The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States’ (VFW) survey of women veterans was conducted from December 21, 2015 to January 18, 2016 and received 2,475 responses. The survey was logic-based, meaning the questions participants were prompted to answer were based on their initial responses. To ensure only women veterans answered the survey, the VFW screened for participants’ gender and service status. Nearly 2,000 participants responded being female and active duty, reserve/guard, military retiree, or veteran. Below is a summary of the results.

**Health Care, Identity and Outreach**

![Pie chart showing percentage of women who self-identify as veterans](chart1.png)

**Do You Self-Identify as a Veteran?**
- Yes: 98%
- No: 2%

![Bar chart showing type of VA health care received](chart2.png)

**For Those Who Use VA Health Care, What Type Do You Receive?**
- Primary Care: 97%
- Gender Specific Care: 57%
- Mental Health: 40%
- Optometry: 48%
- Audiology: 17%
- Other Specialty Care: 34%
Were You Given The Option To Select The Gender of Your Health Care Provider?

- Yes: 40%
- No: 60%

How Likely Are You To Choose a Provider Of The Same Gender?

- Extremly Likely: 11%
- Very Likely: 36%
- Moderately Likely: 24%
- Slightly Likely: 9%
- Not At All Likely: 20%

Age Range of VA Gender-Specific Care Users

- 25-34: 21%
- 35-44: 19%
- 45-54: 18%
- 55-64: 16%
- 65-74: 14%
- 75+: 12%

Age Range of Mental Health Care Users

- 25-34: 27%
- 35-44: 24%
- 45-54: 21%
- 55-64: 18%
- 65-74: 10%
HOMELESSNESS

Of survey respondents, 72 women identified as being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The VFW reached out to every woman veteran requesting assistance to aid in finding housing and employment.

**What is Your Age Range?**
- 18-64: 81%
- 65+: 19%

**Of Women Who Report Receiving Disability, What is Your Age Range?**
- 18-64: 85%
- 65+: 15%

**Are You Currently Homeless or at Risk of Becoming Homelessness?**
- Yes: 4%
- No: 96%

**Are You Currently Living in Another Person's Home?**
- Yes: 49%
- No: 46%
- No Answer: 6%

*Percentage of veterans who reported being homeless or at risk. (n=72)*
Would You Like Assistance in Seeking Permanent Housing?*

- Yes: 45%
- No: 59%

*Percentage of veterans who reported being homeless or at risk. (n=72)

Do You Have Children?*

- Yes: 70%
- No: 30%

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Does Having Children Impact Your Ability to Receive Care at the VA?

- Yes: 32%
- No: 68%

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For Homeless Women Who Use VA Health Care, What Type Do You Receive?

- Primary Care: 91%
- Gender-Specific Care: 63%
- Mental Health: 63%
- Optometry: 54%
- Audiology: 9%
- Other Specialty Care: 30%

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