

Table 42.
Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2006

| Year | Total | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases ^a | Injuries | Mental disorders ^b | | | Neoplasms |
|---------------|---------|----------------------|--|--|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| | | | | | | Total | Retardation | Other | |
| <i>Number</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 408,556 | 2,864 | 16,665 | 4,222 | 14,396 | 25,094 | -- | -- | 44,264 |
| 1981 | 222,162 | 1,173 | 9,580 | 1,387 | 7,541 | 11,685 | -- | -- | 41,393 |
| 1982 | 189,252 | 853 | 8,448 | 1,216 | 5,529 | 9,877 | -- | -- | 36,418 |
| 1983 | 190,884 | 1,398 | 9,274 | 2,971 | 5,610 | 15,302 | -- | -- | 37,552 |
| 1984 | 216,348 | 1,064 | 8,668 | 1,657 | 6,654 | 20,398 | -- | -- | 42,931 |
| 1985 | 219,219 | 1,042 | 9,442 | 1,475 | 6,201 | 19,297 | -- | -- | 38,263 |
| 1986 | 228,510 | 751 | 10,444 | 1,202 | 1,747 | 34,162 | -- | -- | 36,858 |
| 1987 | 231,367 | 289 | 8,709 | 1,414 | 7,825 | 22,271 | -- | -- | 37,744 |
| 1988 | 226,473 | 224 | 8,665 | 1,419 | 8,432 | 22,474 | -- | -- | 37,085 |
| 1989 | 235,874 | 223 | 8,191 | 1,276 | 8,770 | 24,407 | -- | -- | 41,054 |
| 1990 | 252,596 | 194 | 9,065 | 2,733 | 9,386 | 27,272 | -- | -- | 44,342 |
| 1991 | 280,986 | 191 | 10,982 | 3,407 | 10,237 | 31,839 | -- | -- | 46,082 |
| 1992 | 323,462 | 215 | 14,555 | 4,487 | 11,351 | 38,484 | -- | -- | 50,690 |
| 1993 | 322,619 | 193 | 15,312 | 4,378 | 10,516 | 39,459 | -- | -- | 52,425 |
| 1994 | 338,833 | 218 | 16,425 | 4,877 | 10,997 | 39,891 | -- | -- | 58,440 |
| 1995 | 337,021 | 250 | 18,407 | 4,257 | 12,241 | 39,384 | 2,950 | 36,434 | 42,034 |
| 1996 | 330,177 | 264 | 18,819 | 3,691 | 11,942 | 36,933 | 2,401 | 34,532 | 41,381 |
| 1997 | 322,681 | 219 | 19,140 | 2,966 | 11,529 | 37,415 | 2,209 | 35,206 | 41,034 |
| 1998 | 335,100 | 214 | 20,605 | 2,863 | 11,605 | 41,430 | 2,626 | 38,804 | 41,880 |
| 1999 | 360,879 | 275 | 21,549 | 3,076 | 12,526 | 52,338 | 7,267 | 45,071 | 43,721 |
| 2000 | 340,900 | d | 11,100 | 3,800 | 12,500 | 44,900 | 3,200 | 41,700 | 42,500 |
| 2001 | 365,100 | d | 12,200 | 2,300 | 12,500 | 49,900 | 2,300 | 47,600 | 41,400 |
| 2002 | 407,844 | 317 | 13,955 | 3,289 | 14,217 | 56,522 | 2,808 | 53,714 | 46,644 |
| 2003 | 429,983 | 295 | 15,463 | 3,320 | 14,896 | 60,715 | 2,733 | 57,982 | 47,561 |
| 2004 | 448,382 | 315 | 16,053 | 3,519 | 15,434 | 63,240 | 2,780 | 60,460 | 50,060 |
| 2005 | 482,392 | 337 | 18,060 | 3,642 | 16,213 | 66,433 | 2,972 | 63,461 | 57,173 |
| 2006 | 477,043 | 354 | 18,277 | 3,641 | 16,730 | 64,121 | 2,771 | 61,350 | 57,000 |

