

PTSD CLAIM RESEARCH SNAPSHOT



255,042
BVA DECISIONS

291,370
PTSD-CODED ISSUES

1992 to 2026
DECISION YEARS

Published Board appeals involving diagnostic code 9411. This is not a measure of initial VA claim outcomes.

01 ISSUE OUTCOMES

N = 291,370 ISSUES



02 SELECTED CLAIM THEORIES

SEPARATE SAMPLES

44.4%
DIRECT
28,376 of n = 63,924

49.9%
SECONDARY
4,816 of n = 9,644

86.3%
AGGRAVATION
246 of n = 285

Different samples and case mixes. These rates are descriptive, not interchangeable probabilities.

03 DENIAL CLASSES

34,720 DENIED SC ISSUES

NO CURRENT DIAGNOSIS	15,874
NO IN-SERVICE ELEMENT	12,399
NO MEDICAL NEXUS	2,312

30,585 denied issues were assigned to one of these three text-classified groups.

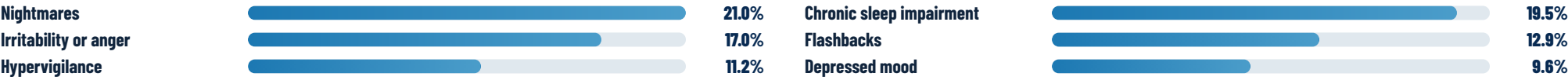
04 BOARD TIMING

N = 41,638



05 SYMPTOMS DOCUMENTED IN GRANTED STRESSOR DECISIONS

N = 27,653 GRANTED DECISIONS



Text matches describe published decisions. They are not required symptoms and should not shape a veteran's account.

KEEP THE DENOMINATOR ATTACHED. Every panel answers a different question using a different population. Do not combine these findings into a personal claim score.

