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Year	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases <sup>a</sup>	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>b</sup>			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
2007	457,217	318	17,097	3,193	15,927	56,650	1,686	54,964	56,070

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**Distribution of workers aged 50 or older, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2007—Continued**

Year	Diseases of the—								Other	Unknown <sup>c</sup>
	Blood and blood-forming organs	Circulatory system	Digestive system	Genito-urinary system	Musculo-skeletal 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
2007	1,028	65,806	10,207	9,732	155,412	34,107	25,165	847	967	4,691

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Year	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases <sup>a</sup>	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>b</sup>			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
2007	100.0	0.1	3.7	0.7	3.5	12.4	0.4	12.0	12.3

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Year	Diseases of the—								Other	Unknown <sup>c</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		
<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
2007	0.2	14.4	2.2	2.1	34.0	7.5	5.5	0.2	0.2	1.0

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.

Starting with 2007, age is based on date of entitlement and not date of award. Entitlement can be retroactive and thus precede the date of award.

-- = 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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