55,836
Manistee, MI	2,408
Marquette, MI	6,365
Mason, MI	2,916
Mecosta, MI	3,687
Menominee, MI	2,604
Midland, MI	5,933
Missaukee, MI	1,293
Monroe, MI	11,582
Montcalm, MI	4,879
Montmorency, MI	1,021
Muskegon, MI	13,877
Newaygo, MI	4,106
Oakland, MI	67,274
Oceana, MI	2,391
Ogemaw, MI	2,453
Ontonagon, MI	907
Osceola, MI	2,027
Oscoda, MI	1,092
Otsego, MI	2,284
Ottawa, MI	15,673
Presque Isle, MI	1,879
Roscommon, MI	2,723
Saginaw, MI	14,142
Sanilac, MI	3,306
Schoolcraft, MI	974
Shiawassee, MI	5,374
St. Clair, MI	13,400
St. Joseph, MI	4,204
Tuscola, MI	4,441
Van Buren, MI	5,891
Washtenaw, MI	16,628
Wayne, MI	102,993
Wexford, MI	2,601
Total	665,261
*Figures Given are for FY 2012	
**Data Supplied by the USDVA	

Utilization of Health Services

What do we know about our veterans' utilization of VA health services?

- In a population of 723,369 veterans in Michigan in FY 09, 195,630 were enrolled in VA Medical Services
- Of 195,630 enrolled veterans, 125,090 veterans utilized this service, or 17.29% of the total veteran population
- Approximately 75% of both enrollees and users are categorized at a 1-6 priority rating, while the remaining 25% are categorized at a 7-8 priority rating

Where are these veterans located?

- In FY 2009, 27 counties had 1,000 or more veterans enrolled in VA medical services
- These 27 counties account for 75% of enrolled veterans

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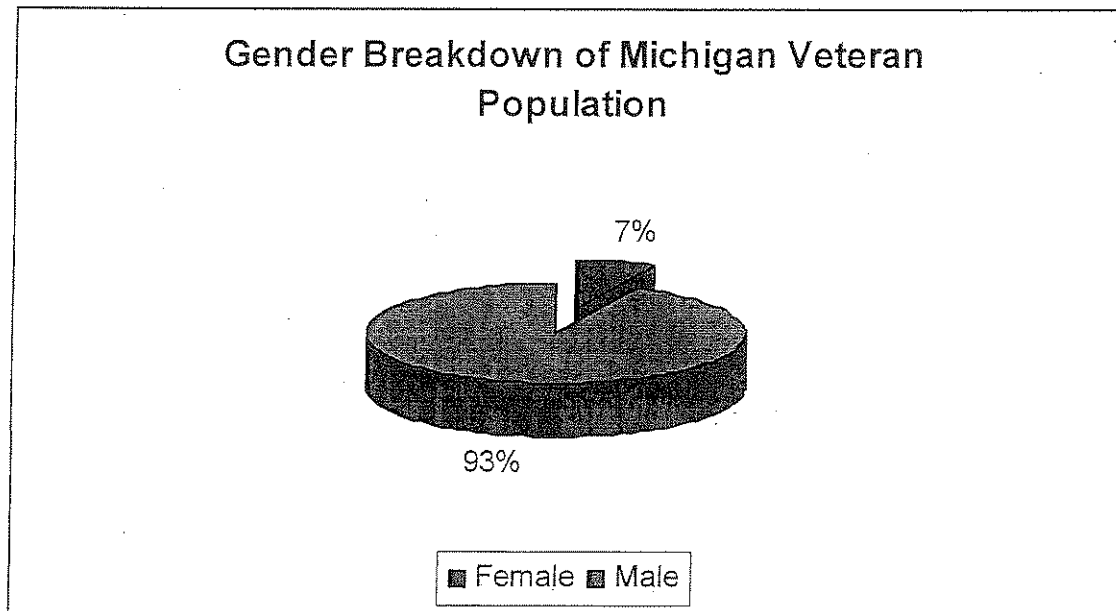
Veteran Utilization of Health Services by County

