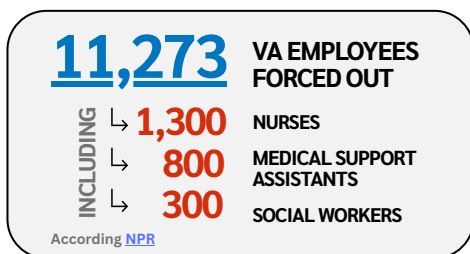




VETERANS REPORT

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Department of Veterans Affairs is cutting [83,000 jobs](#), slashing the essential workforce by over 17 percent at the federal agency. These cuts come on top of staffing shortages at the VA, including having [66,000 vacancies](#) across the health system and further outlined in a [2024 report](#) that found that 137 of 139 VA health centers nationwide report a severe staffing shortage in at least one area, particularly nursing and psychology.



Republicans' bill to slash Medicaid will also hit veterans hard. [Estimates](#) show that over the past decade, nearly 10 percent of veterans use Medicaid for at least some of their health care benefits, and 40 percent of those veterans rely exclusively on Medicaid for all their health care. In addition, Republicans' bill that is cutting vital food assistance programs like SNAP puts [1.2 million veterans](#) at risk of losing nutrition assistance. Survivor families who've already lost income from their fallen loved one are also in jeopardy of losing their SNAP and Medicaid benefits.



The federal government is the single biggest employer of veterans in the country, employing more than 635,000 veterans. Veterans make up [30 percent](#) of all federal workers, [half of whom are disabled](#). Of the 38,000 federal employees fired in the first five weeks of the Trump administration, 6,000 are veterans, according to one [estimate](#).

