

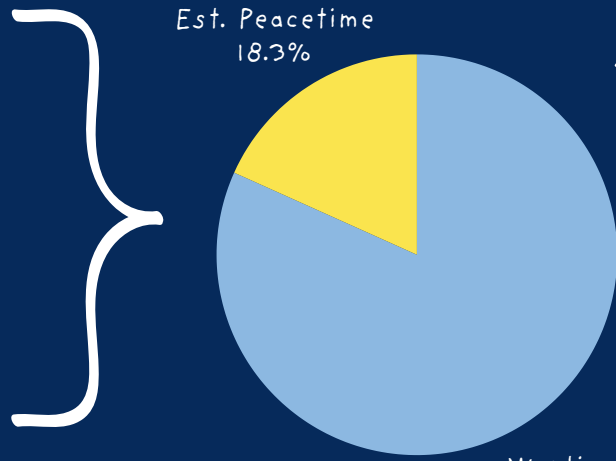
By the Numbers

A SPECIAL REPORT from the
OFFICE OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY COMPTROLLER
in collaboration with the OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

VETERANS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

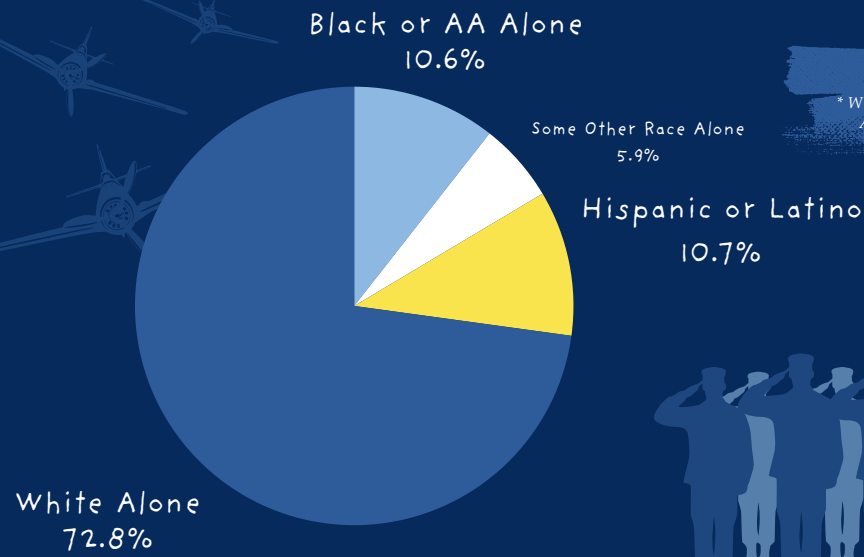
Of the 299,963* residents in Dutchess County, an estimated 13,676 are Veterans, the majority of which are male, between the ages of 65 and 84.

*ACS, 1-YEAR 2024



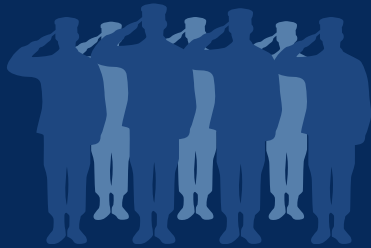
“Wartime” means a veteran served (not necessarily in combat) during conflicts defined by legislation in Congress. A “wartime” or “peacetime”* designation impacts benefit eligibility by the VA.

*The 1-Year 2024 American Community Survey from the United States Census does not include peacetime veterans, estimated to be 2,500.



