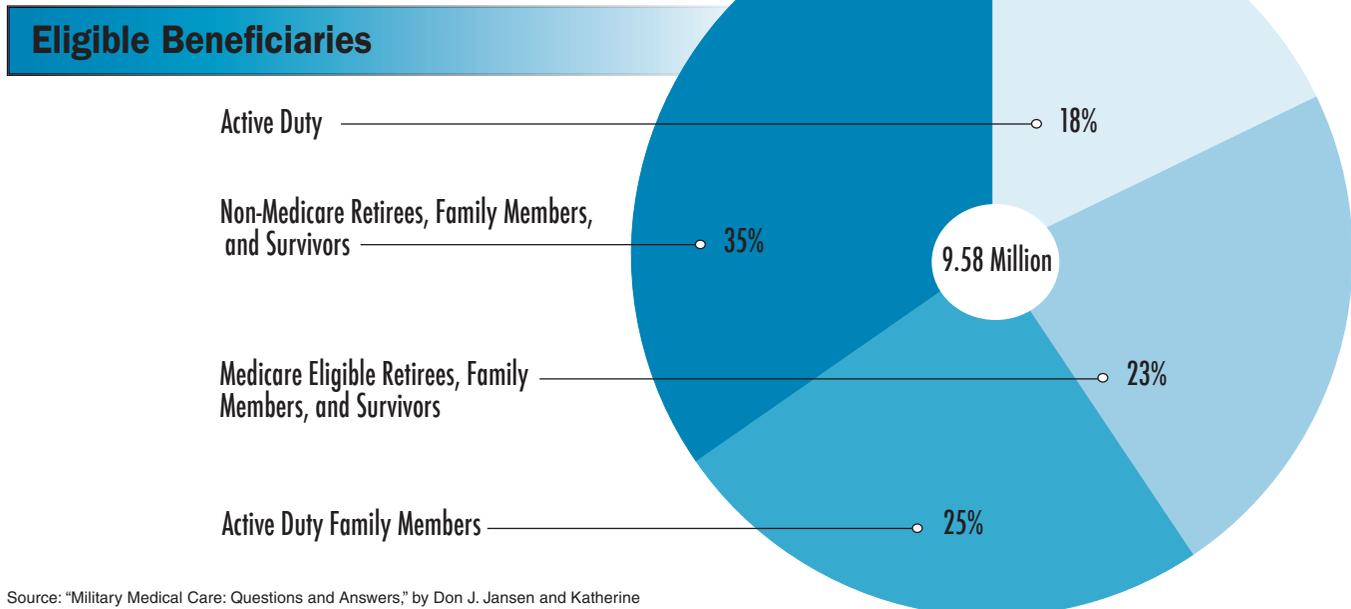
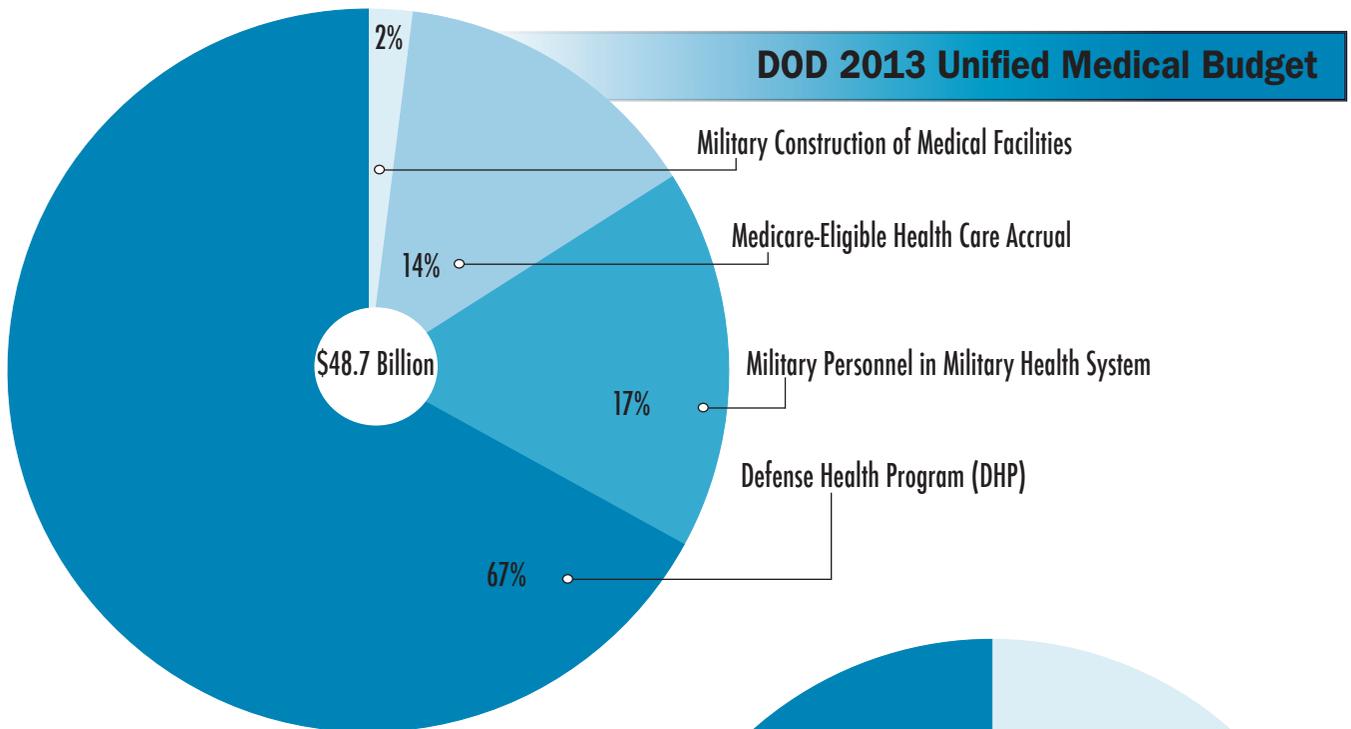


## Where 49 Billion Medical Dollars Go

The Defense Department's unified medical budget comprises funding for all treatment facilities and activities, not including funding for combat support medical units and activities (handled by the armed services). As seen in the first graphic, this year's spending plan weighs in at \$48.7

billion, some two-thirds of which goes to the direct-care Defense Health Program. Who receives this care? The second graphic shows that nearly 10 million persons are eligible. Surprisingly, the Active Duty forces account for only 18 percent of the eligible population.



Source: "Military Medical Care: Questions and Answers," by Don J. Jansen and Katherine Blakeley, Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C., June 19, 2013.