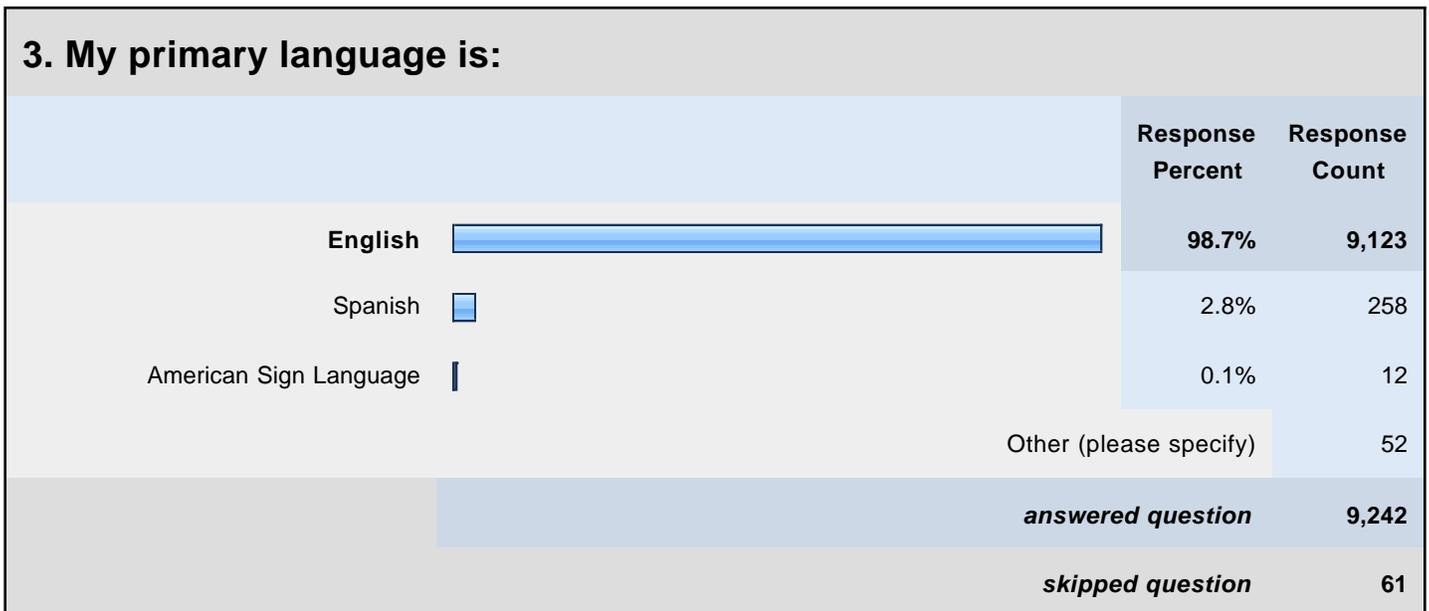
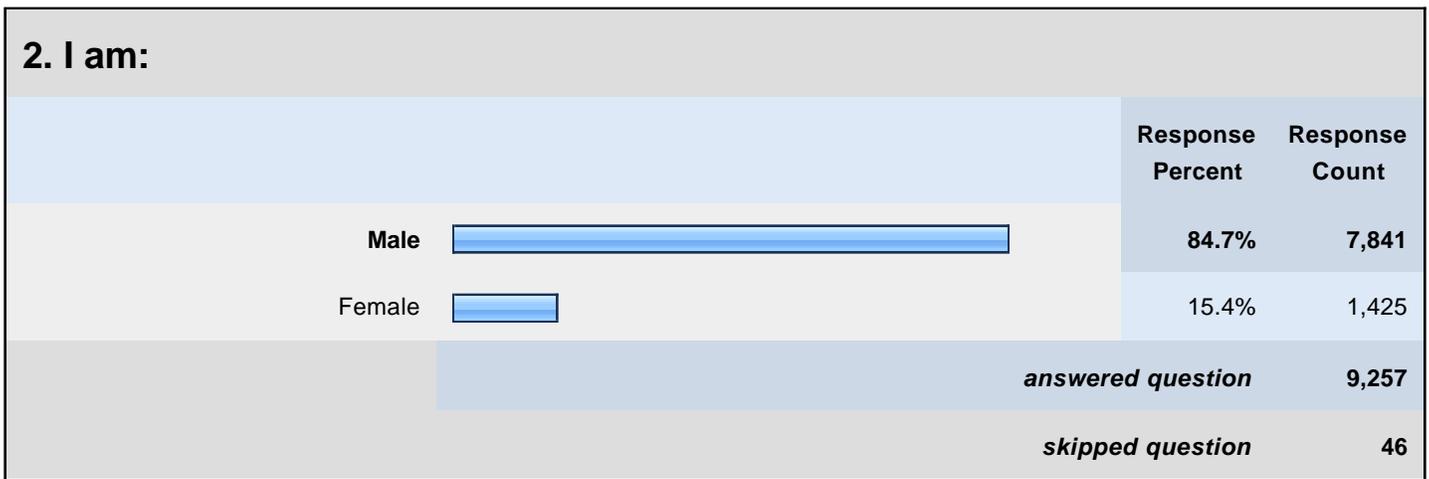
