

Estimated Number of Veterans in Connecticut Who Receive TDIU Benefits

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This report provides estimates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (U.S. DVA) on the number of veterans residing in Connecticut who are classified as totally disabled based on individual unemployability (TDIU).

Overview

A veteran classified as TDIU receives disability compensation benefits at the same level as an individual who has a 100% disability rating even though he or she may not meet the criteria for a 100% schedular rating (a disability percentage the U.S. DVA assigns based on certain criteria for rating disabilities) ([38 C.F.R. § 4.16](#)).

Summary

The U.S. DVA uses various federal datasets to estimate the number of TDIU veterans across the United States. Based on this data, there were a total of 2,285 veterans with TDIU benefits residing in Connecticut as of September 30, 2025 (see Table 1 below).

The U.S. DVA public affairs representative stated that as of May 2026, the number of Connecticut veterans receiving TDIU benefits is estimated to be 2,283.

National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics' Estimate

The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics was unable to provide a town-by-town estimate. However, using various federal datasets, the center was able to provide the total

estimates, on a county-by-county basis, of Connecticut veterans who are classified as TDIU (see Table 1 below).

The federal government considers the state's nine planning regions as the state's "county equivalent" and uses these regions for data collection purposes. As a result, this data reflects those planning regions rather than the state's eight historical counties.

Table 1: Estimate of Veterans With TDIU Benefits Residing in Connecticut by County (Planning Region) as of 9/30/25

FIPS Code*	County Name (Planning Region)	Number of Veterans With the TDIU Benefit
09110	Capitol	667
09120	Greater Bridgeport	119
09130	Lower Connecticut River Valley	120
09140	Naugatuck Valley	308
09150	Northeastern Connecticut	127
09160	Northwest Hills	87
09170	South Central Connecticut	404
09180	Southeastern Connecticut	298
09190	Western Connecticut	155
Connecticut Total		2,285

*The FIPS code is a numeric designation the [Census Bureau](#) assigns to each county (planning region).

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