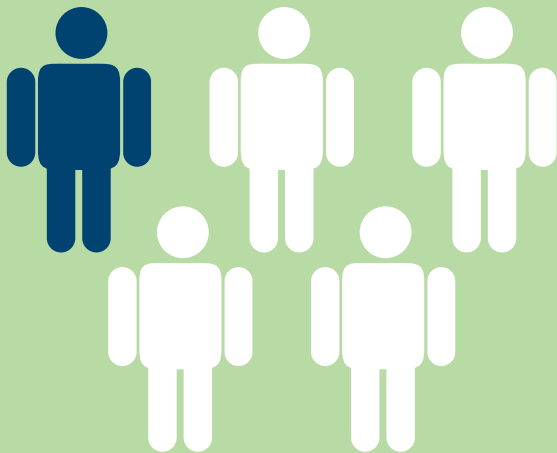


1 in 5 recent Vets affected by hearing loss, tinnitus, or both



Hearing problems—including tinnitus—continue to be the most prevalent service-connected disability among Veterans. The statistic depicted here is based on a study of more than 570,000 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans in VA care between 2001 and 2014. The study was presented by a team with the South Texas Veterans Health Care System at the Military Health Research Symposium in August 2016.

Hearing loss alone: **7.78%**

Tinnitus alone: **6.54%**

Hearing loss and tinnitus: **6.24%**

Total affected by one or both conditions: **20.56%**