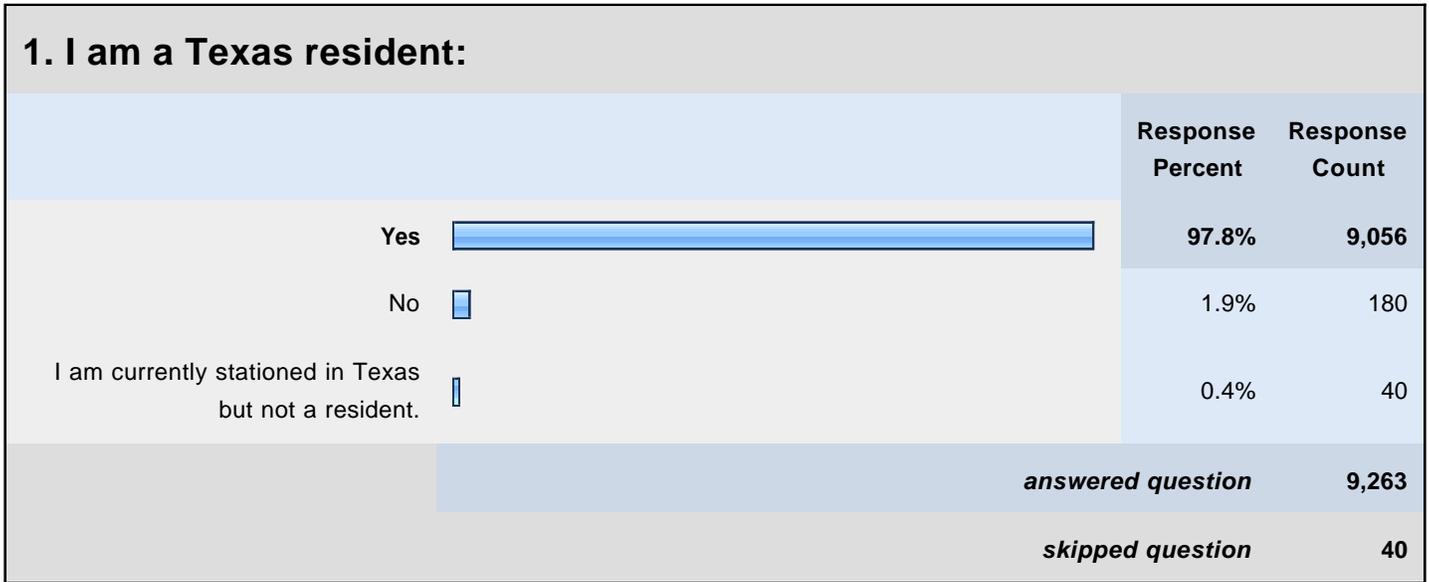


