



VETERANS

Overview

There is a sizeable veteran population and this report describes both the number of able and disabled veterans and the services they use. Of particular interest is the number of veterans using services such as Post-Conflict care, receiving disability or pension payments, and memorial affairs.

2007 & 2008 American Community Survey 3-year estimates

- **Geography:** By state and select MetroWest cities/towns
- **Years Available:** 2008
- **Website:** www.factfinder.census.gov

Key Findings:

- MA 2008 estimate population was 438,047 civilian veterans, 8.7% of the 18 or older population compared to a U.S. percentage of 10.1%
- Framingham total 1-year estimate for 2008 was 67,000 with a disabled veteran population of 7,206 (2008 1-year estimate)
- Walpole had the highest percentage of 10.8%; Waltham had the lowest at 5.7% of MetroWest towns reported.

2009 Massachusetts and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Summary

- **Geography:** By state and select MetroWest cities/towns
- **Years Available:** 2008
- **Website:** www1.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/ss_massachusetts.pdf

Key Findings:

- **General Information – Massachusetts**
 - Number of veterans: 425,000
 - VA expenditures in Massachusetts: \$1.6 billion
 - # of veterans and survivors receiving disability compensation or pension payments in Massachusetts: 65,054
 - Number of Massachusetts veterans using GI Bill education benefits: 6,039
 - Number of Massachusetts participants in VA vocational rehabilitation: 592
 - Number of veterans buried in Massachusetts's VA national cemeteries: 2,436
 - Inpatient admissions, statewide, fiscal year 2008: 12,159
 - Outpatient visits, statewide, fiscal year 2008: 1,015,000
 - Outpatient clinic locations in MetroWest: Framingham
- **Post-Conflict Care - Massachusetts**
 - Number of veterans from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan seeking treatment in 2008: 4,550
- **Disabilities and Pensions - Massachusetts**
 - Number of veterans receiving monthly disability compensation: 52,462
 - Number of VA pensions to veterans in Massachusetts: 4,024
 - Number of death compensation or pension payments made to survivors: 8,568
 - Number of disability compensation claims processed: 8,139
- **Memorial Affairs – Massachusetts**
 - National cemetery burials in Massachusetts, 2008:
 - Massachusetts: 2,436
 - Headstones and markers provided in 2008 (statewide): 10,945