



Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs pays certain expenses of eligible veterans and service members, or their designated dependents, enrolled at educational institutions or training establishments. Educational institutions include public, nonprofit, and for-profit colleges and universities, as well as other entities offering approved programs of education. The benefit paid for tuition and fees is equal to the actual amount charged to in-state residents for students attending public institutions or up to a maximum amount, adjusted annually for inflation, for students at private or foreign institutions. The program also provides a monthly housing allowance to beneficiaries who pursue education or training at a rate greater than half-time. Generally, people who served on active duty after September 11, 2001, for at least 36 months are eligible for the full benefit, and those who served for shorter periods receive a reduced benefit. Service members with at least six years on active duty who agree to serve four more years can transfer benefits to their dependents.

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	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2023-2027	2023-2032
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032		
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Total Payments	9,264	10,087	11,009	11,733	12,174	12,620	13,079	13,582	14,064	14,572	15,097	57,623	128,017
Adjustment for Timing Shifts ^a	<u>542</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>-595</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>-727</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	-542	-542
Estimated Outlays	9,806	10,140	10,414	11,733	12,174	12,620	13,806	12,855	14,064	14,572	15,097	57,081	127,475
BENEFIT INFORMATION													
Total Beneficiaries	594,759	639,366	671,334	688,117	688,117	688,668	689,425	690,115	690,253	690,253	690,253	n.a.	n.a.
Average Annual Benefits (Dollars)	15,590	15,778	16,385	17,051	17,692	18,325	18,985	19,666	20,375	21,111	21,872	n.a.	n.a.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; VA = Department of Veterans Affairs; n.a. = not applicable.

- a. VA makes certain payments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (housing allowances and supplementary benefits) to beneficiaries on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month occurs on a weekend or holiday, VA will make the payments on the preceding business day. When this occurs in October (the beginning of the fiscal year), the payment is made at the end of September (in the preceding fiscal year). This results in shifting the October payments in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2029 backward into fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2028, respectively.