Needs and Concerns of Veterans with Disabilities in Texas



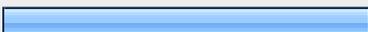
4. I am:

	Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 24 years of age 	3.0%	277
25 to 49 years of age 	45.7%	4,223
50 to 64 years of age 	42.9%	3,967
65 or older 	8.6%	797
answered question		9,243
skipped question		60

5. I live in this Texas County:

	Response Count
	8,638
answered question	8,638
skipped question	665

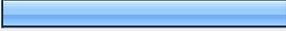
6. I am:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Employed 	18.1%	1,676
Self-Employed 	1.8%	167
Unemployed 	55.8%	5,165
Seeking employment 	48.5%	4,496
A Student 	8.0%	739
Retired 	8.5%	787
answered question		9,262
skipped question		41

7. I am:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Married		61.4%	5,669
Divorced		18.5%	1,707
Single		17.2%	1,589
Other:		3.7%	343
		<i>answered question</i>	9,227
		<i>skipped question</i>	76

8. I have:

		Response Percent	Response Count
A medically diagnosed, recognized disability		40.9%	3,742
I do not have a disability		43.1%	3,948
I believe I have a disability that has been not been diagnosed		18.4%	1,687
		<i>answered question</i>	9,157
		<i>skipped question</i>	146

9. My disability is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Service Connected		77.0%	4,289
Non-Service Connected		22.5%	1,256
I have been classified with the following percentage for disability purposes:		15.7%	877
		% disabled	3,246
		<i>answered question</i>	5,570
		<i>skipped question</i>	3,733

10. My disability is service connected and I access these federal service connected disability benefits (check all that apply):

	Response Percent	Response Count
VA compensation 	45.4%	2,880
VA clothing allowance for veterans with prosthetic devices 	2.5%	160
Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Grant 	0.5%	32
Prosthetic appliances and services 	2.2%	142
Community Care Coordination Office 	0.5%	29
National Service Life Insurance 	1.3%	84
OSGLI (Office of Service members' Group Life Insurance) 	2.4%	155
TSGLI (Traumatic Service members' Group Life Insurance) 	0.4%	26
VIST (Visual Impairment Services Team) 	0.3%	19
Vocational Rehabilitation Training 	7.6%	485
100% disability outpatient dental care 	2.1%	135
VA home loan fee waiver SAH (Specially Adapted Housing) 	1.3%	80
SHA (Special Housing Adaptation) 	0.2%	14
TRA (Temporary Residence Adaptation) 	0.2%	13
HISA (Home Improvement and Structural Adaptations) 	0.3%	19
Mental Health Services through the VA 	11.0%	701
Vet Center 	13.6%	860

Substance Abuse services through the VA		1.4%	87
I do not access VA services		18.1%	1,148
Not applicable		31.7%	2,012
Other services or comments:			715
		answered question	6,346
		skipped question	2,957

11. My length of military service is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 2 years		7.9%	726
2 – 4 years		39.3%	3,611
5 – 9 years		26.3%	2,418
10 – 14 years		8.4%	775
15 years or more		18.3%	1,683
		answered question	9,189
		skipped question	114

12. I receive retirement benefits from the military (check all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Pension		13.3%	1,173
Medical Retirement		3.1%	272
Time/Service Compensation		3.7%	324
I do not receive retirement benefits		81.9%	7,213
		answered question	8,807
		skipped question	496

13. I am a veteran in Texas with disabilities:

	Response Percent	Response Count
who served during World War I (WWI).	0.0%	1
who served during World War II (WWII).	0.2%	14
who served during the Korean War.	0.9%	53
who served during the Vietnam War.	30.9%	1,739
who served during Bosnia.	8.7%	488
who served during Grenada.	8.3%	465
who served during Desert Storm.	30.2%	1,700
who served during Operation Enduring Freedom.	23.0%	1,293
who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom.	28.1%	1,580
who served during peace time.	30.8%	1,733
I am a Caregiver for a veteran with disability.	0.9%	48
Other (please specify)		484
	answered question	5,632
	skipped question	3,671

