

## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 62.**  
**Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, 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 <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a,b</sup> (percent)
<i>All disabled beneficiaries</i>									
1999	263,812	189,155	71.7	144,168	112,079	77.7	119,644	77,076	64.4
2000	284,953	204,248	71.7	154,344	120,030	77.8	130,609	84,218	64.5
2001	308,688	220,411	71.4	162,139	126,561	78.1	146,549	93,850	64.0
2002	361,417	257,514	71.3	185,968	146,018	78.5	175,449	111,496	63.5
2003	385,401	275,888	71.6	191,077	151,606	79.3	194,324	124,282	64.0
2004	352,840	263,600	74.7	171,803	142,469	82.9	181,037	121,131	66.9
2005	196,457	153,373	78.1	97,354	82,914	85.2	99,103	70,459	71.1
2006	46,148	38,023	82.4	24,582	21,755	88.5	21,566	16,268	75.4
<i>Workers</i>									
1992	275,863	201,359	73.0	131,624	105,371	80.1	144,239	95,988	66.5
1993	310,655	217,816	70.1	143,997	112,593	78.2	166,658	105,223	63.1
1994	323,607	220,645	68.2	156,458	119,338	76.3	167,149	101,307	60.6
1995	301,917	202,739	67.2	150,882	113,781	75.4	151,035	88,958	58.9
1996	306,245	204,704	66.8	157,790	116,292	73.7	148,455	88,412	59.6
1997	267,288	186,278	69.7	141,021	107,539	76.3	126,267	78,739	62.4
1998	251,485	179,040	71.2	134,882	104,729	77.6	116,603	74,311	63.7
1999	259,678	186,354	71.8	141,045	109,893	77.9	118,633	76,461	64.5
2000	280,672	201,302	71.7	151,094	117,730	77.9	129,578	83,572	64.5
2001	304,420	217,480	71.4	158,875	124,257	78.2	145,545	93,223	64.1
2002	356,503	254,121	71.3	182,254	143,349	78.7	174,249	110,772	63.6
2003	380,486	272,569	71.6	187,741	149,213	79.5	192,745	123,356	64.0
2004	348,450	260,625	74.8	169,052	140,429	83.1	179,398	120,196	67.0
2005	193,828	151,442	78.1	95,628	81,551	85.3	98,200	69,891	71.2
2006	45,466	37,498	82.5	24,152	21,401	88.6	21,314	16,097	75.5
<i>Widow(er)s</i>									
1999	2,978	2,230	74.9	2,288	1,745	76.3	690	485	70.3
2000	3,045	2,332	76.6	2,352	1,826	77.6	693	506	73.0
2001	2,940	2,284	77.7	2,327	1,823	78.3	613	461	75.2
2002	3,277	2,556	78.0	2,586	2,049	79.2	691	507	73.4
2003	3,250	2,518	77.5	2,320	1,841	79.4	930	677	72.8
2004	2,853	2,273	79.7	1,935	1,594	82.4	918	679	74.0
2005	1,855	1,521	82.0	1,295	1,100	84.9	560	421	75.2
2006	512	443	86.5	345	307	89.0	167	136	81.4

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<b>Adult children</b>									
1999	1,156	571	49.4	835	441	52.8	321	130	40.5
2000	1,236	614	49.7	898	474	52.8	338	140	41.4
2001	1,328	647	48.7	937	481	51.3	391	166	42.5
2002	1,637	837	51.1	1,128	620	55.0	509	217	42.6
2003	1,665	801	48.1	1,016	552	54.3	649	249	38.4
2004	1,537	702	45.7	816	446	54.7	721	256	35.5
2005	774	410	53.0	431	263	61.0	343	147	42.9
2006	170	82	48.2	85	47	55.3	85	35	41.2

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

NOTES: Data are current through September 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.

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.

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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