

## **Veterans' Affairs**

2023/2024 Satisfaction Survey July 2024



# Veterans' Affairs Satisfaction

# Survey 2024 Research Methodology

Telephone interviews were conducted with a randomly selected sample of veterans from New Zealand. A total of 531 veterans were contacted for this survey. Of these, 400 veterans completed the interviews, while 131 declined to participate, resulting in a response rate of 75.3%.

The high number of completed interviews (400) provides a robust sample size, enhancing the reliability and representativeness of the survey results. This methodology ensures a wide-ranging assessment of veteran experiences and satisfaction levels, providing valuable insights for the continuous improvement of the Veterans' Affairs services.

Tracking data was compared where available, using data from VA's 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 satisfaction surveys, the 2017 services survey and the 2021 application satisfaction survey.

#### **Research Objectives**

Measure veterans' satisfaction with services provided by VA case managers

Measure veterans' satisfaction with, and ease of obtaining, services funded by VA

Measure veterans' awareness and knowledge of the Code of Veterans' and Other Claimants' Rights

Measure veterans' engagement and rating of VA communications

Measure veterans' overall satisfaction with VA

Measure veterans' satisfaction with the VA application process



#### **Veterans' Affairs Satisfaction Survey 2024**

Start date: 06/06/2024End date: 30/06/2024

#### **Completed**

• 400 surveys were completed

#### **Project Management**

The survey has been managed by PublicVoice Ltd. Any queries regarding this report can be addressed to:

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#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

#### **Overall Satisfaction and Net Promoter Score**

•Overall Satisfaction: 97% (+2% from 2023)

•Net Promoter Score: 72.3 (+9.9 from 2023)

#### **VA Services Satisfaction**

•ADT: 96% satisfaction (+4% from 2023)

Foot Mechanics: 97% satisfaction (no change from 2023)

•Chemwash: 88% satisfaction (+5% from 2023)

Crewcut: 88% satisfaction (+6% from 2022)

Paramount: 91% satisfaction (new provider in 2024)

#### **Application Process**

- •Overall Application Process Satisfaction: 89% (+17% from 2023)
- •82% satisfied with how VA kept them updated on application status (+15% from 2023)
- •69% satisfied with application processing time (+2% from 2023)

#### **Communications**

- •Magazine Readership: 91% (+3% from 2023)
- •Email Newsletter Readership: 42% (+17% from 2023)
- •Magazine Satisfaction: 98% (+2% from 2023)
- •Email Newsletter Satisfaction: 98% (+2% from 2023)

#### **Areas for Improvement**

- Application processing time (69% satisfaction)
- •Keeping applicants updated on application status (82% satisfaction)
- Some veterans suggested improving communication, expediting processes, and enhancing staff compete

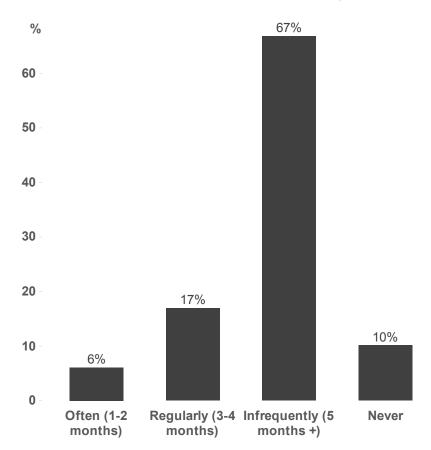




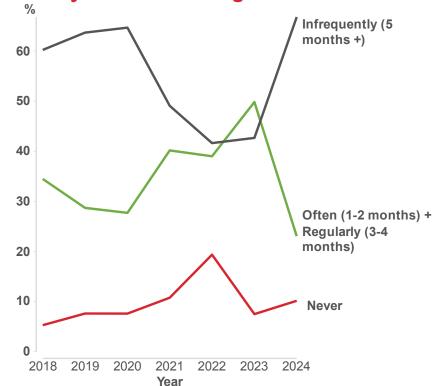
### **CASE MANAGEMENT**



#### How often do you have contact with your case manager?



|                           | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                           | n =  | n =  | n =  | n =  | n =  | n =  | n =  |
| Column %                  | 1340 | 892  | 617  | 371  | 382  | 293  | 295  |
| Often (1-2 months)        | 7%   | 4%   | 4%   | 12%  | 11%  | 13%  | 6%   |
| Regularly (3-4 months)    | 28%  | 24%  | 24%  | 28%  | 28%  | 37%  | 17%  |
| Infrequently (5 months +) | 60%  | 64%  | 65%  | 49%  | 42%  | 43%  | 67%  |
| Never                     | 5%   | 8%   | 8%   | 11%  | 19%  | 8%   | 10%  |



