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PUBLISHED BVA DECISIONS

291,370

PTSD-CODED ISSUES

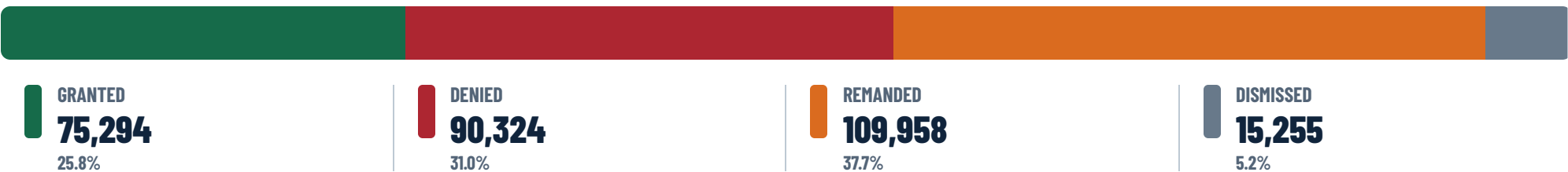
1992 to 2026

DECISION YEARS REPRESENTED

This dashboard describes published Board appeals involving diagnostic code 9411. It does not measure initial VA claim outcomes or predict any individual case.

01 ISSUE OUTCOMES

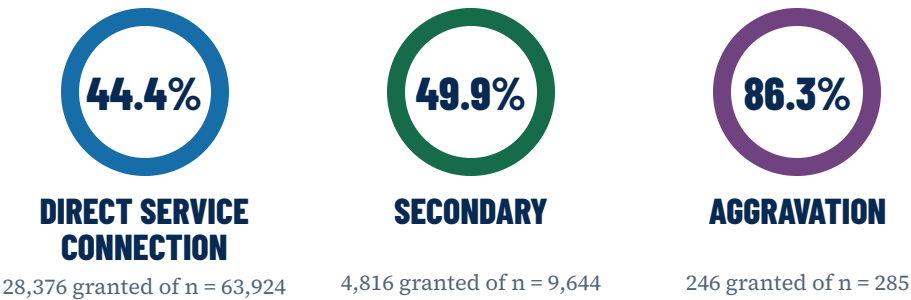
N = 291,370 CODED ISSUES



Issue counts can exceed decision counts because one decision may address multiple PTSD issues.

02 SELECTED CLAIM THEORIES

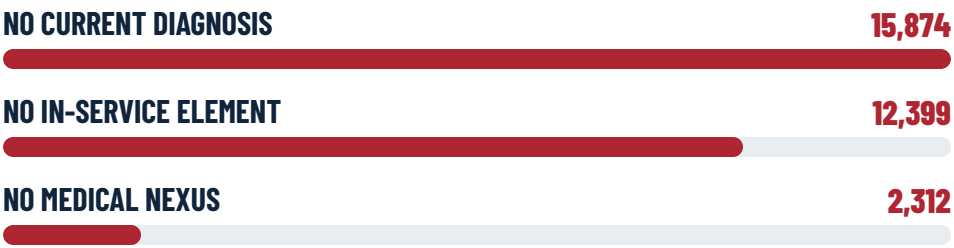
SEPARATE SAMPLES



The categories have different sample sizes and case mixes. The percentages should not be compared as if claimants were randomly assigned to a theory.

03 CLASSIFIED SERVICE-CONNECTION DENIALS

34,720 DENIED ISSUES

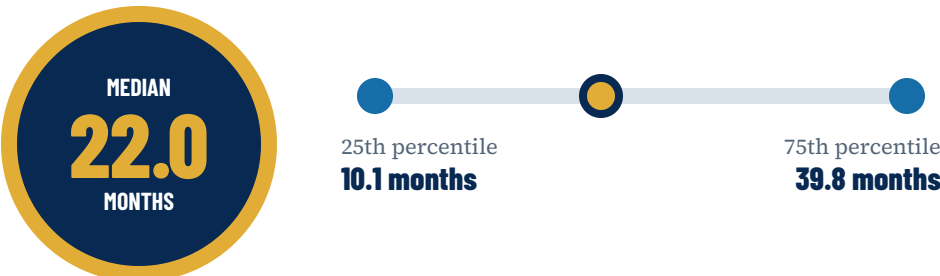


30,585 denied issues assigned to one of these three classes

Counts come from text classification of denied service-connection issues. Unclassified denials remain outside the three bars.

04 TIME TO BOARD DECISION

N = 41,638



This is a historical Board-appeal measure for records with usable timing data, not an estimate for a newly filed claim.

06 EVIDENCE TOPICS IN STRESSOR-PROOF DECISIONS

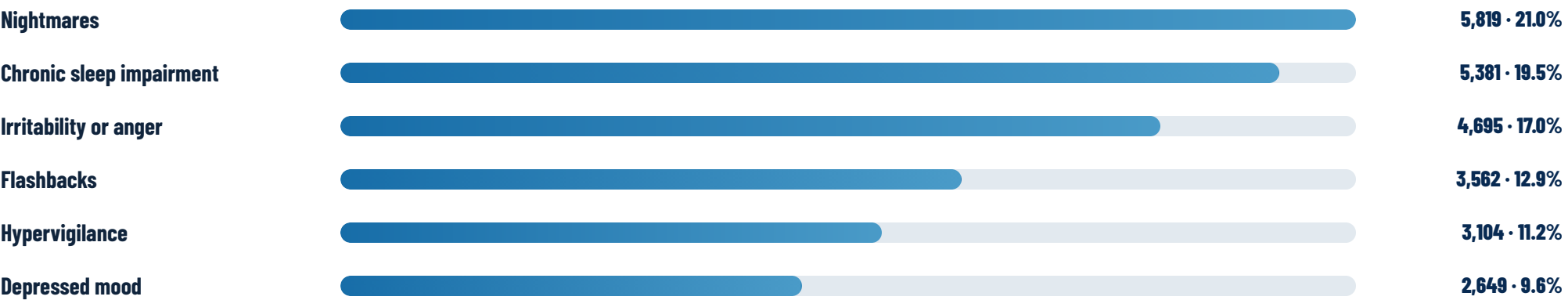
N = 172,640 DECISIONS SCANNED



Categories can overlap. A mention does not mean the evidence caused the outcome.

05 SYMPTOMS DOCUMENTED IN GRANTED STRESSOR DECISIONS

N = 27,653 GRANTED DECISIONS



These are text matches in granted decisions, not required symptoms and not instructions for what to report.

07 FREQUENTLY LITIGATED SECONDARY CONDITIONS

PTSD AS PRIMARY DISABILITY

CONDITION	TOTAL CODED ISSUES	GRANT RATE AMONG DECIDED
Sleep apnea	9,260	68%
Hypertension	4,301	41%
Erectile dysfunction	1,606	60%
Migraine	1,423	75%
GERD	1,258	52%
Coronary artery disease	1,250	39%

Frequency in Board appeals does not prove that PTSD caused a condition. Every secondary claim requires evidence supporting causation or aggravation.

08 USE THE DASHBOARD RESPONSIBLY

DESCRIBE, DO NOT PREDICT

The data summarizes published Board decisions and does not calculate a personal chance of success.

KEEP DENOMINATORS ATTACHED

Every panel uses its own population and filters. Do not combine the numbers into one claim score.

DO NOT COPY THE DATA INTO TESTIMONY

Report the facts, symptoms, and history that are true for the individual veteran.