14. I am a veteran in Texas with one or more of the following (check all that apply):

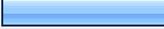
		Response Percent	Response Count
I am blind or visually impaired.		6.0%	270
I am deaf or hard of hearing.		28.5%	1,286
I have a physical mobility impairment (such as an amputation, paralysis, Cerebral Palsy, stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Arthritis, or spinal cord injury).		26.1%	1,176
I have a cognitive impairment (such as dementia or Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or stroke).		2.1%	95
I have a speech impairment.		1.6%	73
I have post traumatic stress disorder.		28.8%	1,297
I have a traumatic brain injury.		4.9%	220
I am a veteran with special dietary needs.		9.8%	443
I have a personal care attendant.		0.5%	21
I have a mental illness.		14.0%	630
I depend on Meals on Wheels or a similar program.		0.4%	20
I depend on in home care.		0.4%	20
I depend on oxygen.		1.1%	50
I need dialysis.		0.2%	9
I depend on a Service Animal.		0.2%	9
I depend on the internet to order supplies.		4.3%	195
I use durable medical equipment.		6.2%	279
I am homeless.		7.8%	352

I am not currently homeless but have been homeless at sometime in the past.		23.1%	1,040
		answered question	4,506
		skipped question	4,797

15. I live:

		Response Percent	Response Count
in an area with more than an hour commute to the nearest Veterans Medical Center.		30.4%	2,568
in an area with less than an hour to the nearest Veterans Medical Center.		66.7%	5,627
in an area with more than an hour commute for specialty care needs at a Veterans Medical Center.		6.2%	524
		answered question	8,440
		skipped question	863

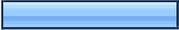
16. I get my disability related news and information from (check all that apply):

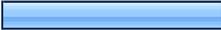
	Response Percent	Response Count
TV 	33.5%	2,000
Radio 	13.8%	825
Newspaper 	23.4%	1,396
Internet 	73.9%	4,407
Telephone 	6.2%	371
Text messaging 	1.6%	97
TTY or Texas Relay 	0.2%	10
Speech to Speech Relay 	1.2%	74
Friends, family and/or caregivers 	24.9%	1,487
Newsletters and magazines 	29.6%	1,768
Social Media (such as Facebook, My Space, Twitter, blogs) 	8.3%	493
Other (please specify)		601
	answered question	5,963
	skipped question	3,340

17. I am aware of, or have used reasonable accommodations provided by my college or university, including:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Note Takers 	42.9%	264
Extended Testing Time 	39.7%	244
Braille 	9.4%	58
Large Print Material 	21.8%	134
Transportation 	37.4%	230
Other services (please specify)		684
	answered question	615
	skipped question	8,688

18. I am aware of or have received these State of Texas benefits (check all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Specialty license plates		19.6%	1,539
Parking privileges for certain veterans		10.6%	834
Free drivers license for veterans with disabilities		7.1%	554
SpeakUpTexas – a grant for communications equipment from Public Utility Commission		0.8%	62
Fishing and hunting licenses at a reduced cost		12.8%	1,000
No-cost medical records		5.2%	409
Reduced concealed handgun license fees		5.9%	466
Free state park admission		7.9%	616
Property tax exemption		15.5%	1,216
Veterans GI Bill educational benefits		37.3%	2,928
Veterans employment services through Texas Veterans Commission		26.4%	2,071
Educational assistance through the Hazelwood Act		14.2%	1,116
Employment in Troops to Teachers		4.5%	350
Veteran preference for employment with state agencies		22.4%	1,757
Military service credit for employment with state agencies		12.2%	955
Land, housing and home improvement loans		14.4%	1,131

Access to Texas State Veterans Homes		5.4%	425
None		33.4%	2,616
Other (please specify)			160
		answered question	7,842
		skipped question	1,461

19. In my opinion, veterans in Texas could benefit by:

	Response Count
	4,477
answered question	4,477
skipped question	4,826

20. As a Veteran in Texas, I am pleased with:

	Response Count
	4,012
answered question	4,012
skipped question	5,291