

# Veterans With a Permanent and Total Disability by Town

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## Issue

How many veterans in each town have a permanent and total (P&T) disability status, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (U.S. DVA)?

(For the number of veterans in each town with a disability rating of 100%, which includes both those rated P&T and whose disabilities are not deemed permanent, see OLR Report [2023-R-0199](#).)

## Veterans With a P&T Disability Status

The U.S. DVA assigns [disability ratings](#), expressed as a percentage, based on the severity of an individual's service-connected condition or conditions. Broadly, the rating represents how much one's overall health and ability to function is decreased and is used to determine the amount of certain [federal compensation](#) (and some state benefits, like property tax exemptions) to which an individual is entitled. The maximum rating is 100%, or a total disability.

Total disability ratings may be temporary or permanent. Although someone with a temporary rating (e.g., after surgery or while immobilized in a cast) may still qualify for benefits, his or her condition may improve and, after an evaluation, rating may be reduced. A permanent rating means the U.S. DVA has determined the impairment is reasonably certain to continue

### Towns With Most Veterans With a P&T Status

#### By number:

West Haven (35)  
Hamden (34)  
Groton (~34\*)  
New Haven (32)  
Bristol (29)

#### By percentage of population:

Canaan (0.28%)  
Colebrook (0.22%)  
Bozrah (0.12%)  
Ledyard (0.12%)  
Canterbury (0.12%)

### Total, all towns: 1,209\*\*

\*See Table 1 footnote 3

\*\*Based on U.S. DVA October 2023 data



throughout his or her life (e.g., for the loss of both hands) (see, e.g., [38 C.F.R. § 4.15](#)). Generally, those with permanent ratings do not need to undergo periodic re-examinations. Federal law provides certain additional education assistance, health care, and death benefits to those with a P&T disability status. The U.S. DVA’s [Annual Benefits Report \(2022\)](#), provides additional information on federal benefits provided to veterans, broken down by state.

According to information the U.S. DVA provided, as of October 2023, 1,209 veterans in Connecticut had a P&T disability. Table 1 shows the number by town and as a percentage of the town’s estimated population.

**Table 1: Veterans With a P&T Status by Town and as Percent of the Town’s Population**

Town	Number <sup>1</sup>	Pop. Est. <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Population	Town	Number <sup>1</sup>	Pop. Est. <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Population
Andover	2	3,150	0.06%	Columbia	4	5,258	0.08%
Ansonia	5	18,923	0.03%	Cornwall	1	1,573	0.06%
Ashford	2	4,222	0.05%	Coventry	7	12,285	0.06%
Avon	3	18,871	0.02%	Cromwell	7	14,317	0.05%
Barkhamsted	3	3,667	0.08%	Danbury	9	86,967	0.01%
Beacon Falls	4	6,126	0.07%	Darien	0	-	-
Berlin	7	20,197	0.03%	Deep River	1	4,445	0.02%
Bethany	2	5,277	0.04%	Derby	3	12,358	0.02%
Bethel	3	20,684	0.01%	Durham	1	7,207	0.01%
Bethlehem	2	3,409	0.06%	East Granby	1	5,218	0.02%
Bloomfield	8	21,560	0.04%	East Haddam	2	8,949	0.02%
Bolton	2	4,834	0.04%	East Hampton	5	12,960	0.04%
Bozrah	3	2,420	0.12%	East Hartford	20	50,718	0.04%
Branford	11	28,148	0.04%	East Haven	15	27,682	0.05%
Bridgeport	27	148,377	0.02%	East Lyme	12	18,788	0.06%
Bridgewater	0	-	-	East Windsor	9	11,176	0.08%
Bristol	29	61,330	0.05%	Eastford	1	1,675	0.06%
Brookfield	4	17,543	0.02%	Easton	1	7,630	0.01%
Brooklyn	2	8,502	0.02%	Ellington	11	16,977	0.06%
Burlington	2	9,710	0.02%	Enfield	13	41,245	0.03%
Canaan	3	1,081	0.28%	Essex	1	6,793	0.01%
Canterbury	6	5,102	0.12%	Fairfield	10	62,871	0.02%
Canton	2	10,091	0.02%	Farmington	3	26,728	0.01%
Chaplin	2	2,156	0.09%	Franklin	1	1,881	0.05%
Cheshire	4	28,994	0.01%	Glastonbury	14	35,199	0.04%
Chester	2	3,757	0.05%	Goshen	1	3,203	0.03%
Clinton	7	13,399	0.05%	Granby	10	11,041	0.09%
Colchester	12	15,572	0.08%	Greenwich	9	63,638	0.01%
Colebrook	3	1,369	0.22%	Griswold	12	11,509	0.10%

Table 1 (continued)