County	Total	Total	Users as
	Enrolled	Users	% of Enrolled
Alcona, MI	621	462	74%
Alger, MI	475	329	69%
Allegan, MI	1,748	1,185	68%
Aipena, MI	1,190	894	75%
Antrim, MI	680	470	69%
Arenac, MI	577	427	74%
Baraga, MI	315	238	75%
Barry, MI	1,138	788	69%
Bay, MI	2,884	1,776	61%
Benzie, MI	505	342	68%
Berrien, MI	4,258	3,088	72%
Branch, MI	1,119	748	67%
Calhoun, MI	4,309	3,081	71%
Cass, MI	1,210	876	72%
Charlevoix, MI	790	535	68%
Cheboygan, MI	888	587	66%
Chippewa, MI	1,332	930	69%
Clare, MI	1,279	878	68%
Clinton, MI	674	396	59%
Crawford, MI	482	302	63%
Delta, MI	1,956	1,406	71%
Dickinson, MI	1,705	1,303	75%
Eaton, MI	1,960	1,170	60%
Emmet, MI	844	538	64%
Genesee, MI	6,740	3,926	57%
Gladwin, MI	955	645	67%
Gogebic, MI	1,044	785	75%
Grand Traverse, MI	2,301	1,488	64%
Gratiot, MI	966	642	66%
Hillsdale, MI	1,075	707	65%
Houghton, MI	1,240	925	74%
Huron, MI	985	667	68%
Ingham, MI	4,084	2,428	59%
Ionia, MI	938	619	66%
Iosco, MI	1,395	985	71%
Iron, MI	834	651	78%
Isabella, MI	951	586	61%
Jackson, MI	3,904	2,511	64%
Kalamazoo, MI	4,198	2,769	66%
Kalkaska, MI	559	379	68%
Kent, MI	10,242	6,913	67%
Keweenaw, MI	100	68	68%
Lake, MI	399	284	71%
Lapeer, MI	1,585	932	59%
Leelanau, MI	461	321	70%
Lenawee, MI	2,472	1,588	64%
Livingston, MI	2,055	1,246	60%
Luce, MI	163	109	67%
Mackinac, MI	377	262	69%
Macomb, MI	12,403	7,034	56%
Manistee, MI	838	565	67%
Marquette, MI	2,508	1,702	67%
Mason, MI	686	453	66%
Mecosta, MI	841	507	60%
Menominee, MI	1,236	968	78%
Midland, MI	1,650	1,032	62%
Missaukee, MI	380	252	66%
Monroe, MI	2,690	1,575	58%
Montcalm, MI	1,303	840	64%
Montmorency, MI	526	364	69%
Muskegon, MI	4,124	2,709	65%
Newaygo, MI	1,146	803	70%
Oakland, MI	15,317	9,310	60%
Oceana, MI	620	385	62%
Ogemaw, MI	799	579	72%
Ontonagon, MI	510	406	78%
Osceola, MI	742	498	67%
Oscoda, MI	288	205	71%
Otsego, MI	771	506	65%
Ottawa, MI	3,654	2,485	68%
Presque Isle, MI	608	440	72%
Roscommon, MI	1,053	702	67%
Saginaw, MI	5,293	3,337	63%
St. Clair, MI	3,888	2,600	67%
St. Joseph, MI	1,322	885	67%
Sanilac, MI	1,417	945	67%
Schoolcraft, MI	367	261	70%
Shiawassee, MI	1,438	855	59%
Tuscola, MI	1,486	921	62%
Van Buren, MI	1,660	1,045	63%
Washtenaw, MI	4,271	2,710	63%
Wayne, MI	35,832	21,352	59%
Wexford, MI	1,001	674	67%
Grand Total	195,630	125,090	64%

The Prevalence of Female Veterans

What proportion of the Michigan veteran population is comprised of women?

- Approximately 45,000 women, or 7% of the total veteran population



How do you expect this demographic to change in the future?

- USDVA statistics project this demographic will comprise 12% of Michigan's total veteran population by 2030
 - This is primarily due to the decline in other key demographics of the veterans population

Where are these women located?

- In FY 2012, 9 Michigan counties had female veterans populations of 1,000 or greater
- Approximately 57% of Michigan's total female veteran population is located in these 9 counties

Female Veteran Population by County

<u>County, St</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>%Change</u>
<u>In Michigan</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 12 - 15</u>
Alcona, MI	54	14%
Alger, MI	62	-5%
Allegan, MI	663	5%
Alpena, MI	281	3%
Antrim, MI	81	11%
Arenac, MI	94	5%
Baraga, MI	67	1%
Barry, MI	178	1%
Bay, MI	536	-2%
Benzie, MI	101	9%
Berrien, MI	582	-1%
Branch, MI	202	3%
Calhoun, MI	891	-1%
Cass, MI	227	5%
Charlevoix, MI	119	6%
Cheboygan, MI	88	1%
Chippewa, MI	145	2%
Clare, MI	119	2%
Clinton, MI	193	6%
Crawford, MI	103	6%
Delta, MI	243	-4%
Dickinson, MI	277	5%
Eaton, MI	542	3%
Emmet, MI	127	11%
Genesee, MI	2,302	0%
Gladwin, MI	167	4%
Gogebic, MI	145	-7%
Grand Traverse, MI	494	2%
Gratiot, MI	265	1%
Hillsdale, MI	194	2%
Houghton, MI	246	-3%
Huron, MI	110	0%
Ingham, MI	1,013	4%
Ionia, MI	300	0%
Iosco, MI	220	4%
Iron, MI	69	4%
Isabella, MI	165	7%
Jackson, MI	793	-1%
Kalamazoo, MI	998	1%
Kalkaska, MI	70	6%
Kent, MI	2,410	-2%
Keweenaw, MI	30	1%

