

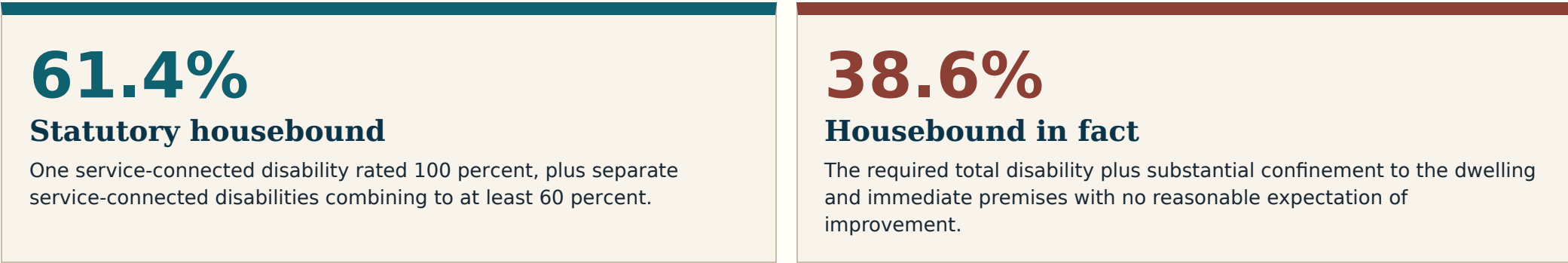
WHAT 16,118 BVA SMC-S APPEALS REVEAL

Board decisions from 1992 through 2026 show the overall outcome, two entitlement pathways, effective-date volume, and common denial themes.



PATHWAYS IN GRANTED SMC-S DECISIONS

CLASSIFIED GRANTS



TOP REASONS SMC-S IS DENIED

DECISION COUNTS



These are appealed Board outcomes, not overall VA claim outcomes. Pathway shares describe classified grants. Denial themes can overlap.