

**Department of Veterans Affairs
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Request: The total number of disability compensation claims submitted by servicemembers, broken down by status (active, reserve, and national guard) and year, for each of the following vaccine-induced conditions from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2019:

- (1) Brachial neuritis
- (2) Encephalopathy or encephalitis
- (3) Thrombocytopenic purpura
- (4) Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome
- (5) Intussusception
- (6) Guillain-Barré syndrome
- (7) Myocarditis
- (8) Pericarditis
- (9) Transverse myelitis

VA Response: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has provided the data for the disability claims received at VA for the nine requested conditions from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2019, within the five tables below. Additionally, VA has organized each table by the Veteran’s military service component (active duty, reserve, and National Guard).

VA did not receive a claim for thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome during the requested timeframe. Although VA has received claims for service connection for eight of the nine conditions, this data does not contain information on whether the Veteran claimed them as a result of a vaccination. Moreover, medical and scientific bodies are currently conducting research regarding possible associations between diseases and vaccines.

¹Table 1: Claims Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2015

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	271	37	88
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	215	22	36
Myocarditis	51	7	11
Guillian-Barre syndrome	77	12	20
Brachial neuritis	83	11	32
Thrombocytopenia purpura	50	5	16

¹ VA received one claim for pericarditis in 2015 from a Veteran’s whose service component was unknown.

Transverse myelitis	41	5	16
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Table 2: Claims Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2016

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	278	35	107
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	236	31	50
Myocarditis	51	4	23
Guillian-Barre syndrome	113	11	29
Brachial neuritis	64	14	20
Thrombocytopenia purpura	47	8	27
Transverse myelitis	45	5	14

²Table 3: Claims Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2017

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	307	31	106
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	246	21	51
Myocarditis	56	14	26
Guillian-Barre syndrome	96	10	18
Brachial neuritis	63	9	9
Thrombocytopenia purpura	68	10	21
Transverse myelitis	45	4	13
Intussusception	0	0	1

Table 4: Claims Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2018

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	295	39	112
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	276	22	71
Myocarditis	76	15	34

² VA received one claim for encephalopathy or encephalitis in 2017 from a Veteran's whose service component was unknown.

Guillian-Barre syndrome	104	17	27
Brachial neuritis	56	8	10
Thrombocytopenia purpura	64	8	19
Transverse myelitis	54	4	20
Intussusception	1	0	0

³Table 5: Claims Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2019

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	294	35	122
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	250	27	53
Myocarditis	50	4	31
Guillian-Barre syndrome	82	15	29
Brachial neuritis	40	6	18
Thrombocytopenia purpura	58	5	23
Transverse myelitis	40	5	16

³ VA received one claim for pericarditis and one claim for myocarditis in 2019 from Veterans' whose service component was unknown.