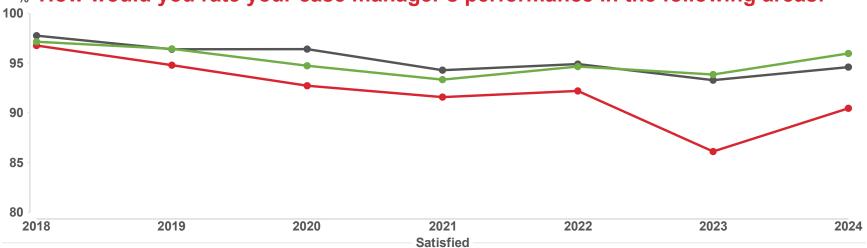
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### CASE MANAGEMENT



### % How would you rate your case manager's performance in the following areas:



The ease of being able to contact your case manager

Your case manager's ability to listen to your concerns and address them

Your case manager's interaction with you

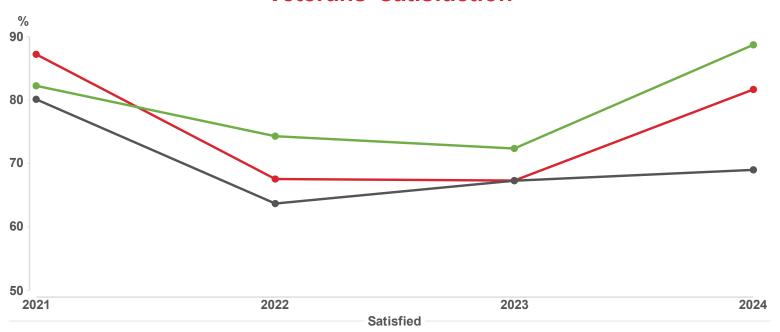
| Row %     | The ease of being able to contact your | Your case manager's ability to listen to your concerns and address them | Your case manager's interaction with you |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Satisfied | case manager                           | address them  | interaction with you                     |
| Satisfied |  |   |  |
| 2018      | 97%                                    | 98%   | 97%                                      |
| 2019      | 95%                                    | 96%   | 96%                                      |
| 2020      | 93%                                    | 96%   | 95%                                      |
| 2021      | 92%                                    | 94%   | 93%                                      |
| 2022      | 92%                                    | 95%   | 95%                                      |
| 2023      | 86%                                    | 93%   | 94%                                      |
| 2024      | 90%                                    | 95%   | 96%                                      |



### **APPLICATIONS SATISFACTION**



#### **Veterans' satisfaction**



How satisfied were you with how Veteran affairs kept you up to date with the status of your application?

How satisfied were you with the time it took to process your application?

How satisfied were you with the application process overall?

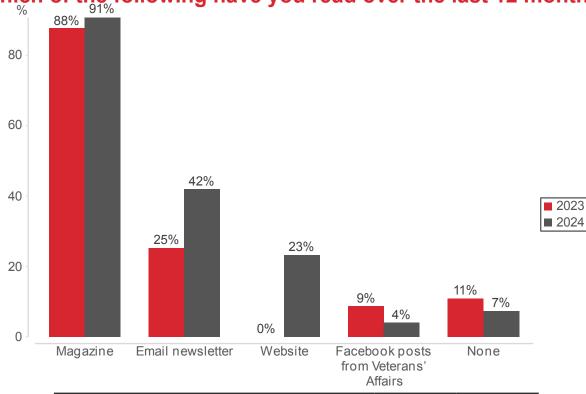
| Row %          | How satisfied were you with how Veteran affairs kept you up to date with the status of your application? | •   | How satisfied were you with the application process overall? |
|----------------|--|-----|--|
| Satisfied 2021 | 87%  | 80% | 82%  |
| 2022           | 68%  | 64% | 74%  |
| 2023           | 67%  | 67% | 72%  |
| 2024           | 82%  | 69% | 89%  |



### COMMUNICATIONS



## Which of the following have you read over the last 12 months?



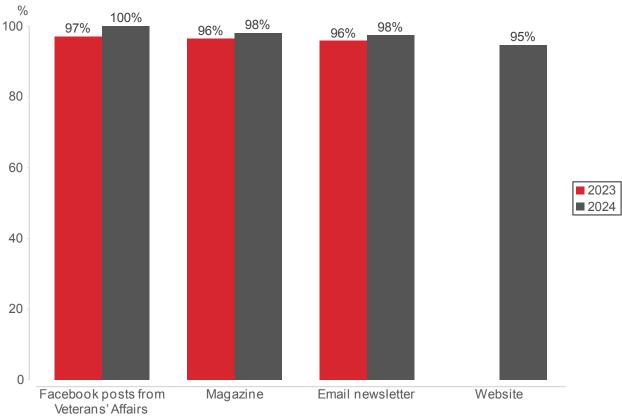
|                                       | 2023    | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Column %                              | n = 404 | n = 400 |
| Magazine                              | 88%     | 91%     |
| Emailnewsletter                       | 25%     | 42%     |
| Website                               | 0%      | 23%     |
| Facebook posts from Veterans' Affairs | 9%      | 4%      |
| None                                  | 11%     | 7%      |

