



◀ Some people who experience a frightening or dangerous event may develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These individuals may feel stress or feel afraid even when they are not in danger. It is not clear if PTSD is more **widespread** today than in the past, or if more people are aware of the disorder and feel more comfortable talking about it.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History
<i>widespread</i>	adjective	found or distributed over a large area or a large number of people	<i>widespread</i> comes from the English <i>wide</i> and <i>spread</i> , meaning distributed broadly

Draw/insert a picture of the word.

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

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Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

Write a sentence or question that includes this word.

So they say ...

*“I am deeply concerned with the widespread, often undiagnosed, incidents of PTSD and the alarming suicide rate among our returning soldiers.”*

~ **Barbara Lee** (born July 16, 1946) is a California Congresswoman. Analyze her statement and share your impressions. Why should people be concerned about returning soldiers?