

GDX File Analysis 2021 vs. 2020 for Indiana at the State level

The General Description of **Geographic Distribution of the US Department of Veterans Affairs Expenditures (GDX)** is prepared each fiscal year by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness. The GDX Report presents the dollar expenditures for major VA Programs by county and Congressional Districts within each state. Expenditure data is grouped by the following categories: Compensation & Pension (C&P); Education & Vocational Rehabilitation; Insurance & Indemnities; and Medical Care. The GDX Report also includes veteran population estimates and the number of unique patients who used VA health care services (http://www.va.gov/VETDATA/docs/GDX/GDX_Readme.pdf).

Analysis of the 2019 GDX file shows Indiana continues to **rank 16th in veteran population** with **402,387 veterans**. This is **down by a net of 8754 from 2020**.

Reviewing the losses over the last 9 years shows **Indiana lost 17.9% of its veteran population between FY13 and FY21**. Comparing Indiana to 8 of our neighboring states reveals that Indiana ranks behind all others except Illinois. Tennessee (13.8), Kentucky (16%), Michigan (16.1%), Wisconsin (16.3%), Iowa (16.6%), Missouri (16.9%), Ohio (17.3%) were better; Illinois (20.6%) was worse.

Indiana ranked 46th in 2021 in benefits paid as a percent of the total veteran population. Delaware, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey are below Indiana.

Indiana had **127,868 veterans actually receive VA benefits** in 2021 **up** from 126,715 in 2020. . The calculated average was **\$27,967 /YR per veteran** based on this “average dollars received” by veterans receiving benefits; Indiana veterans’ benefits increased by **\$858**.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs established a **target of 36%** of the veteran population should receive VA benefits and services. Seventeen states have met or exceeded this 36% target. Indiana Ranks 35th with a **31.8%** of Hoosier Veterans receiving these benefits in FY21. The national average for all states is 33%. County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) experience in assisting with processing claims continues to be the significant, if not only, reason for the millions added in direct payments.

During 2021, \$3,576,088 (nearly 3.6 BILLION) was paid directly to Indiana veterans! This expenditure is up from \$3,435,123,000; an increase of \$140,965,000 (**\$141 MILLION**) in one year!

Indiana Government receives the taxes that are garnered as the veterans had this money to spend! Using a tax rate for IN of \$.125 and a velocity of money of 2 due to the economy;

Indiana benefited by \$894,022,000 MILLION in taxes this period.

**INDIANA NEEDS TO TAKE STRONG ACTION TO KEEP
AND GROW OUR VETERAN POPULATION TO IMPROVE THIS
POSITIVE TREND!**