

Veterans Affairs Spending

Forrest County, MS (FY2024)

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United States					
Population/Expend Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Veteran Population	19,465,698	19,088,805	18,522,638	18,182,789	17,826,030
Total Veteran Affairs (VA) Expenditures	\$217,953,742,328	\$224,121,984,595	\$266,753,154,539	\$284,672,959,337	\$295,520,651,767
Compensation & Pension Expenditures	\$104,566,124,781	\$111,805,034,327	\$134,608,478,955	\$145,586,029,084	\$144,281,399,760
Education/Voc Rehab/Employment Exp	\$12,688,057,485	\$11,583,464,604	\$10,750,399,057	\$12,435,423,548	\$13,453,728,427
Insurance & Indemnities Expenditures	\$1,274,360,771	\$1,213,601,219	\$855,651,111	\$637,881,395	\$10,209,812,443
Memorial Benefits Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,452,966,622
Unique Medical Patients	6,108,277	6,322,423	6,219,183	6,243,677	N/A
Medical Care Expenditures	\$86,807,908,368	\$88,217,521,161	\$103,704,023,717	\$109,011,445,872	\$124,687,751,612

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

State of Mississippi					
Population/Expend Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Veteran Population	185,462	182,774	181,855	179,584	179,983
Total Veteran Affairs (VA) Expenditures	\$2,227,333,457	\$2,260,382,789	\$2,718,673,694	\$2,940,538,816	\$3,129,256,882
Compensation & Pension Expenditures	\$1,108,022,586	\$1,187,540,916	\$1,437,256,938	\$1,554,275,041	\$1,548,679,286
Education/Voc Rehab/Employment Exp	\$85,280,501	\$76,707,888	\$73,992,699	\$86,824,021	\$91,126,458
Insurance & Indemnities Expenditures	\$9,406,450	\$8,197,178	\$5,783,236	\$4,305,851	\$113,759,045
Memorial Benefits Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$11,718,182
Unique Medical Patients	67,092	68,149	66,893	67,160	179,983
Medical Care Expenditures	\$969,665,615	\$975,859,857	\$1,165,841,329	\$1,265,407,000	\$1,361,851,621

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

Forrest County, MS					
Population/Expend Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Veteran Population	6,040	5,930	5,872	5,781	5,221
Total Veteran Affairs (VA) Expenditures	\$71,012,385	\$74,557,838	\$89,340,154	\$96,909,135	\$97,986,630
Compensation & Pension Expenditures	\$47,566,135	\$51,194,061	\$61,509,874	\$65,447,699	\$63,684,538
Education/Voc Rehab/Employment Exp	\$5,567,729	\$4,967,218	\$5,407,270	\$6,214,506	\$6,097,797
Insurance & Indemnities Expenditures	\$376,661	\$418,989	\$128,668	\$440,489	\$4,287,547
Memorial Benefits Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$276,089
Unique Medical Patients	1,790	1,801	1,793	1,779	N/A
Medical Care Expenditures	\$17,501,860	\$17,977,570	\$22,294,342	\$24,806,441	\$23,627,514

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

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Forrest County, MS Economic Impacts	Employment	Labor Income	Value Added	Industry Sales
Impact Type				
Direct Effect	251.2	\$16,105,720	\$16,553,644	\$30,004,527
Indirect Effect	52.8	\$2,467,140	\$4,122,298	\$8,277,642
Induced Effect	334.0	\$12,684,214	\$31,040,124	\$51,235,009
Total Effect	638.0	\$31,257,073	\$51,716,065	\$89,517,178

