

**FOIA 24-14811-F VACCINE-INDUCED CONDITIONS**

Data Request RITA-2024-48412

Summary

The Data Requests provides the following data in response to a request received from the Compensation Service on August 14, 2024.

Compensation Service Request

Using data from January 2020 to present, please provide 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:

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

Please utilize all relatable columns to best fulfill the request.

DR Staff Response

The DR Staff used the Corporate, BIRLS and VADIR databases to identify the requested records.

We first collected all Completed claims **Submitted** by service members on '01-01-2020' and onwards. These records were mapped to the data in RBA rating tables. We conducted a text mining on attributes decision text, issue text and subject text, based on the vaccine-induced conditions provided above for Service Connected Category.

For military status, we obtained the data from Corporate, BIRLS and VADIR data sources. We ranked the data and selected the latest veteran's military tour/status.

Lastly, we combined above datasets, broken down by vaccine-induced condition, by calendar year and by servicemember's military status.

The attached Excel spreadsheet, **2024_48412_Results.xlsx**, contains the requested summary counts and breakdowns.



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Data Request Staff

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Sources

DR used the following data sources to prepare this response:

- All available VBA Corporate, VADIR and BIRLS data.

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Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the DR Staff at

**Department of Veterans Affairs
FOIA Request 24-14811-F
August 2024**

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- (1) Brachial neuritis
- (2) Encephalopathy or encephalitis
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- (4) Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome
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- (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, 2020, to the present date by year 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.

Table 1: Claimed Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2020

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	255	26	107
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	171	17	62
Myocarditis	66	13	37
Guillian-Barre syndrome	56	7	19
Brachial neuritis	44	5	10
Thrombocytopenia purpura	40	7	20

Transverse myelitis	32	3	12
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Table 2: Claimed Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2021

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	319	34	126
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	184	20	50
Myocarditis	73	13	56
Guillain-Barre syndrome	85	10	35
Brachial neuritis	41	3	16
Thrombocytopenia purpura	52	8	23
Transverse myelitis	36	5	10

Table 3: Claimed Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2022

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	332	44	169
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	225	24	64
Myocarditis	131	27	84
Guillain-Barre syndrome	82	13	32
Brachial neuritis	38	7	22
Thrombocytopenia purpura	49	11	18
Transverse myelitis	41	5	16

Table 4: Claimed Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2023

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	476	68	254
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	287	31	116
Myocarditis	196	37	123

Guillian-Barre syndrome	164	20	48
Brachial neuritis	72	16	34
Thrombocytopenia purpura	78	12	44
Transverse myelitis	60	10	18
Intussusception	2	0	0

Table 5: Claimed Received at VA by Condition and Service Component in 2024

Condition	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserve
Pericarditis	142	25	65
Encephalopathy or encephalitis	92	9	33
Myocarditis	72	10	25
Guillian-Barre syndrome	27	5	17
Brachial neuritis	25	2	9
Thrombocytopenia purpura	27	3	10
Transverse myelitis	16	4	4