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Awards to Disabled Workers

Table 42.
Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2006—Continued

| Year | Diseases of the— | | | | | | | | Other | Unknown ^c |
|------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| | 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 | | |
| | <i>Number</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 743 | 147,018 | 11,618 | 3,185 | 80,002 | 22,634 | 34,026 | 1,352 | 473 | -- |
| 1981 | 426 | 70,716 | 4,363 | 2,916 | 37,563 | 14,038 | 18,331 | 658 | d | d |
| 1982 | 392 | 59,933 | 3,306 | 1,425 | 31,096 | 13,004 | 17,009 | 460 | 287 | -- |
| 1983 | 501 | 54,763 | 2,980 | 3,949 | 27,624 | 12,747 | 15,544 | 362 | d | d |
| 1984 | 367 | 57,383 | 3,591 | 1,730 | 31,531 | 14,160 | 16,428 | 508 | 506 | 8,772 |
| 1985 | 418 | 59,114 | 2,870 | 1,557 | 34,154 | 14,009 | 17,442 | 625 | -- | 13,310 |
| 1986 | 498 | 59,280 | 3,242 | 1,415 | 37,412 | 14,033 | 20,406 | 538 | -- | 6,522 |
| 1987 | 466 | 60,240 | 3,358 | 2,796 | 43,288 | 16,149 | 19,443 | 514 | -- | 6,861 |
| 1988 | 552 | 56,689 | 3,230 | 2,874 | 45,338 | 16,079 | 19,302 | 328 | 3,782 | -- |
| 1989 | 578 | 56,011 | 3,492 | 3,646 | 48,791 | 15,860 | 17,936 | 424 | 5,216 | -- |
| 1990 | 640 | 58,428 | 3,738 | 4,123 | 52,433 | 17,110 | 18,620 | 438 | 4,074 | -- |
| 1991 | 686 | 61,780 | 4,245 | 4,437 | 63,025 | 18,756 | 19,725 | 497 | 5,097 | -- |
| 1992 | 799 | 71,043 | 4,690 | 5,168 | 70,548 | 20,832 | 22,665 | 497 | 7,438 | -- |
| 1993 | 733 | 69,583 | 4,698 | 5,578 | 67,335 | 20,841 | 22,830 | 525 | 8,213 | -- |
| 1994 | 788 | 69,696 | 4,983 | 6,691 | 66,787 | 22,470 | 26,029 | 544 | 10,047 | -- |
| 1995 | 756 | 65,575 | 5,131 | 5,251 | 89,642 | 21,663 | 23,126 | 744 | 8,560 | -- |
| 1996 | 718 | 63,601 | 5,222 | 5,334 | 88,768 | 21,548 | 22,236 | 643 | 9,077 | -- |
| 1997 | 762 | 60,198 | 5,281 | 5,427 | 86,689 | 22,017 | 21,197 | 647 | 7,871 | 289 |
| 1998 | 729 | 60,091 | 5,730 | 6,052 | 91,421 | 23,200 | 21,631 | 615 | 6,744 | 290 |
| 1999 | 880 | 59,690 | 6,367 | 6,670 | 97,452 | 26,483 | 22,198 | 633 | 5,869 | 1,152 |
| 2000 | d | 59,500 | 5,800 | 6,400 | 101,700 | 25,100 | 20,800 | d | 4,600 | 600 |
| 2001 | d | 65,600 | 8,000 | 6,400 | 111,700 | 24,700 | 23,100 | d | 5,400 | 800 |
| 2002 | 1,010 | 66,904 | 7,977 | 7,763 | 128,127 | 30,948 | 24,370 | 732 | 921 | 4,148 |
| 2003 | 1,003 | 67,417 | 8,906 | 8,230 | 138,420 | 32,855 | 25,344 | 774 | 951 | 3,833 |
| 2004 | 1,050 | 67,587 | 9,670 | 8,428 | 146,883 | 33,424 | 26,025 | 772 | 984 | 4,938 |
| 2005 | 1,083 | 70,296 | 10,814 | 9,351 | 159,786 | 35,214 | 27,339 | 828 | 1,053 | 4,770 |
| 2006 | 1,038 | 67,462 | 10,766 | 9,421 | 159,215 | 35,301 | 26,175 | 839 | 996 | 5,707 |

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Table 42.
Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2006—Continued