Specific Industry Effects

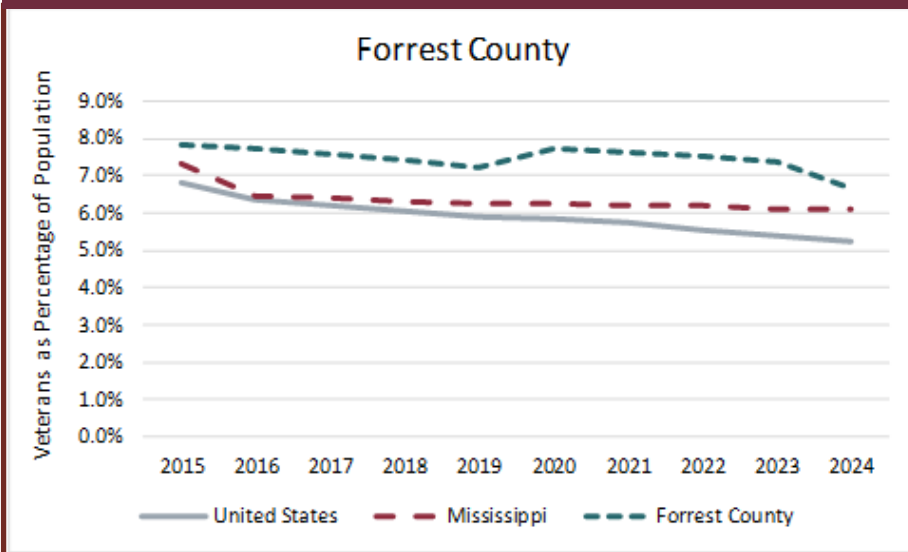
Agriculture	1.0	-\$4,104	\$18,132	\$31,448
Mining	0.7	\$90,848	\$484,345	\$1,000,744
Construction	4.0	\$180,956	\$233,093	\$526,481
Manufacturing	55.9	\$2,843,057	\$6,029,231	\$9,622,542
Transportation, Insurance, Public Utilities	7.1	\$574,711	\$1,665,980	\$4,389,760
Trade	54.0	\$1,724,420	\$2,960,820	\$5,318,206
Health Care and Social Assistance	81.1	\$2,131,184	\$3,733,306	\$7,428,995
Service	436.2	\$23,851,436	\$36,794,487	\$61,718,380
Government	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Source: IMPLAN and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

Forrest County, MS Tax Revenue Type	County Tax	State Tax
Income Taxes	\$	\$298,957
Sales Taxes	\$172,607	\$2,527,561
Property Taxes	\$19,316	\$124
Other Taxes	\$1,478,662	\$378,448
Total State & Local Tax Revenues	\$1,670,585	\$3,205,090

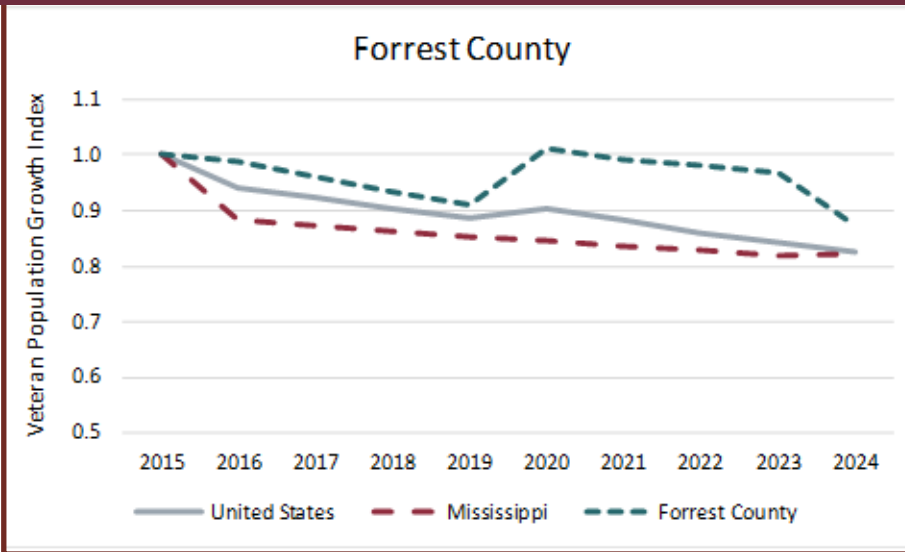
Forrest County, MS Tax Revenue Type	Revenue Amount
Income Taxes	\$1,226,151
Social Insurance Taxes	\$3,718,950
Production & Import Taxes	\$178,658
Corporate Profits Taxes	\$728,601
Total Federal Tax Revenues	\$5,852,359

