

**Table 23.**  
**Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, December 1996–2006**

Year	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases <sup>a</sup>	Injuries	Mental disorders			Neoplasms
						Total	Retardation	Other	
<b>Number</b>									
1996	2,482,508	4,241	120,726	23,247	102,862	490,382	64,090	426,292	82,786
1997	2,600,303	4,243	134,236	24,963	107,421	528,899	68,078	460,821	82,992
1998	2,749,508	4,216	148,224	27,568	113,122	584,887	73,051	511,836	86,536
1999	2,893,032	4,052	162,633	29,887	117,298	640,686	77,639	563,047	89,693
2000	3,029,718	3,921	163,587	32,224	120,941	697,278	82,842	614,436	93,748
2001	3,201,945	3,869	165,322	35,395	127,979	770,129	89,915	680,214	98,258
2002	3,406,601	3,936	167,791	38,514	134,759	839,949	95,564	744,385	104,144
2003	3,663,756	4,054	174,095	42,391	144,938	917,162	102,080	815,082	112,860
2004	3,937,922	4,235	180,890	46,585	155,471	998,538	108,646	889,892	122,887
2005	4,219,552	4,513	187,961	50,565	165,870	1,080,071	115,653	964,418	133,500
2006	4,488,482	4,737	194,803	54,520	177,003	1,159,754	122,460	1,037,294	143,376
<b>Percent</b>									
1996	100.0	0.2	4.9	0.9	4.1	19.8	2.6	17.2	3.3
1997	100.0	0.2	5.2	1.0	4.1	20.3	2.6	17.7	3.2
1998	100.0	0.2	5.4	1.0	4.1	21.3	2.7	18.6	3.1
1999	100.0	0.1	5.6	1.0	4.1	22.2	2.7	19.5	3.1
2000	100.0	0.1	5.4	1.1	4.0	23.0	2.7	20.3	3.1
2001	100.0	0.1	5.2	1.1	4.0	24.0	2.8	21.2	3.1
2002	100.0	0.1	4.9	1.1	4.0	24.7	2.8	21.9	3.1
2003	100.0	0.1	4.8	1.2	4.0	25.0	2.8	22.2	3.1
2004	100.0	0.1	4.6	1.2	3.9	25.4	2.8	22.6	3.1
2005	100.0	0.1	4.5	1.2	3.9	25.6	2.7	22.9	3.2
2006	100.0	0.1	4.3	1.2	3.9	25.8	2.7	23.1	3.2

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## Disabled Workers

**Table 23.**  
**Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, December 1996–2006—Continued**

Year	Diseases of the—								Other	Unknown <sup>b</sup>
	Blood and blood-forming organs	Circulatory system	Digestive system	Genitourinary system	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	Nervous system and sense organs	Respiratory system	Skin and subcutaneous tissue		
<b>Number</b>										
1996	3,828	430,896	30,050	29,211	641,839	202,449	127,355	5,892	47,370	139,374
1997	4,117	436,094	31,955	31,404	691,233	216,533	130,278	6,127	52,584	117,224
1998	4,358	441,899	34,322	34,939	739,762	232,409	134,047	6,512	60,237	96,470
1999	4,584	444,891	36,778	37,953	789,247	248,402	136,637	6,684	65,478	78,129
2000	4,825	448,636	39,378	41,354	842,904	263,502	139,336	6,866	69,162	62,056
2001	5,201	457,697	42,891	44,321	908,471	283,841	142,911	7,174	69,130	39,356
2002	5,636	470,876	47,276	47,688	984,518	305,116	148,500	7,586	5,387	94,925
2003	6,198	489,693	52,999	51,348	1,075,051	329,384	155,838	8,167	6,209	93,369
2004	6,741	508,917	58,707	55,196	1,173,315	354,117	163,709	8,732	7,087	92,795
2005	7,271	528,169	64,813	59,362	1,278,067	377,879	171,290	9,313	7,949	92,959
2006	7,816	543,299	70,459	63,482	1,378,465	401,197	177,332	9,982	8,840	93,417
<b>Percent</b>										
1996	0.2	17.4	1.2	1.2	25.9	8.2	5.1	0.2	1.9	5.6
1997	0.2	16.8	1.2	1.2	26.6	8.3	5.0	0.2	2.0	4.5
1998	0.2	16.1	1.2	1.3	26.9	8.5	4.9	0.2	2.2	3.5
1999	0.2	15.4	1.3	1.3	27.3	8.6	4.7	0.2	2.3	2.7
2000	0.2	14.8	1.3	1.4	27.8	8.7	4.6	0.2	2.3	2.0
2001	0.2	14.3	1.3	1.4	28.4	8.9	4.5	0.2	2.2	1.2
2002	0.2	13.8	1.4	1.4	28.9	9.0	4.4	0.2	0.2	2.8
2003	0.2	13.4	1.4	1.4	29.3	9.0	4.3	0.2	0.2	2.5
2004	0.2	12.9	1.5	1.4	29.8	9.0	4.2	0.2	0.2	2.4
2005	0.2	12.5	1.5	1.4	30.3	9.0	4.1	0.2	0.2	2.2
2006	0.2	12.1	1.6	1.4	30.7	8.9	4.0	0.2	0.2	2.1

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Social Security Disability Insurance Beneficiaries, 100 percent data, from 1996 to 2000; beginning with 2001, Disabled Beneficiaries and Dependents Master Beneficiary Record file, 100 percent data.

a. AIDS and HIV records are counted in "Infectious and parasitic diseases." Before 1990, they were included in "Other."

b. Beginning with 2002, several ill-defined impairment codes were reclassified and added to "Unknown."

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