

Research Report

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Veterans With a 100% Disability Rating by Town

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Issue

How many veterans in each town have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (U.S. DVA) disability rating of 100%? (For the number of veterans in each town that have been deemed permanently and totally disabled, see OLR Report <u>2023-R-0287</u>.)

Veterans With a100% Disability Rating

The U.S. DVA assigns <u>disability ratings</u>, expressed as a percentage, based on the severity of an individual's serviceconnected condition or conditions. Broadly, the rating represents how much one's overall health and ability to function is decreased and is used to determine the amount of certain <u>federal compensation</u> (and some state benefits, like property tax exemptions) to which an individual is entitled. The maximum rating is 100%, or a total disability. Unless the U.S. DVA determines the 100% disability is unlikely to improve (e.g., loss of both hands) and deems it a "permanent and total disability," future exams and rating determinations may result in the U.S. DVA lowering an individual's rating.

According to information the U.S. DVA provided, as of April 2023, 3,716 veterans in Connecticut were receiving compensation based on a 100% disability rating. This total includes veterans whose total disability rating has been deemed permanent, as

Towns With Most Veterans With a 100% Disability Rating*

By number:

West Haven (127) Waterbury (105) Groton (94) Bridgeport (90) New Haven (90)

By percentage of population:

Canaan (0.46%) Canterbury (0.39%) Sprague (0.34%) Bozrah (0.33%) Preston (0.33%)

Total, all towns: 3,716*

*Based on U.S. DVA April 2023 data for veterans receiving compensation

well as those whose rating has not been deemed permanent. Table 1 shows the number by town and percentage of the town's population. The U.S. DVA's <u>Annual Benefits Report (2022)</u>, provides additional information on federal benefits provided to veterans, broken down by state.

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City	Number ¹	Pop Estimate ²	Percent of Population	City	Number ¹	Pop Estimate ²	Percent Populati	
Andover	3	3,150	0.10%	Durham	8	7,207	0.11	
Ansonia	20	18,923	0.11%	East Granby	7	5,218	0.13	
Ashford	4	4,222	0.09%	East Haddam	13	8,949	0.1	
Avon	19	18,871	0.10%	East Hampton	16	12,960	0.12	
Barkhamsted	4	3,667	0.11%	East Hartford	60	50,718	0.12	
Beacon Falls	7	6,126	0.11%	East Haven	42	27,682	0.15	
Berlin	18	20,197	0.09%	East Lyme	28	18,788	0.1	
Bethany	7	5,277	0.13%	East Windsor	25	11,176	0.22	
Bethel	13	20,684	0.06%	Eastford	2	1,675	0.12	
Bethlehem	5	3,409	0.15%	Easton	5	7,630	0.0	
Bloomfield	26	21,560	0.12%	Ellington	20	16,977	0.12	
Bolton	11	4,834	0.23%	Enfield	61	41,245	0.1	
Bozrah	8	2,420	0.33%	Essex	6	6,793	0.09	
Branford	35	28,148	0.12%	Fairfield	36	62,871	0.06	
Bridgeport	90	148,377	0.06%	Farmington	22	26,728	0.08	
Bridgewater	4	1,652	0.24%	Franklin	1	1,881	0.05	
Bristol	74	61,330	0.12%	Glastonbury	19	35,199	0.05	
Brookfield	6	17,543	0.03%	Goshen	2	3,203	0.06	
Brooklyn	17	8,502	0.20%	Granby	20	11,041	0.18	
Burlington	12	9,710	0.12%	Greenwich	22	63,638	0.03	
Canaan	5	1,081	0.46%	Griswold	23	11,509	0.20	
Canterbury	20	5,102	0.39%	Groton	94	37,743	0.25	
Canton	8	10,091	0.08%	Guilford	11	22,019	0.05	
Chaplin	4	2,156	0.19%	Haddam	8	8,670	0.09	
Cheshire	23	28,994	0.08%	Hamden	65	60,809	0.12	
Chester	7	3,757	0.19%	Hampton	5	1,738	0.29	
Clinton	20	13,399	0.15%	Hartford	61	120,686	0.05	
Colchester	30	15,572	0.19%	Hartland	3	1,908	0.16	
Colebrook	3	1,369	0.22%	Harwinton	10	5,562	0.18	
Columbia	8	5,258	0.15%	Hebron	15	9,121	0.10	
Cornwall	1	1,573	0.06%	Kent	4	3,051	0.13	
Coventry	17	12,285	0.14%	Killingly	37	17,837	0.22	
Cromwell	16	14,317	0.11%	Killingworth	9	6,239	0.14	
Danbury	46	86,967	0.05%	Lebanon	7	7,132	0.10	
Darien	3	21,926	0.01%	Ledyard	44	15,456	0.28	
Deep River	4	4,445	0.09%	Lisbon	10	4,242	0.24	
Derby	10	12,358	0.08%	Litchfield	9	8,279	0.1	

