According to the 2000 U.S. Census, New York is home to 1.4 million veterans.

Approximately 85,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have returned to New York State.

As of June 2009, there were approximately 13,000 outstanding VA claims made by veterans in New York State.

According to the 2008 RAND Invisible Wounds study, 20% of returning soldiers suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or depression.

The RAND study also revealed that 47% of veterans with PTSD or Major Depression did not seek care and half of those who sought care did not receive minimally adequate services.

The number of suicides reported by the Army has risen to the highest level since record-keeping began three decades ago.

As of June 2009, there were 900,000 outstanding VA claims and appeals made by veterans.

A 2008 study revealed that 37% of mental health professionals felt unprepared to help veterans with reintegration issues.

Women comprise 11% of those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001.

As of May 2007, approximately 15% of female Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who have gone to the VA for care have screened positive for Military Sexual Trauma.

Approximately 40% of troops currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are parents.

In 2007, approximately 2 million children were impacted by their parents being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Preliminary data from the VA suggests that Iraq and Afghanistan veterans already comprise 1.8% of the homeless veteran population, and this figure is expected to rise.

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