**Table 4.** Characteristics of OEF/OIF/OND Veteran VCP Users and Non-Users

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| **Characteristics** | **Mileage/ Hardship****VCP Users (n = 1061)** | **Mileage/****Hardship****Non-Users****(n = 80190)** | **P-value** | **Wait-Time****VCP Users (n = 2760)** | **Wait-Time****Non-Users (n = 130438)** | **P-value** |
| **Demographic Characteristics** |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Age, mean (SD), years | 38.0 (9.6) | 36.8 (10.0) | .0003 | 38.1 (9.8) | 37.3 (9.8) | <.0001 |
| Unknown, No.  | 0  | 14  |  | 1  | 28  |  |
| Gender, No. (%) |   |  | .0575 |   |  | .4308 |
| Male | 933 (88) | 72256 (90) |  | 2344 (85) | 109678 (84) |  |
| Female | 128 (12) | 7924 (10) |  | 416 (15) | 20747 (16) |  |
|  Unknown | 0 (0) | 10 (0) |  | 0 (0) | 13 (0) |  |
| Race/ethnicity, No. (%) |  |  | <.0001 |  |  | <.0001 |
| Hispanic | 73 (7) | 4043 (5) |  | 326 (12) | 15288 (12) |  |
| Black/African American  | 71 (7) | 6285 (8) |  | 370 (13) | 23290 (18) |  |
| Other | 59 (6) | 7207 (9) |  | 148 (5) | 4419 (3) |  |
| White | 714 (67) | 53436 (67) |  | 1543 (56) | 69826 (54) |  |
| Unknown | 144 (14) | 9219 (11) |  | 373 (14) | 17615 (13) |  |
| Marital status, No. (%)  |  |  | .0018 |  |  | .8228 |
| Married | 557 (52) | 38494 (48) |  | 1355 (49) | 63588 (49) |  |
| Single | 443 (42) | 37980 (47) |  | 1244 (45) | 59594 (46) |  |
| Separated/ Divorced/ Widowed | 61 (6) | 3674 (5) |  | 160 (6) | 7208 (6) |  |
| Unknown | 0 (0) | 42 (0) |  | 1 (0) | 78 (1) |  |
| Education level, No. (%) |  |  | .7087 |  |  | .0014 |
| High School or Less | 832 (78) | 62240 (77) |  | 2116 (77) | 103968 (80) |  |
| Baccalaureate or some college | 185 (17) | 14569 (18) |  | 527 (19) | 21678 (17) |  |
| Post baccalaureate | 26 (2) | 2240 (3) |  | 76 (3) | 3045 (2) |  |
| Unknown | 18 (2) | 1141 (1) |  | 41 (1) | 1747 (1) |  |
| **Military Characteristics** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Branch of service, No. (%) |  |  | .3805 |  |  | <.0001 |
| Air Force | 141 (13) | 9543 (12) |  | 296 (11) | 14653 (11) |  |
| Army | 692 (65) | 53390 (67) |  | 1574 (57) | 81185 (62) |  |
| Coast Guard | 2 (0) | 113 (0) |  | 4 (0) | 132 (0) |  |
| Marines | 104 (10) | 8710 (11) |  | 374 (14) | 16930 (13) |  |
| Navy | 122 (11) | 8438 (11) |  | 512 (19) | 17538 (13) |  |
| Component, No. (%) |  |  | <.0001 |  |  | .0043 |
| Active Duty | 702 (66) | 42624 (53) |  | 1962 (71) | 88871 (68) |  |
| Guard | 261 (25) | 27814 (35) |  | 482 (17) | 24990 (19) |  |
| Reserve | 98 (9) | 9752 (12) |  | 316 (12) | 16577 (13) |  |
| Personnel rank, No. (%) |  |  | .1744 |  |  | .0195 |
| Officer | 62 (6) | 5623 (7) |  | 180 (7) | 7057 (5) |  |
| Enlisted | 991 (93) | 73679 (92) |  | 2549 (92) | 122183 (94) |  |
| Warrant officer | 8 (1) | 888 (1) |  | 31 (1) | 1198 (1) |  |
| Deployed, No. (%)  |  |  | .5080 |  |  | .4426 |
| Deployed once | 555 (52) | 42765 (53) |  | 1435 (52) | 68780 (53) |  |
| Multiple deployments | 506 (48) | 37425 (47) |  | 1325 (48) | 61658 (47) |  |
| **Healthcare Access Characteristics** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Priority level within VA,\* No. (%)  |  |  | <.0001 |  |  | <.0001 |
| 1 | 721 (68) | 28308 (35) |  | 1920 (70) | 81086 (62) |  |
| 2 | 102 (10) | 8759 (11) |  | 313 (11) | 14560 (11) |  |
| 3 | 78 (7) | 9336 (12) |  | 179 (6) | 10695 (8) |  |
| 4 – 6 | 124 (12) | 22278 (28) |  | 287 (10) | 18980 (15) |  |
| 7 – 8 | 36 (3) | 10639 (13) |  | 61 (2) | 5105 (4) |  |
| Unknown | 0 (0) | 870 (1) |  | 0 (0) | 12 (0) |  |
| Insurance, No. (%)  |  |  | <.0001 |  |  | .0021 |
| No Insurance | 730 (69) | 41543 (52) |  | 1828 (66) | 87046 (67) |  |
| Insurance | 306 (29) | 17752 (22) |  | 926 (34) | 42366 (32) |  |
| Unknown | 25 (2) | 20895 (26) |  | 6 (0) | 1026 (1) |  |
| Rurality, No. (%)  |   |  | <.0001 |   |  | .0820 |
| Highly rural | 55 (5) | 4695 (6) |  | 6 (0) | 561 (0) |  |
| Urban | 241 (23) | 17648 (22) |  | 2109 (76) | 96955 (74) |  |
| Rural | 753 (71) | 53061 (66) |  | 643 (23) | 32832 (25) |  |
| Unknown | 3 (0) | 2973 (4) |  | 2 (0) | 88 (0) |  |
| Driving distance, mean (SD), miles | 44.8 (30.1) | 41.9 (28.3) | .0018 | 12.6 (10.3) | 12.5 (9.7) | .5883 |
| Unknown, No. | 71  | 6,352 |  | 223 | 8,534 |  |

\* 1: VA-rated service-connected disabilities 50% or more disabling or unemployable due to service-connected conditions; 2: VA-rated service-connected disabilities 30% or 40% disabling; 3: Former POWs; awarded Purple Heart medal; disability incurred in the line of duty; VA-rated service-connected disabilities 10% or 20%; awarded special eligibility classification; awarded MOH; 4-6 Aid & attendance/housebound/VA pension benefits/eligible for Medicaid; 7-8 income above threshold