



SLC Veteran Services Division

Veteran Administration Annual Benefit Report for FY-23

ST LUCIE COUNTY VA FEDERAL BENEFIT DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR VETERANS RECEIVING BENEFITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

2023 Veteran Population in St. Lucie County = 23,772

According to National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics
Following Expenditures were allocated for Saint Lucie County Veterans:

Compensation & Pension		\$208,291,000 million
Education/Vocational Rehab/Employment		\$14,111,000 million
Insurance & Indemnities		\$698,000 thousand
Medical Care		\$165,309,000 million
Unique Patients		\$10,459,000 million
Total 2023 VA Distributions		\$388,409,000 million

VA Compensation: Benefits distributed to Veterans who served on Active Duty and were injured and now have service-connected disabilities due to military service.

VA Pension: Benefits distributed to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income net worth within certain limits.

Education/Vocational Rehab/Employment: Benefits distributed to Veterans who seek additional education. Vocational Rehabilitation is a program that employs Veterans part-time while attending college. Employment programs that help Veterans attain future employment.

Insurance & Indemnities: Low-cost life insurance availability for service-connected Veterans.

Medical Care: Expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items.

Unique Patients: Veteran patients who received treatment at VA health care facility from St. Lucie County.

Prior Year Comparisons

Year		Veteran Population		Total VA Distribution
2022		24,027		\$339,620,000 million
2021		24,632		\$282,647,000 million



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NOTES

1. Veteran population estimates are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary and are based on Veterans receiving VA benefits. The Veteran population in Saint Lucie County decreased by **255** Veterans; however, the Veteran Services Division helps all Widows and Widowers apply for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC). When a Veteran dies of a service-connected disability or the disability was a contributing factor to Veterans death, then we can help widows or widowers apply for DIC. DIC is a pension to help Widows or Widowers financially. The Widows or Widowers will also inherit some of the benefits the Veteran had received from the VA after their death. This action will continue to keep these Veterans benefits active through their Widows or Widowers lives for additional benefits and services.
2. Compensation & Pension distributions include dollars for the following programs:
 - a. Veterans Compensation for service-connected disabilities.
 - b. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for service-connected deaths.
 - c. Veterans Pensions for nonservice-connected disabilities.
 - d. Burials and other benefits to Veterans and their survivors.
3. Medical Care distributions include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical care distributions are based on where patients live instead of where care is delivered.
4. Although our Veteran population decreased by **255** Veterans this year, VA Distribution dollars increased by **\$48,789,000** between 2022 & 2023. This is an increase of **14%** from previous year. This is a testament to the hard work that is done at the Veterans Services Division by its Veteran Service Officers and staff.