Veterans as Percentage of Total Population



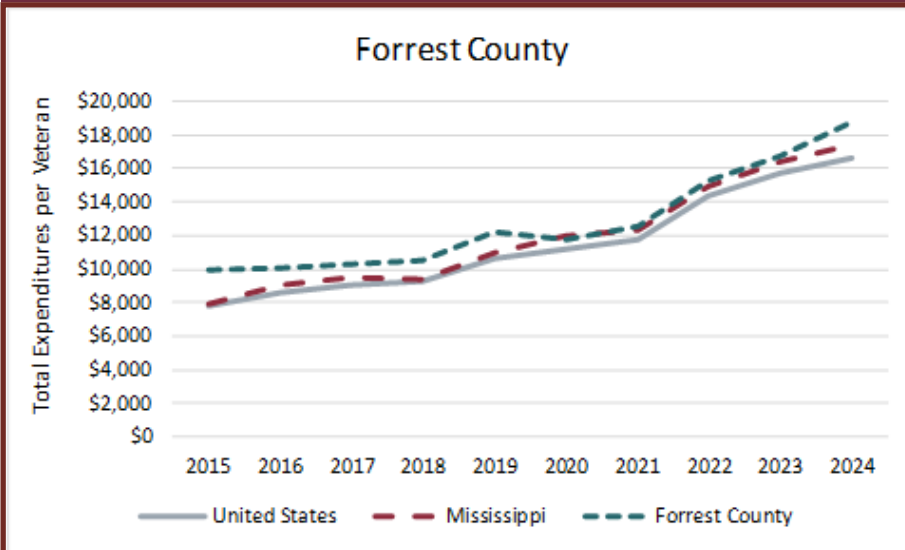
This graph depicts veterans as a percentage of the total population by the state/county of residence. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veteran Population Growth Index (2010=Base Year)



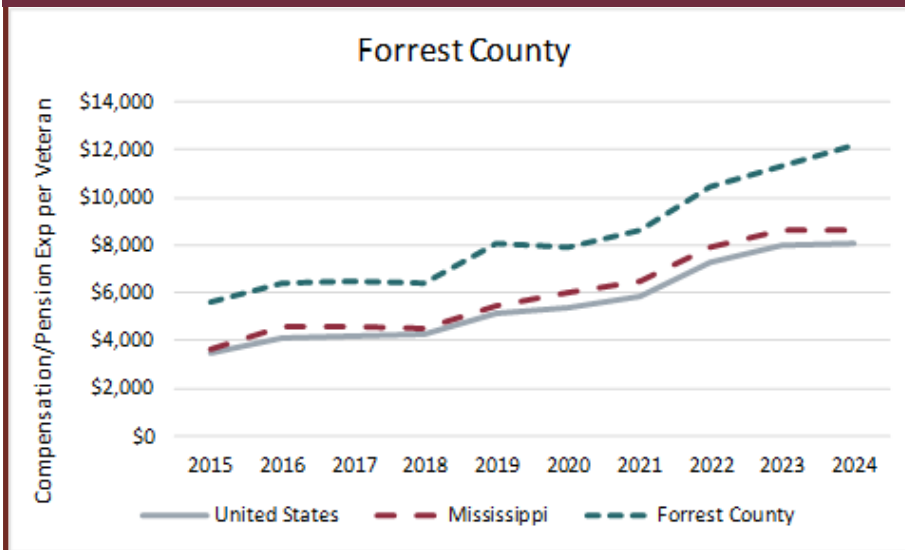
This graph depicts the growth of the veteran population as an index where the year 2012=100 based upon the state/county of residence. To calculate the index, each succeeding year's veteran population was divided by the 2011 veteran population. An index value above 1.0 indicates that the veteran population is growing; an index below 1.0 indicates that the veteran population is declining. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Total Expenditures per Veteran