Town	Number <sup>1</sup>	Pop. Est. <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Population	Town	Number <sup>1</sup>	Pop. Est. <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Population
Groton <sup>3</sup>	34	37,743	0.09%	Norfolk	0	-	-
Guilford	5	22,019	0.02%	North Branford	9	13,464	0.07%
Haddam	5	8,670	0.06%	North Canaan	0	-	-
Hamden	34	60,809	0.06%	North Haven	7	24,114	0.03%
Hampton	1	1,738	0.06%	North Stonington	1	5,174	0.02%
Hartford	20	120,686	0.02%	Norwalk	12	91,401	0.01%
Hartland	2	1,908	0.10%	Norwich	28	40,009	0.07%
Harwinton	1	5,562	0.02%	Old Lyme	2	7,684	0.03%
Hebron	3	9,121	0.03%	Old Saybrook	5	10,535	0.05%
Kent	0	-	-	Orange	3	14,258	0.02%
Killingly	6	17,837	0.03%	Oxford	7	12,941	0.05%
Killingworth	2	6,239	0.03%	Plainfield	13	15,143	0.09%
Lebanon	3	7,132	0.04%	Plainville	4	17,479	0.02%
Ledyard	19	15,456	0.12%	Plymouth	8	11,711	0.07%
Lisbon	4	4,242	0.09%	Pomfret	3	4,307	0.07%
Litchfield	4	8,279	0.05%	Portland	6	9,429	0.06%
Lyme	0	-	-	Preston	2	4,840	0.04%
Madison	4	17,565	0.02%	Prospect	6	9,435	0.06%
Manchester	17	59,461	0.03%	Putnam	3	9,302	0.03%
Mansfield	3	31,949	0.01%	Redding	2	8,746	0.02%
Marlborough	6	6,109	0.10%	Ridgefield	4	25,007	0.02%
Meriden	26	60,242	0.04%	Rocky Hill	2	20,712	0.01%
Middlebury	2	7,807	0.03%	Roxbury	1	2,279	0.04%
Middlefield	0	-	-	Salem	4	4,326	0.09%
Middletown	20	48,729	0.04%	Salisbury	0	-	-
Milford	28	52,679	0.05%	Scotland	0	-	-
Monroe	3	18,796	0.02%	Seymour	6	16,809	0.04%
Montville	11	17,891	0.06%	Sharon	1	2,724	0.04%
Morris	1	2,267	0.04%	Shelton	13	41,897	0.03%
Naugatuck	20	31,705	0.06%	Sherman	1	3,537	0.03%
New Britain	20	74,396	0.03%	Simsbury	11	24,935	0.04%
New Canaan	2	20,775	0.01%	Somers	8	9,843	0.08%
New Fairfield	5	13,536	0.04%	South Windsor	9	26,783	0.03%
New Hartford	1	6,698	0.01%	Southbury	5	19,979	0.03%
New Haven	32	138,915	0.02%	Southington	15	43,753	0.03%
New London	2	27,980	0.01%	Sprague	0	-	-
New Milford	12	28,275	0.04%	Stafford	4	11,449	0.03%
Newington	16	30,356	0.05%	Stamford	16	136,188	0.01%
Newtown	6	27,577	0.02%	Sterling	3	3,623	0.08%

Table 1 (continued)

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Stonington <sup>3</sup>	12	18,480	0.06%	West Hartford	17	64,271	0.03%
Stratford	22	52,477	0.04%	West Haven	35	55,004	0.06%
Suffield	3	15,731	0.02%	Westbrook	2	6,860	0.03%
Thomaston	3	7,468	0.04%	Weston	0	-	-
Thompson	7	9,315	0.08%	Westport	5	27,427	0.02%
Tolland	4	14,577	0.03%	Wethersfield	10	27,129	0.04%
Torrington	12	35,563	0.03%	Willington	1	5,544	0.02%
Trumbull	2	37,135	0.01%	Wilton	1	18,457	0.01%
Union	0	-	-	Winchester	6	10,240	0.06%
Vernon	17	30,625	0.06%	Windham	10	24,399	0.04%
Voluntown	2	2,592	0.08%	Windsor	10	29,453	0.03%
Wallingford	10	44,017	0.02%	Windsor Locks	8	12,537	0.06%
Warren	0	-	-	Wolcott	4	16,190	0.02%
Washington	0	-	-	Woodbridge	1	9,051	0.01%
Waterbury	23	115,016	0.02%	Woodbury	4	9,802	0.04%
Waterford	14	19,603	0.07%	Woodstock	4	8,312	0.05%
Watertown	10	22,183	0.05%				

1. Provided by U.S. DVA, based on October 2023 data

2. Department of Public Health, [Annual Town and County Population for Connecticut](#), 2022 estimates

3. 11 veterans identified as being from Mystic, a village which spans Groton and Stonington; based on the ratio of their total populations, this count allots 7 and 4 veterans, respectively, to these towns

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