

Table 46.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2005

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>All ages ^b</i>									
1992	280,751	189,656	67.6	128,789	79,307	61.6	151,962	110,349	72.6
1993	327,271	205,185	62.7	153,126	85,195	55.6	174,145	119,990	68.9
1994	333,329	196,756	59.0	156,584	80,594	51.5	176,745	116,162	65.7
1995	300,958	170,826	56.8	145,570	70,445	48.4	155,388	100,381	64.6
1996	271,977	159,167	58.5	128,712	64,430	50.1	143,265	94,737	66.1
1997	238,744	145,095	60.8	112,201	59,737	53.2	126,543	85,358	67.5
1998	224,759	137,312	61.1	107,693	57,970	53.8	117,066	79,342	67.8
1999	229,227	142,140	62.0	110,192	59,799	54.3	119,035	82,341	69.2
2000	247,904	151,491	61.1	118,077	62,359	52.8	129,827	89,132	68.7
2001	268,813	163,054	60.7	119,948	62,406	52.0	148,865	100,648	67.6
2002	298,063	181,792	61.0	124,856	64,828	51.9	173,207	116,964	67.5
2003	275,372	173,218	62.9	105,746	55,477	52.5	169,626	117,741	69.4
2004	148,293	97,472	65.7	55,178	29,637	53.7	93,115	67,835	72.9
2005	29,072	20,065	69.0	12,136	6,423	52.9	16,936	13,642	80.6
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	19,988	7,729	38.7	17,979	6,890	38.3	2,009	839	41.8
1993	31,658	10,921	34.5	28,625	9,784	34.2	3,033	1,137	37.5
1994	38,751	13,222	34.1	34,869	11,860	34.0	3,882	1,362	35.1
1995	35,856	11,285	31.5	32,428	10,131	31.2	3,428	1,154	33.7
1996	28,105	9,153	32.6	25,589	8,295	32.4	2,516	858	34.1
1997	19,549	7,299	37.3	17,723	6,593	37.2	1,826	706	38.7
1998	18,904	7,244	38.3	17,199	6,546	38.1	1,705	698	40.9
1999	20,715	8,074	39.0	18,816	7,285	38.7	1,899	789	41.5
2000	24,289	9,156	37.7	22,096	8,242	37.3	2,193	914	41.7
2001	25,752	9,469	36.8	23,524	8,573	36.4	2,228	896	40.2
2002	28,621	10,348	36.2	26,180	9,396	35.9	2,441	952	39.0
2003	25,853	9,413	36.4	23,626	8,513	36.0	2,227	900	40.4
2004	13,075	4,961	37.9	12,077	4,533	37.5	998	428	42.9
2005	2,272	1,092	48.1	2,113	1,014	48.0	159	78	49.1

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 46.

Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2005—*Continued*

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	260,727	181,899	69.8	110,785	72,398	65.4	149,942	109,501	73.0
1993	295,551	194,215	65.7	124,445	75,368	60.6	171,106	118,847	69.5
1994	294,441	183,449	62.3	121,584	68,654	56.5	172,857	114,795	66.4
1995	264,954	159,444	60.2	113,002	60,224	53.3	151,952	99,220	65.3
1996	243,064	149,301	61.4	102,414	55,516	54.2	140,650	93,785	66.7
1997	218,234	137,000	62.8	93,582	52,402	56.0	124,652	84,598	67.9
1998	204,892	129,306	63.1	89,580	50,706	56.6	115,312	78,600	68.2
1999	207,909	133,595	64.3	90,819	52,083	57.3	117,090	81,512	69.6
2000	223,028	141,902	63.6	95,444	53,725	56.3	127,584	88,177	69.1
2001	242,502	153,168	63.2	95,910	53,448	55.7	146,592	99,720	68.0
2002	268,771	170,982	63.6	98,051	55,003	56.1	170,720	115,979	67.9
2003	249,014	163,453	65.6	81,676	46,662	57.1	167,338	116,791	69.8
2004	134,887	92,237	68.4	42,804	24,858	58.1	92,083	67,379	73.2
2005	26,727	18,912	70.8	9,965	5,363	53.8	16,762	13,549	80.8

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through August 2006.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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