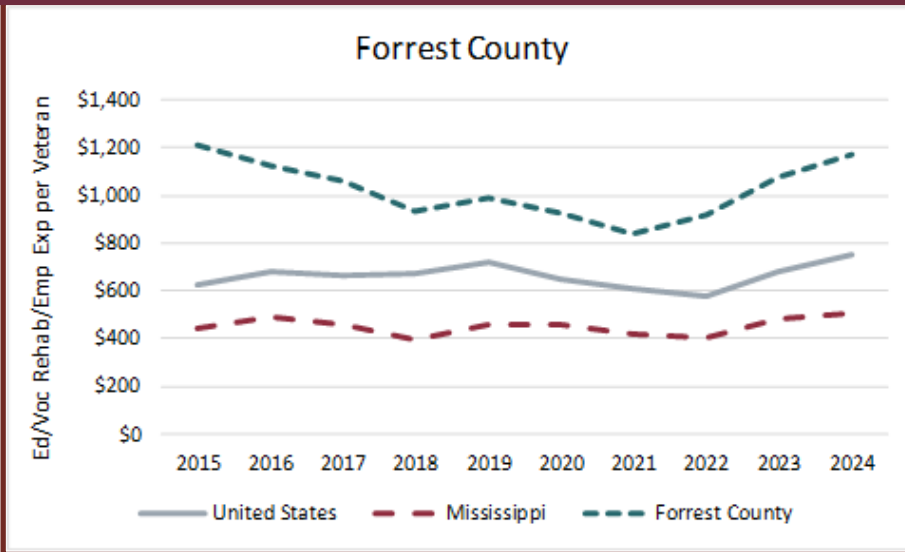
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of total Veterans Affairs expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. Specific VA categories included in Total Expenditures include *Compensation and Pension*; *Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment*; *Insurance and Indemnities*; *Construction and Related Costs*; *General Operating Expenses*; *Loan Guaranty*; and *Medical Expenditures*. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Compensation/Pension Expenditures per Veteran



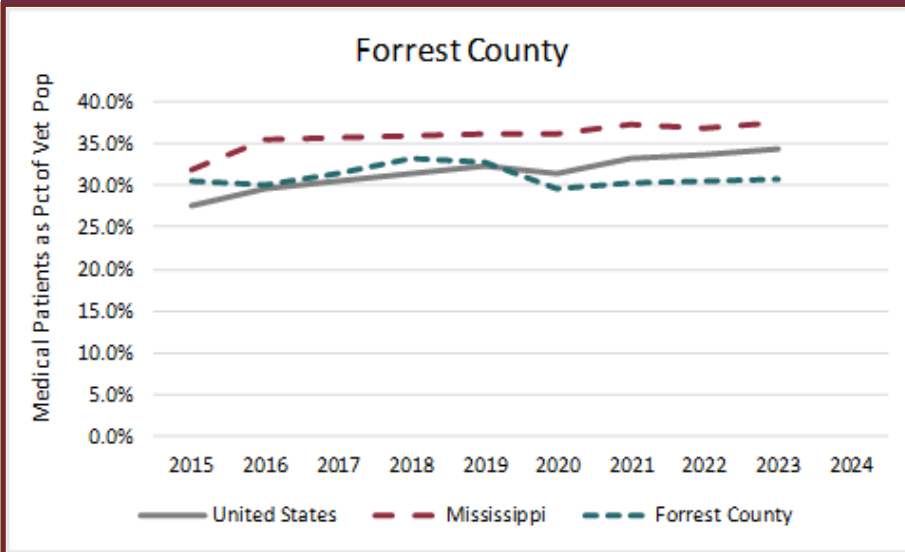
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of compensation and pension expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for compensation payments, pension payments, *Dependency and Indemnity Compensation*, and burial allowances. Most expenditures in this category reflect monthly payments to individuals. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Employment Expenditures per Veteran