### COMMUNICATIONS



#### How would you rate the following forms of communication from Veterans' Affairs?

#### **Overall satisfaction**



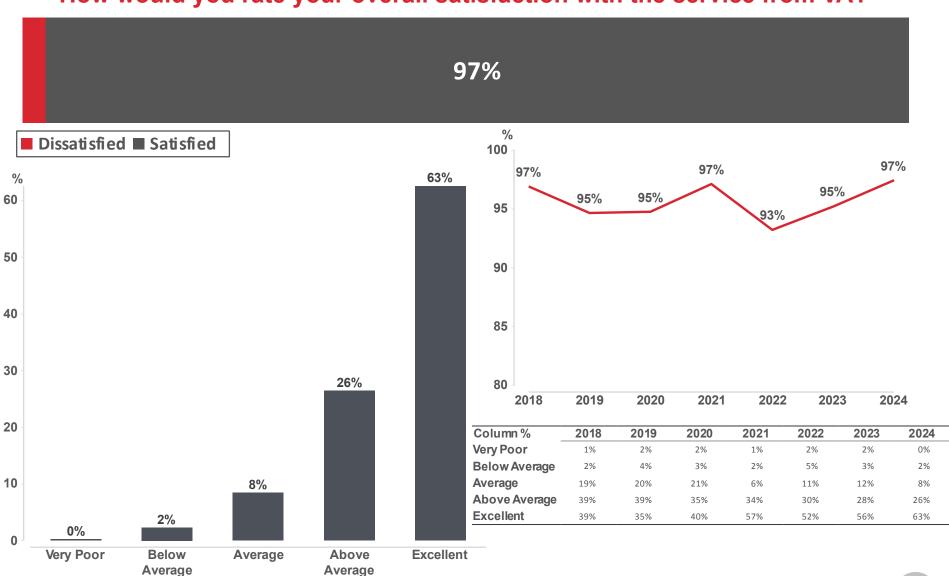
| Row % | Email<br>newsletter | Facebook<br>posts from<br>Veterans'<br>Affairs | Magazine | Website |
|-------|---------------------|--|----------|---------|
| 2023  | 96%                 | 97%  | 96%      | -       |
| 2024  | 98%                 | 100%   | 98%      | 95%     |



### **GENERAL**



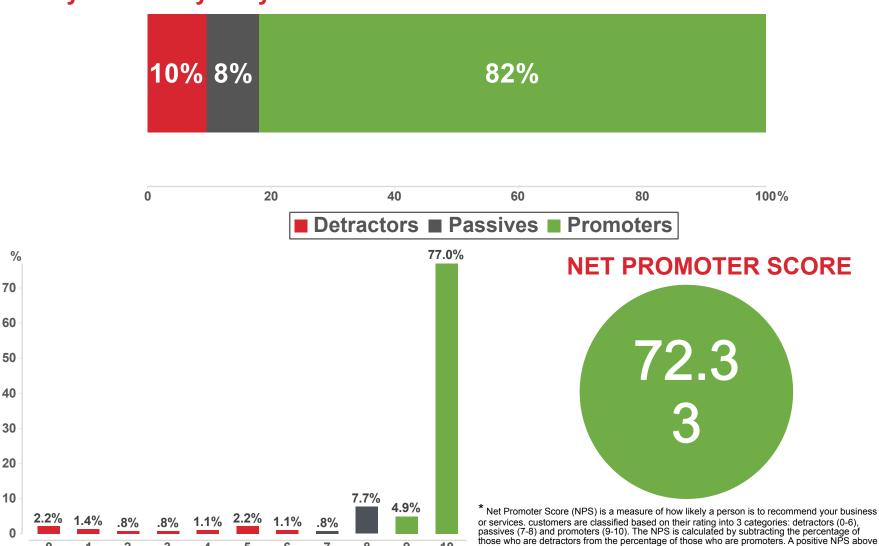
### How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the service from VA?



### **NET PROMOTER SCORE**



On a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being not at all likely and 10 being extremely likely. How likely are you to recommend Veterans' Affairs to another veteran?



