

Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 60.

Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by year of application and program, 1992–2006

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security 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,b} (percent)
<i>All disabled beneficiaries</i>									
1999	1,160,676	459,999	39.6	649,867	313,676	48.3	510,809	146,323	28.6
2000	1,228,247	501,947	40.9	688,232	340,331	49.5	540,015	161,616	29.9
2001	1,342,950	560,106	41.7	742,908	379,872	51.1	600,042	180,234	30.0
2002	1,485,084	576,919	38.8	795,125	386,247	48.6	689,959	190,672	27.6
2003	1,568,023	585,868	37.4	805,007	384,055	47.7	763,016	201,813	26.4
2004	1,645,407	603,918	36.7	812,999	388,749	47.8	832,408	215,169	25.8
2005	1,549,042	567,700	36.6	753,820	364,463	48.3	795,222	203,237	25.6
2006	1,525,952	541,498	35.5	732,810	347,947	47.5	793,142	193,551	24.4
<i>Workers</i>									
1992	1,179,119	436,715	37.0	558,741	248,385	44.5	620,378	188,330	30.4
1993	1,244,187	421,560	33.9	571,464	240,839	42.1	672,723	180,721	26.9
1994	1,252,852	390,785	31.2	591,408	233,059	39.4	661,444	157,726	23.8
1995	1,177,761	367,293	31.2	569,963	223,457	39.2	607,798	143,836	23.7
1996	1,196,830	384,167	32.1	593,992	237,474	40.0	602,838	146,693	24.3
1997	1,057,812	357,880	33.8	551,909	228,793	41.5	505,903	129,087	25.5
1998	1,041,382	374,376	35.9	550,793	238,989	43.4	490,589	135,387	27.6
1999	1,065,311	397,335	37.3	578,768	259,910	44.9	486,543	137,425	28.2
2000	1,131,172	436,606	38.6	615,410	284,388	46.2	515,762	152,218	29.5
2001	1,246,303	494,907	39.7	670,611	324,189	48.3	575,692	170,718	29.7
2002	1,381,090	508,659	36.8	718,636	327,949	45.6	662,454	180,710	27.3
2003	1,459,880	516,756	35.4	728,214	325,430	44.7	731,666	191,326	26.1
2004	1,532,677	532,755	34.8	736,841	329,523	44.7	795,836	203,232	25.5
2005	1,438,896	498,835	34.7	679,875	307,144	45.2	759,021	191,691	25.3
2006	1,416,592	478,214	33.8	663,696	296,039	44.6	752,896	182,175	24.2
<i>Widow(er)s</i>									
1999	38,882	24,933	64.1	29,602	21,291	71.9	9,280	3,642	39.2
2000	38,738	25,781	66.6	29,880	21,997	73.6	8,858	3,784	42.7
2001	38,894	26,242	67.5	30,284	22,458	74.2	8,610	3,784	43.9
2002	39,785	26,588	66.8	31,067	22,815	73.4	8,718	3,773	43.3
2003	39,827	26,054	65.4	30,372	22,274	73.3	9,455	3,780	40.0
2004	40,551	26,634	65.7	29,695	22,264	75.0	10,856	4,370	40.3
2005	38,870	25,427	65.4	28,531	21,351	74.8	10,339	4,076	39.4
2006	37,082	23,320	62.9	26,412	19,543	74.0	10,670	3,777	35.4

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Adult children									
1999	56,483	37,731	66.8	41,497	32,475	78.3	14,986	5,256	35.1
2000	58,337	39,560	67.8	42,942	33,946	79.1	15,395	5,614	36.5
2001	57,753	38,957	67.5	42,013	33,225	79.1	15,740	5,732	36.4
2002	64,209	41,672	64.9	45,422	35,483	78.1	18,787	6,189	32.9
2003	68,316	43,058	63.0	46,421	36,351	78.3	21,895	6,707	30.6
2004	72,179	44,529	61.7	46,463	36,962	79.6	25,716	7,567	29.4
2005	71,276	43,438	60.9	45,414	35,968	79.2	25,862	7,470	28.9
2006	72,278	39,964	55.3	42,702	32,365	75.8	29,576	7,599	25.7

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

NOTES: Data are current through August 2007.

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

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

Data from 1992 to 1998 are available for disabled workers only.

SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

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

b. Rate for the Social Security portion only.

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