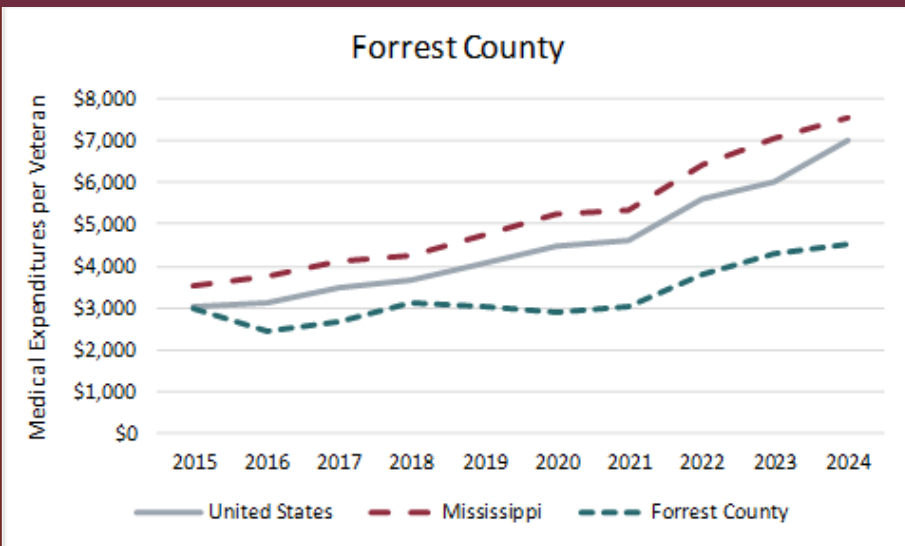
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for auto & adaptive equipment, specially adapted housing, *Chapter 35*, *Chapter 31*, *Chapter 32*, *Chapter 1606*, *Chapter 1607*, *Chapter 30*, and *Chapter 33* (these chapters are enumerated in the Data Key at the end of the publication). Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Medical Patients as Percentage of Veteran Population



This graph depicts the percentage of unique medical patients as a percentage of the total veteran population by the state/county of residence. These data were discontinued in 2024. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Medical Expenditures per Veteran



This graph depicts the average (mean) level of medical expenditures per unique medical patient by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for medical care, the *General Post Fund*, medical and prosthetic research, miscellaneous accounts, and *Choice Act* funds. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFITS PROFILES DATA KEY

Total Population, 2018-2022

Data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's County Population Totals: 2018-2022.

<https://data.census.gov/>

Veteran Population and Benefits, 2018-2022

Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (GDX tables for years 2018-2022).

<https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Expenditures.asp>

Following are selected usage notes regarding the use of these data.

A Note on Using the Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) Data

The Compensation and Pension (C&P); Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Employment (EVRE); and Insurance and Indemnities categories represent programs that veterans or other beneficiaries must choose to participate in. The number of beneficiaries for these programs is not shown in GDX. Therefore, it is not recommended that the Veteran Population in Column B be used to create a "per person" or "average" expenditure for these categories, as the population is significantly different than the number of beneficiaries. The numbers of program participants for these categories are found in the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA) Annual Benefits Report.

Similarly, it is not recommended that the population be used to create an average for Total Expenditures, Construction, Loan Guaranty, and General Operating Expenses, as these expenditures are either not spent directly on beneficiaries or also depend on the number of unique users.

Medical Care expenditures should be used with the number of unique patients. However, please note that a portion of the Medical Care expenditures is not spent directly on patients, such as prosthetic research.

