



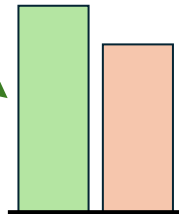
# VA Disability Claims

## What The Data Say

*Like a lawyer being admitted to the bar, and not a law firm,  
**individuals** get VA-accredited, **not businesses!***

**Represented  
Veterans**  
(Accredited  
representatives)

**\$2,221**

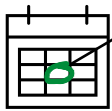


**\$1,928**

**Unrepresented  
Veterans**  
(Includes Claim  
Sharks)

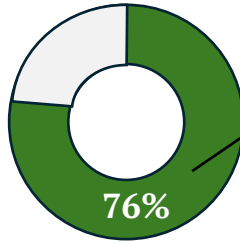
### Average VA Award Per Month

Source: Internal Veterans Benefits Administration Data, Sept. 2024



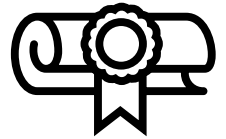
**9 – 12  
MONTHS**

Average time  
for VA to  
process an  
accreditation  
application



\* Over last two years

% of all veteran  
beneficiaries\* with  
accredited  
representative on file  
with VA  
(Numbers consistent  
regardless of Claim Shark  
presence in states)



## What's the Deal with Accreditation?

***NO ONE*** (except VA) can make VA claims go ***faster!***

Initial VA Disability Claims

**~ 128 DAYS**

Increase VA Disability Claims\*

**~ 60 - 90 DAYS**

\* Most types of claims the Claim Sharks say they do



START

FINISH

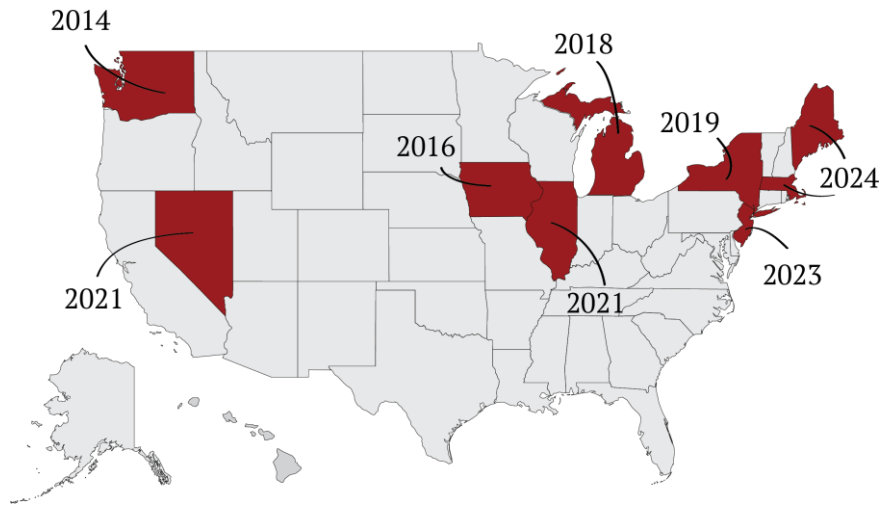


## How Long Do VA Claims Take?



*Percentages of veteran benefit enrollment have **increased** in states with Claim Shark laws, NOT decreased!*

Since 2014,  
**9** States  
Have Passed  
Claim Shark  
Laws

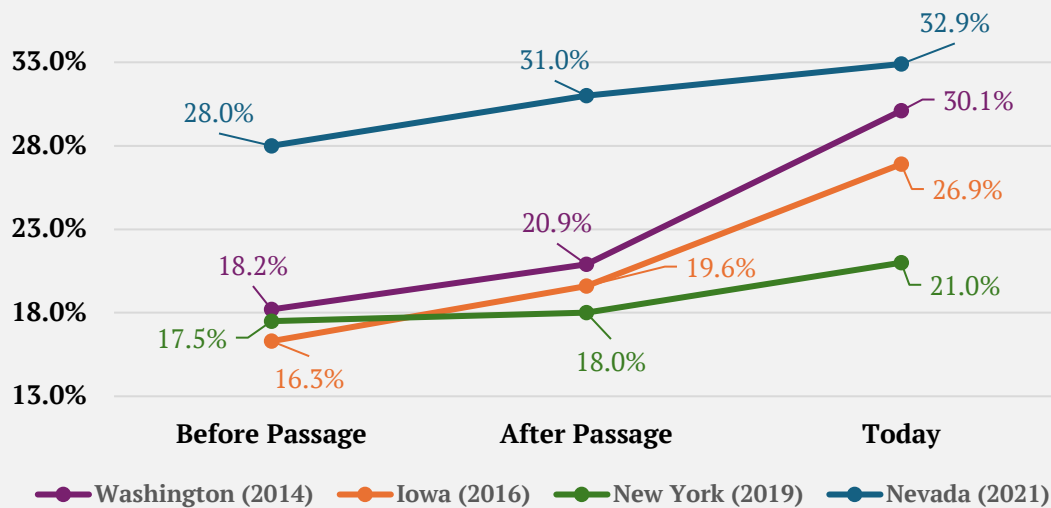


## The Truth About Claim Shark Laws



### % Veteran Benefit Enrollment Pre- and Post- Claim Shark Law Passage (By State)

Source: VA Annual Benefits Reports (2013-2023)



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