



**Congressional Budget Office**

Supplemental Data for *The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2021 to 2031*

## **Baseline Projections**

### **Post-9/11 GI Bill**

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.



**Baseline Projections**  
**Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022- 2026	2022- 2031
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>													
Outlays in Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Total Payments	9,609	10,566	11,056	11,441	11,848	12,278	12,730	13,201	13,690	14,194	14,712	57,189	125,716
Adjustment for Timing Shifts <sup>a</sup>	0	671	19	-690	0	0	0	806	-806	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	9,609	11,237	11,075	10,751	11,848	12,278	12,730	14,007	12,884	14,194	14,712	57,189	125,716
<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Total Beneficiaries (Thousands of people)	625	672	682	682	682	682	682	682	682	682	682	n.a.	n.a.
Cost per Beneficiary (Dollars)	15,374	15,723	16,211	16,776	17,372	18,003	18,666	19,356	20,073	20,812	21,572	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 backwards into fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2028, respectively.