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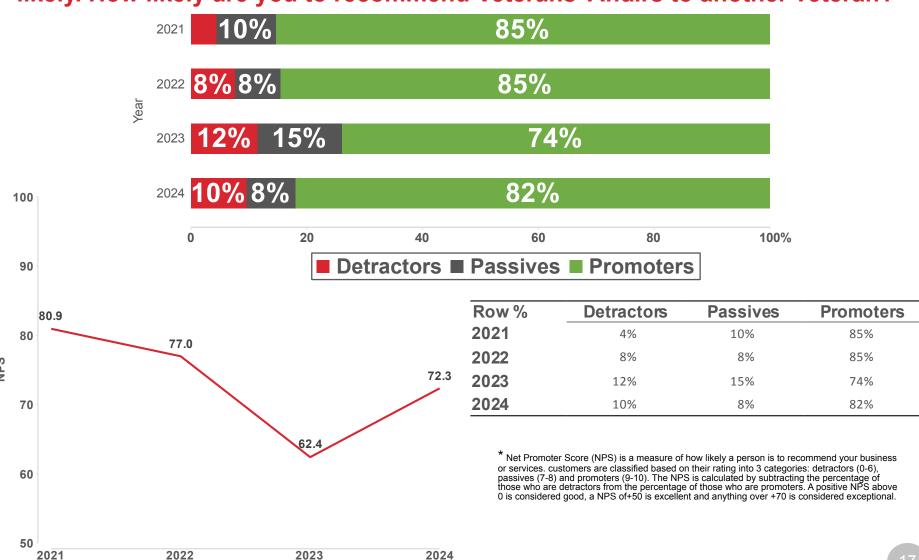
0 is considered good, a NPS of +50 is excellent and anything over +70 is considered exceptional.

### **NET PROMOTER SCORE**

Year

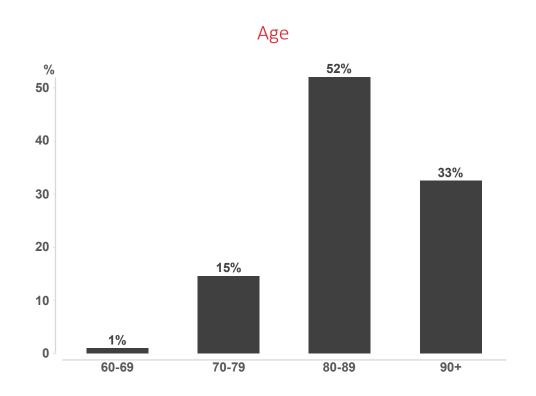


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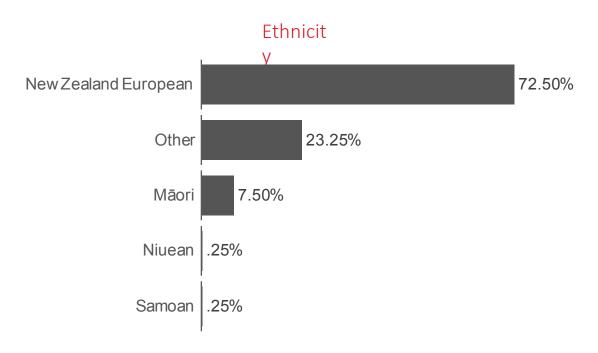


### **RESPONDENT OVERVIEW**



| Column % | 2018<br>n = 1510 | 2019<br>n = 1267 | 2020<br>n = 1021 | 2021<br>n = 415 | 2022<br>n = 399 | 2023<br>n = 403 | 2024<br>n = 400 |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Under 60 | 1%               | 1%               | 1%               | 0%              | 5%              | 1%              | 0%              |
| 60-69    | 7%               | 7%               | 5%               | 2%              | 7%              | 2%              | 1%              |
| 70-79    | 35%              | 44%              | 43%              | 33%             | 44%             | 43%             | 15%             |
| 80-89    | 33%              | 33%              | 34%              | 49%             | 38%             | 42%             | 52%             |
| 90+      | 24%              | 16%              | 17%              | 16%             | 6%              | 11%             | 33%             |

### **RESPONDENT OVERVIEW**



|                      | 2019     | 2020     | 2021    | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    |
|----------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Column %             | n = 1270 | n = 1033 | n = 571 | n = 404 | n = 404 | n = 400 |
| New Zealand European | 86.54%   | 85.29%   | 63.05%  | 75.99%  | 66.58%  | 72.50%  |
| Other                | 3.54%    | 2.42%    | 4.90%   | 12.38%  | 26.24%  | 23.25%  |
| Māori                | 11.89%   | 11.33%   | 7.53%   | 11.88%  | 10.89%  | 7.50%   |
| Niuean               | .08%     | .10%     | .00%    | .00%    | .00%    | .25%    |
| Samoan               | .08%     | .19%     | .18%    | .25%    | .25%    | .25%    |
| Cook Islands Maori   | .24%     | .19%     | .00%    | .00%    | .00%    | .00%    |
| Tongan               | .08%     | .10%     | .00%    | .25%    | .25%    | .00%    |
| Chinese              | .08%     | .10%     | .18%    | .00%    | .00%    | .00%    |

### **RESPONDENT OVERVIEW**