| Year | Total | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases ^a | Injuries | Mental disorders ^b | | | Neoplasms |
|----------------|-------|----------------------|--|--|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| | | | | | | Total | Retardation | Other | |
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 6.1 | -- | -- | 10.8 |
| 1981 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 5.3 | -- | -- | 18.6 |
| 1982 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 5.2 | -- | -- | 19.2 |
| 1983 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 8.0 | -- | -- | 19.7 |
| 1984 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 9.4 | -- | -- | 19.8 |
| 1985 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 2.8 | 8.8 | -- | -- | 17.5 |
| 1986 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 14.9 | -- | -- | 16.1 |
| 1987 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 9.6 | -- | -- | 16.3 |
| 1988 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 9.9 | -- | -- | 16.4 |
| 1989 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 10.3 | -- | -- | 17.4 |
| 1990 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 10.8 | -- | -- | 17.6 |
| 1991 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 11.3 | -- | -- | 16.4 |
| 1992 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 11.9 | -- | -- | 15.7 |
| 1993 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 12.2 | -- | -- | 16.2 |
| 1994 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 11.8 | -- | -- | 17.2 |
| 1995 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 0.9 | 10.8 | 12.5 |
| 1996 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 10.5 | 12.5 |
| 1997 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 0.7 | 10.9 | 12.7 |
| 1998 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 6.1 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 12.4 | 0.8 | 11.6 | 12.5 |
| 1999 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 14.5 | 2.0 | 12.5 | 12.1 |
| 2000 | 100.0 | d | 3.3 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 13.2 | 0.9 | 12.2 | 12.5 |
| 2001 | 100.0 | d | 3.3 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 13.7 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 11.3 |
| 2002 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 13.9 | 0.7 | 13.2 | 11.4 |
| 2003 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 14.1 | 0.6 | 13.5 | 11.1 |
| 2004 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 14.1 | 0.6 | 13.5 | 11.2 |
| 2005 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 13.8 | 0.6 | 13.2 | 11.9 |
| 2006 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 13.5 | 0.6 | 12.9 | 11.9 |

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Awards to Disabled Workers

Table 42.
Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2006—Continued

| Year | Diseases of the— | | | | | | | | Other | Unknown ^c |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| | 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 | | |
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 0.2 | 36.0 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 19.6 | 5.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -- |
| 1981 | 0.2 | 31.8 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 16.9 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 0.3 | d | d |
| 1982 | 0.2 | 31.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 16.4 | 6.9 | 9.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -- |
| 1983 | 0.3 | 28.7 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 0.2 | d | d |
| 1984 | 0.2 | 26.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 14.6 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.1 |
| 1985 | 0.2 | 27.0 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 15.6 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 0.3 | -- | 6.1 |
| 1986 | 0.2 | 25.9 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 16.4 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 0.2 | -- | 2.9 |
| 1987 | 0.2 | 26.0 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 18.7 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 0.2 | -- | 3.0 |
| 1988 | 0.2 | 25.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 20.0 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 1.7 | -- |
| 1989 | 0.2 | 23.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 20.7 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 2.2 | -- |
| 1990 | 0.3 | 23.1 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 20.8 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 1.6 | -- |
| 1991 | 0.2 | 22.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 22.4 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | -- |
| 1992 | 0.2 | 22.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 21.8 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 2.3 | -- |
| 1993 | 0.2 | 21.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 20.9 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 2.5 | -- |
| 1994 | 0.2 | 20.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 19.7 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 3.0 | -- |
| 1995 | 0.2 | 19.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 26.6 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 2.5 | -- |
| 1996 | 0.2 | 19.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 26.9 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 2.7 | -- |
| 1997 | 0.2 | 18.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 26.9 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| 1998 | 0.2 | 17.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 27.3 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| 1999 | 0.2 | 16.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 27.0 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.3 |
| 2000 | d | 17.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 29.8 | 7.4 | 6.1 | d | 1.3 | 0.2 |
| 2001 | d | 18.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 30.6 | 6.8 | 6.3 | d | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| 2002 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 31.4 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| 2003 | 0.2 | 15.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 32.2 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| 2004 | 0.2 | 15.1 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 32.8 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| 2005 | 0.2 | 14.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 33.1 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| 2006 | 0.2 | 14.1 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 33.4 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration. For years before 2000, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*, based on the Master Beneficiary Record, various sampling rates; from 2000 to 2001, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 1 percent sample; data after 2001 are 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data exclude closed period awards in 2002 and 2003 and expedited reinstatement cases since 2002.

Before 1995, diagnostic data for cases awarded at the appeals levels were estimated on the basis of the diagnosis of cases allowed at the initial disability determination level.

Effective 2001, the Social Security Administration initiated a special review of 130,000 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who are potentially eligible for Social Security disability benefits because of earnings while receiving SSI. Many of these claims awarded since 2001 were for individuals under the age of 35 who were diagnosed with a mental disorder.

-- = not available.

- a. AIDS and HIV records are counted in "Infectious and parasitic diseases." Before 1990, they were included in "Other."
- b. Mental retardation was not identified separately before 1995.
- c. Beginning with 2002, several ill-defined impairment codes were reclassified and added to "Unknown."
- d. Data not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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