Summary of Expenditures by State

Total expenditure figures for each category may vary from other sources of data. This can result for several reasons:

- a) Other sources may show Obligations or Net Outlays rather than Expenditures.*
- b) GDX contains expenditures for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Other sources may present worldwide figures, may not include Puerto Rico and Guam, or may include another combination of geographic areas.*
- c) Other sources may include programs that are excluded from GDX. GDX may also include programs that are excluded from other sources.*

Veteran Population

As of FY 2018, the estimated veteran population data by state and county are based on the VA VetPop2016 model. This model is VA's source for official estimates and projections of the veteran population.

Compensation and Pension

The Compensation and Pension (C&P) category includes expenditures for the following categories: compensation payments, pension payments, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and burial allowances. Most expenditures reported in this category reflect monthly payments made to individuals. Retroactive payments and one-time payments are also included. Data are obtained from <https://www.usaspending.gov>.

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) are separate programs, but are combined into one category for display purposes in GDX. Expenditures in this category include: automobile and adaptive equipment, specially adapted housing, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35), Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans (Chapter 31), Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance (Chapter 32), Montgomery G.I. Bill for Selected Reserves (Chapter 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607), Montgomery G.I. Bill (Chapter 30), and Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance (Chapter 33). Expenditure data for E&VRE are also obtained from <https://www.usaspending.gov>. In FY2024, this series includes Specially Adapted Housing and Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment.

Insurance and Indemnities

The data reported for this category are provided by the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center (RO&IC) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This category consists of VA expenditures for death claims, matured endowments, dividends, cash surrender payments, total disability income provision payments, and total and permanent disability benefits payments. It includes Veterans Group Life Insurance, National Service Life Insurance, Service Disabled Veterans Life Insurance, United States Government Life Insurance, Veterans Reopened Insurance, and Veterans Special Life Insurance. It does not include Traumatic Injury Protection Under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. **In FY2024, this statistic includes Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension.**

Construction and Related Costs

The Construction expenditures category includes funding for Major Projects, Minor Projects, Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities, and Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries. The source of the Construction data is the Financial Management System (FMS).

Memorial Benefits

Expenditures related to burial, cemeteries, and memorial services for deceased veterans. Expenditure data with addresses come from the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Office of Finance Service.

Medical Expenditures

Medical expenditures data come from both the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) and FMS. The specific programs reported for this category are: medical care, General Post Fund, medical and prosthetic research, and miscellaneous accounts. Choice Act funds are also included.

Unique Patients

The count of unique patients is based on the home residence of the patient. The number of patients, along with associated county and congressional district codes, are provided by the ARC.

Economic Impact Estimates

The economic impact estimates contained in this profile were derived using the 2020 estimates from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the 2019 input-output relationships from IMPLAN (a proprietary economic impact estimation software package—<https://www.implan.com>). Definitions of individual economic effects are as follows:

Direct Effects — represent the initial change to industries considered relevant to the VA dataset. Industries used are construction of new healthcare facilities (*GDX Construction* expenditures); community food, housing, and other relief services, including rehabilitation services (*GDX Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment* expenditures); other support services (*GDX General Operating Expenses* expenditures); offices of physicians, offices of dentists, hospitals, residential mental retardation-mental health-substance abuse-other facilities, and other ambulatory health care services (*Medical Care* expenditures apportioned by the VA spending found in Volume II of the Current Fiscal Year Budget Submission).

Indirect Effects — represent changes in inter-industry transactions when supplying industries respond to demand changes from directly affected industries (the direct effects above).

Induced Effects — represent changes in local spending that result from income changes in the directly and indirectly affected industry sectors. These effects include *GDX Compensation* and *GDX Pension* expenditures as well as *Insurance and Indemnities* expenditures since these payments are typically made to individuals.

Employment — annual average of monthly jobs in the industry. A job can be either part-time or full-time, and a person can hold more than one job (the employment or job count is not necessarily the same as the count of employed persons).