Lake, MI	64	1%
Lapeer, MI	420	1%
Leelanau, MI	123	-1%
Lenawee, MI	286	5%
Livingston, MI	1,006	5%
Luce, MI	37	6%
Mackinac, MI	47	0%
Macomb, MI	3,651	0%
Manistee, MI	139	0%
Marquette, MI	287	1%
Mason, MI	172	2%
Mecosta, MI	208	4%
Menominee, MI	142	-1%
Midland, MI	412	-3%
Missaukee, MI	96	3%
Monroe, MI	846	-1%
Montcalm, MI	203	4%
Montmorency, MI	46	-2%
Muskegon, MI	904	1%
Newaygo, MI	270	-2%
Oakland, MI	3,722	0%
Oceana, MI	114	-2%
Ogemaw, MI	104	6%
Ontonagon, MI	89	-5%
Osceola, MI	164	-2%
Oscoda, MI	82	8%
Otsego, MI	113	13%
Ottawa, MI	1,070	1%
Presque Isle, MI	88	-2%
Roscommon, MI	123	6%
Saginaw, MI	967	-4%
St. Clair, MI	555	1%
St. Joseph, MI	335	-1%
Sanilac, MI	254	-3%
Schoolcraft, MI	46	2%
Shiawassee, MI	430	-2%
Tuscola, MI	265	0%
Van Buren, MI	640	5%
Washtenaw, MI	1,637	3%
Wayne, MI	9,161	-3%
Wexford, MI	117	-6%
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Additional Demographic Trends of Interest:

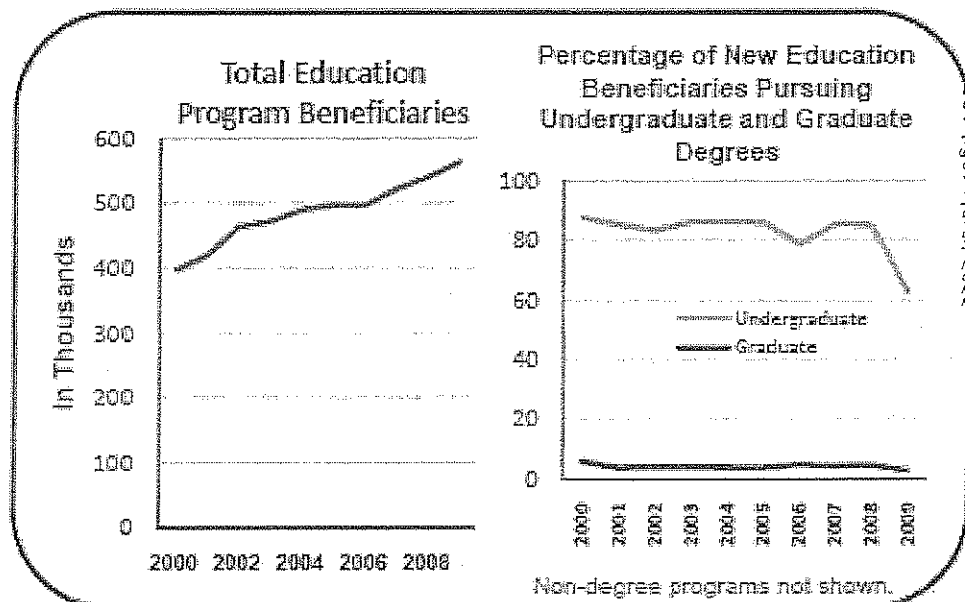
Research on these areas for Michigan specific data is ongoing.

What is the employment outlook for veterans?

- According to a recent publication by the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics most Veteran Populations are experiencing similar un-employment rates as their civilian non-veteran counterparts
 - Minority veterans, guard and reserve forces that served in the Gulf War appear to be the most vulnerable
 - Veterans with higher education appear to be better prepared for employment in the poor economy, regardless of conflict, age, or branch of service

What is the education outlook for veterans?

- The national utilization of educational benefits appears to be on a downward trend
- Currently working to understand how Michigan fits into this national picture



How is homelessness affecting veterans?

- Veterans are overrepresented in the homeless population
- A recent report by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicates that Veterans comprised approximately 12% of all sheltered people in a (point in time) estimate in January 2009
 - The typical homeless veteran is male, white, between the ages of 31 and 50, and is disabled
- The same HUD report estimated that 7.5% of Michigan's total homeless population are veterans