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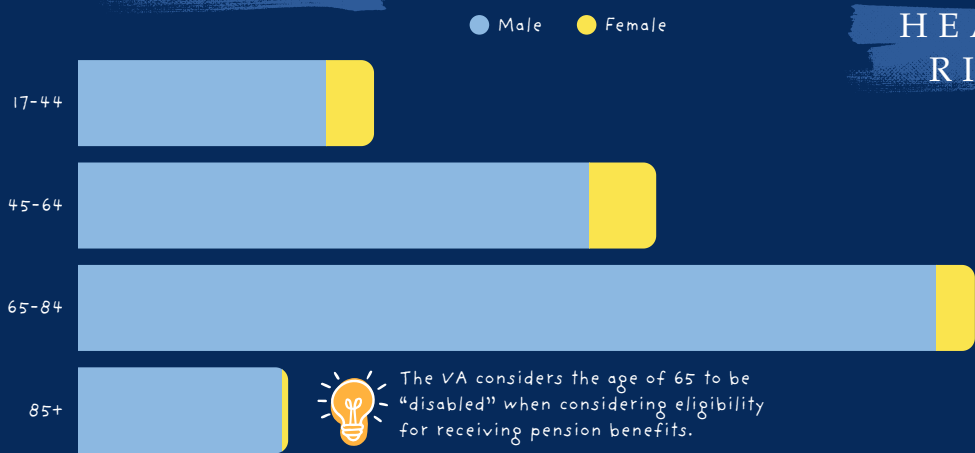
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PERIODS OF SERVICE

*OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF): 2001-2014
*OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF): 2003-2011

AGE & SEX



The VA considers the age of 65 to be “disabled” when considering eligibility for receiving pension benefits.

HEALTH RISKS

Both Vietnam veterans, as well as those who served after August 1990, endure a variety of what the VA refers to as “presumptive conditions” associated with war-time service. These can include illnesses caused by herbicides, as with the conflict in Vietnam, or by burning oil wells and open burn pits during conflicts in the Middle East.

“Presumptive conditions” do not include mental health conditions, which includes Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and a variety of co-occurring disorders that may develop following a traumatic event (such as combat).

Dutchess County is home to 3 specialized VA facilities for treating veterans.

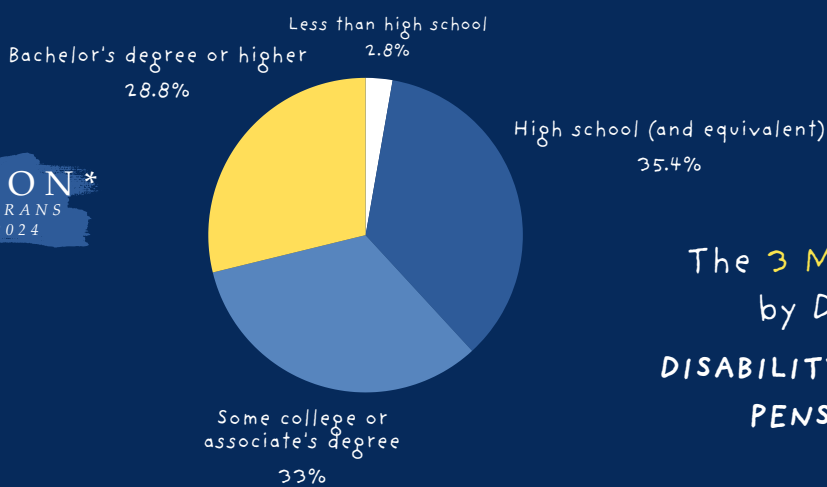
Castle Point VA Medical Center
41 Castle Point Road
Wappingers Falls, NY
(845) 831-2000

Eastern Dutchess VA Clinic
2881 W. Church Street
Pine Plains, NY
(518) 398-9240

Poughkeepsie VA Clinic
488 Freedom Plains Road
Poughkeepsie, NY
(845) 452-5151

EDUCATION*

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The 3 MOST USED benefits by DC veterans are...

DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS
PENSIONS & HEALTHCARE

21%

of DC veterans have a VA-rated disability.

The Office of Veterans Affairs ensures our County veterans and their families receive their maximum eligible benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies at all levels of government.

Veterans must apply to receive these benefits. They are not automatic.

TAKE THE



VETERANS SURVEY!

OPERATION: MOBILE OUTREACH

A Veterans Services Officer (VSO) will now be available to offer in-person help in communities throughout Dutchess County on evenings and weekends!

Find dates, times, and locations on the Dutchess County website.

