

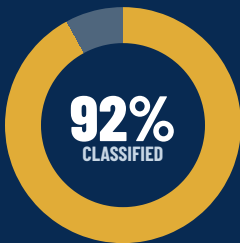


A primary-reason analysis of denied PTSD service-connection issues in published Board of Veterans' Appeals decisions.

STUDY POPULATION

34,620 DENIED SERVICE-CONNECTION ISSUES

PTSD issues coded under diagnostic code 9411 in the research dataset.



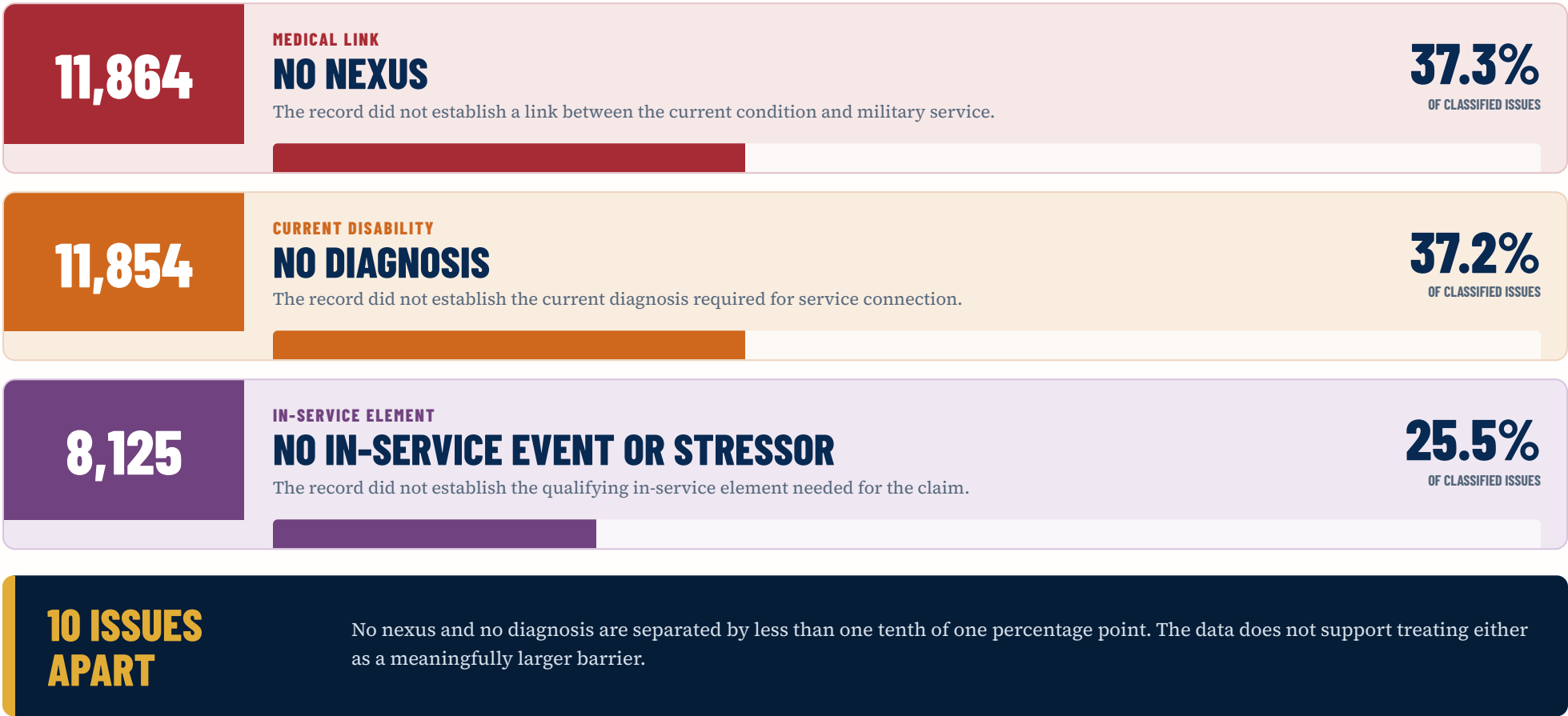
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PRIMARY REASON AMONG CLASSIFIED ISSUES

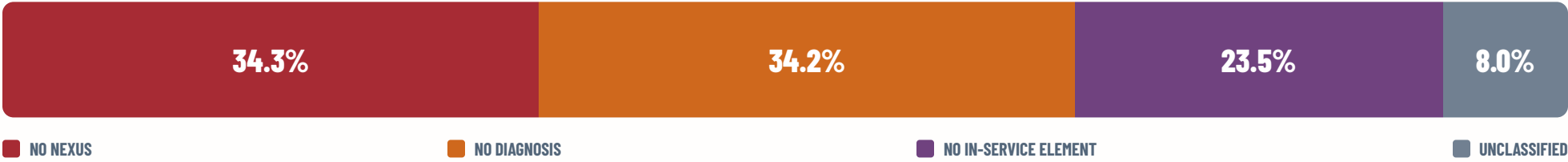
TWO BARRIERS WERE VIRTUALLY TIED

Percentages use the 31,843 classified issues as the denominator.



FULL DENIED POPULATION

WHAT CHANGES WHEN ALL 34,620 ARE SHOWN



2,777 UNCLASSIFIED ISSUES

These were part of the denied service-connection population but were not assigned to one of the three primary categories. They remain in the denominator rather than being silently removed.

READ THE CHART CORRECTLY

THIS IS A CLASSIFICATION OF BOARD DECISIONS

One primary category per classified issue. The three classified counts do not overlap.

Issue counts are not unique veterans. One Board decision may contain multiple issues.

Board appeals are not initial claims. These results describe published appellate decisions and do not predict an individual claim outcome.



SOURCE AND SCOPE

RateMyVSO analysis of published Board decisions coded for PTSD under diagnostic code 9411. Data generated August 10, 2026. Drawn from a research corpus containing more than 1.9 million published BVA decisions. Chart-specific population: 34,620 denied PTSD service-connection issues.