Table 1: Veterans With a 100% Disability by Town and as Percent of the Population

City	Number1	Pop Estimate ²	Percent of Population		City	Number ¹	Pop Estimate ²	
me	4	2,401	0.17%	Pres	ton	16	4,840	
adison	15	17,565	0.09%	Pros	pect	7	9,435	
nchester	70	59,461	0.12%	Putn	am	7	9,302	
nsfield	20	31,949	0.06%	Red	ding	6	8,746	
lborough	15	6,109	0.25%	Ridg	efield	5	25,007	
den	82	60,242	0.14%	Rock	cy Hill	31	20,712	
dlebury	5	7,807	0.06%	Rox	bury	4	2,279	
dlefield	3	4,248	0.07%	Sale	m	7	4,326	
dletown	51	48,729	0.10%	Salis	sbury	3	4,239	
ord	83	52,679	0.16%		nour	22	16,809	
nroe	11	18,796	0.06%	Shai	ron	3	2,724	
ntville	55	17,891	0.31%	Shel	ton	25	41,897	
ris	2	2,267	0.09%	Sher	rman	4	3,537	
gatuck	31	31,705	0.10%		sbury	29	24,935	
v Britain	55	74,396	0.07%	Som	ers	11	9,843	
Canaan	3	20,775	0.01%	Sout Wind		21	26,783	
v Fairfield	13	13,536	0.10%	Sout	hbury	27	19,979	
Hartford	7	6,698	0.10%	Sout	hington	62	43,753	
Haven	90	138,915	0.06%	Spra	igue	10	2,958	
/ London	33	27,980	0.12%	Staf	ford	17	11,449	
Milford	28	28,275	0.10%	Stan	nford	53	136,188	
ington	37	30,356	0.12%	Ster	ling	6	3,623	
rtown	19	27,577	0.07%	Ston	ington	22	18,480	
olk	5	1,594	0.31%		tford	45	52,477	
th nford	23	13,464	0.17%	Suff	ield	21	15,731	
rth Haven	27	24,114	0.11%	Thor	naston	8	7,468	
h Nington	5	5,174	0.10%	Thor	npson	12	9,315	
walk	42	91,401	0.05%	Tolla	nd	16	14,577	
wich	84	40,009	0.21%	Torri	ngton	42	35,563	
Lyme	13	7,684	0.17%		nbull	19	37,135	
Saybrook	8	10,535	0.08%	Unio	n	1	793	
nge	9	14,258	0.06%	Vern	on	53	30,625	
ord	16	12,941	0.12%	Volu	ntown	7	2,592	
infield	30	15,143	0.20%		ingford	47	44,017	
inville	23	17,479	0.13%	War	-	1	1,352	
mouth	17	11,711	0.15%	Was	hington	2	3,666	

Table 1 (continued)

City	Number ¹	Pop Estimate ²	Percent of Population	City	Number ¹	Pop Estimate ²	Percent of Population
Pomfret	6	4.307	0.14%	Winchester	20	10,240	0.20%
Portland	16	9,429	0.17%	Windham	29	24,399	0.12%
Watertown	27	22,183	0.12%	Windsor	39	29,453	0.13%
West Hartford	39	64,271	0.06%	Windsor Locks	22	12,537	0.18%
West Haven	127	55,004	0.23%	Wolcott	19	16,190	0.12%
Westbrook	6	6,860	0.09%	Woodbridge	8	9,051	0.09%
Weston	3	10,354	0.03%	Woodbury	9	9,802	0.09%
Westport	10	27,427	0.04%	Woodstock	9	8,312	0.11%
Wethersfield	38	27,129	0.14%	Waterbury	105	115,016	0.09%
Willington	5	5,544	0.09%	Waterford	32	19,603	0.16%
Wilton	3	18,457	0.02%				

Table 1 (continued)

 $^{\rm 1}$ Provided by U.S. DVA, based on April 2023 data

² Department of Public Health, <u>Annual Town and County Population for Connecticut</u>, 2022 estimates

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