

Effective October 2015, the International Classification of Diseases was updated. With the improved information, more moderate traumatic brain injuries can be counted. Previously, some cases were categorized as "unclassifiable" severity due to more limited surveillance information. Also in 2015, the Assistant Secretary of Defense clarified the TBI case definition. A subsequent review found that some of the remaining "unclassifiable" cases were likely moderate TBI. This change also will contribute to higher counts of moderate TBI surveillance cases.

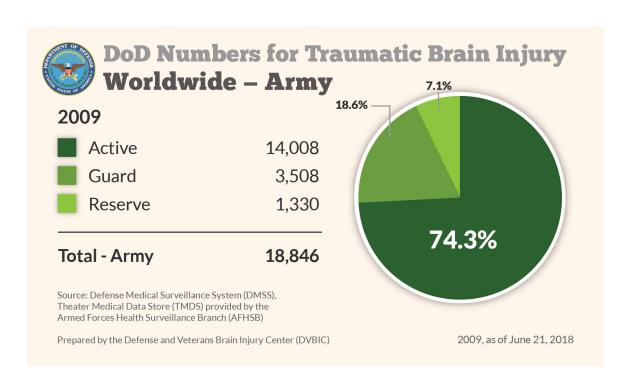
Worldwide numbers represent medical diagnoses of TBI that occurred anywhere U.S. forces are located including the continental United States since 2000.

**Concussion/Mild TBI is characterized by the following:** Confused or disoriented state which lasts less than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for up to 30 minutes; or memory loss lasting less than 24 hours. Excludes penetrating TBI. A CT scan is not indicated for most patients with a Mild TBI. If obtained, it is normal.

**Moderate TBI is characterized by the following:** Confused or disoriented state which lasts more than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for more than 30 minutes, but less than 24 hours; or memory loss lasting greater than 24 hours but less than seven days; or meets criteria for Mild TBI except an abnormal CT scan is present. Excludes penetrating TBI. A structural brain imaging study may be normal or abnormal.

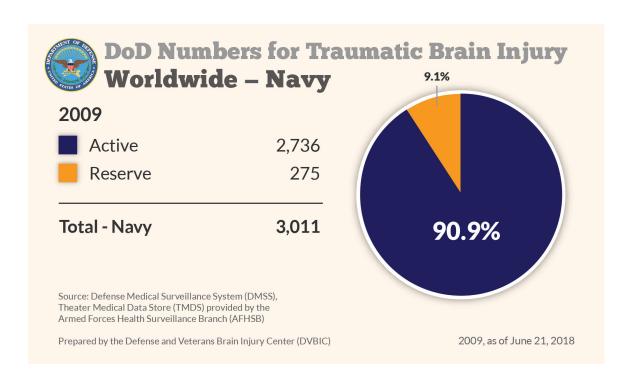
**Severe TBI is characterized by the following:** Confused or disoriented state which lasts more than 24 hours; or loss of consciousness for more than 24 hours; or memory loss for more than seven days. Excludes penetrating TBI. A structural brain imaging study may be normal but usually is abnormal.

**Penetrating TBI, or open head injury, is characterized by the following:** A head injury in which the scalp, skull and dura mater (the outer layer of the meninges) are penetrated. Penetrating injuries can be caused by high-velocity projectiles or objects of lower velocity such as knives, or bone fragments from a skull fracture that are driven into the brain.



Service	Component	Severity	Diagnosed
Army	Active	Penetrating	333
		Severe	197
		Moderate	987
		Mild	11,061
		Not Classifiable	1,430
	Guard	Penetrating	67
		Severe	50
		Moderate	260
		Mild	2,921
		Not Classifiable	210
	Reserve	Penetrating	17
		Severe	15
		Moderate	98
		Mild	1,092
		Not Classifiable	108

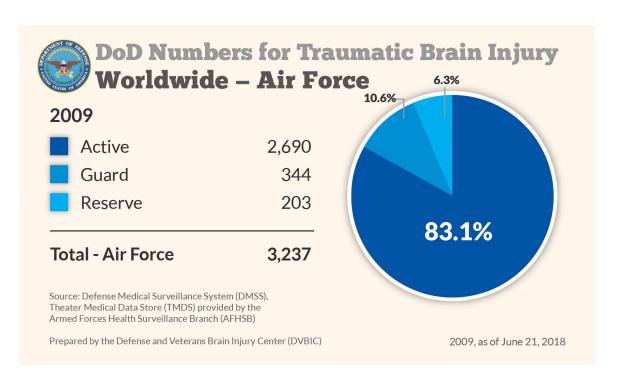
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Service	Component	Severity	Diagnosed
Navy	Active	Penetrating	25
		Severe	19
		Moderate	175
		Mild	2,445
		Not Classifiable	76
	Reserve	Penetrating	3
		Severe	3
		Moderate	29
		Mild	227
		Not Classifiable	13

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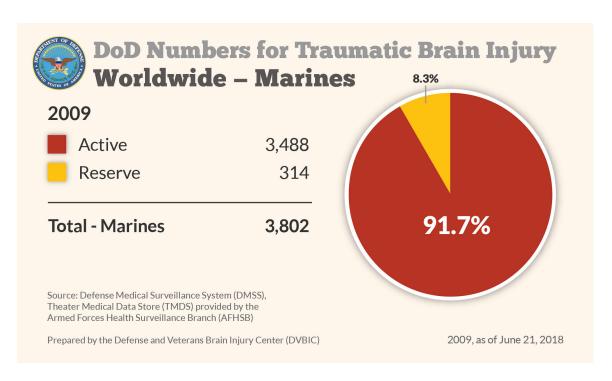
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Service	Component	Severity	Diagnosed
Air Force	Active	Penetrating	25
		Severe	22
		Moderate	204
		Mild	2,391
		Not Classifiable	48
	Guard	Penetrating	2
		Severe	2
		Moderate	28
		Mild	303
		Not Classifiable	9
	Reserve	Penetrating	2
		Severe	3
		Moderate	17
		Mild	176
		Not Classifiable	5

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Service	Component	Severity	Diagnosed
Marines	Active	Penetrating	42
		Severe	48
		Moderate	278
		Mild	3,016
		Not Classifiable	104
	Reserve	Penetrating	2
		Severe	2
		Moderate	22
		Mild	271
		Not Classifiable	17

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