

Table 47.
Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application,
and reason for allowance, 1992–2005

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings ^a	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other ^{a,b}
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
All ages ^c								
1992	951,118	100.0	36.6	1.5	1.3	7.5	18.6	34.4
1993	968,374	100.0	36.5	1.5	1.6	5.5	17.4	37.6
1994	848,211	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	745,348	100.0	35.8	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.2
1996	733,450	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.4	37.2
1997	666,888	100.0	37.6	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.3
1998	719,268	100.0	38.2	1.9	4.8	4.2	20.1	30.8
1999	729,263	100.0	36.6	2.0	5.3	4.0	20.8	31.2
2000	761,620	100.0	35.1	1.9	6.1	4.2	21.4	31.3
2001	812,413	100.0	34.8	1.8	7.0	4.2	22.2	30.0
2002	857,599	100.0	33.3	1.7	7.9	3.7	21.8	31.6
2003	865,567	100.0	33.1	1.7	9.0	3.7	22.6	29.9
2004	791,448	100.0	35.1	1.6	10.6	4.0	25.1	23.6
2005	663,408	100.0	37.5	1.8	12.1	4.1	26.7	17.8
Under age 18								
1992	211,793	100.0	48.3	6.9	5.9	...	...	38.9
1993	241,085	100.0	44.9	5.9	6.4	...	...	42.7
1994	202,357	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,884	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,174	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,269	100.0	55.8	9.2	22.1	...	...	12.9
1998	145,015	100.0	55.6	9.6	23.6	...	...	11.2
1999	150,667	100.0	53.2	9.8	25.8	...	...	11.3
2000	159,936	100.0	50.2	9.2	28.9	...	...	11.7
2001	174,848	100.0	48.3	8.2	32.4	...	...	11.1
2002	189,202	100.0	45.3	7.7	35.9	...	...	11.1
2003	196,323	100.0	43.9	7.5	39.7	9.0
2004	193,133	100.0	42.8	6.8	43.4	7.0
2005	174,809	100.0	41.0	6.7	46.1	6.2

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 47.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2005—Continued

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings ^a	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other ^{a,b}
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
Aged 18–64								
1992	738,836	100.0	33.3	...	...	9.7	23.9	33.2
1993	726,766	100.0	33.7	...	...	7.3	23.1	35.9
1994	644,866	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	573,381	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.0	37.2
1996	541,704	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.1
1997	513,801	100.0	34.5	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.9
1998	537,657	100.0	35.6	...	...	5.5	23.9	35.1
1999	543,085	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.3	25.1	35.6
2000	569,354	100.0	32.6	...	...	5.6	26.4	35.5
2001	607,108	100.0	32.5	...	...	5.6	27.8	34.2
2002	634,622	100.0	31.3	...	...	5.0	27.6	36.1
2003	642,157	100.0	31.1	...	...	5.0	29.1	34.8
2004	572,646	100.0	33.9	...	...	5.5	33.6	27.0
2005	459,008	100.0	38.5	...	...	5.9	37.4	18.1

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2006. Data for the hearing level or above are current through August 2006.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

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

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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