

Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 63.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by year of application and reason for allowance, 1992–2006

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	Other ^a
	Number	Percent				
All disabled beneficiaries						
1999	708,439	100.0	33.0	5.9	27.0	34.1
2000	762,846	100.0	31.3	6.2	29.3	33.2
2001	837,000	100.0	30.1	6.1	30.2	33.6
2002	892,816	100.0	28.7	5.4	30.3	35.6
2003	920,152	100.0	27.4	5.1	31.4	36.1
2004	923,579	100.0	27.4	5.1	32.8	34.6
2005	769,301	100.0	31.0	5.4	37.1	26.5
2006	617,054	100.0	36.9	6.2	43.3	13.5
Workers						
1992	689,111	100.0	34.3	11.1	24.3	30.3
1993	695,007	100.0	34.3	8.7	23.6	33.4
1994	671,791	100.0	34.5	6.9	25.6	32.9
1995	628,380	100.0	34.5	6.7	26.8	31.9
1996	652,221	100.0	34.2	7.0	27.4	31.5
1997	602,277	100.0	35.0	7.5	26.4	31.1
1998	613,114	100.0	35.5	6.6	27.0	31.0
1999	639,711	100.0	33.6	6.3	28.3	31.8
2000	691,798	100.0	31.8	6.6	30.8	30.8
2001	766,330	100.0	30.6	6.4	31.5	31.4
2002	818,693	100.0	29.2	5.6	31.7	33.5
2003	845,206	100.0	27.8	5.4	32.8	34.1
2004	847,040	100.0	27.9	5.4	34.3	32.4
2005	696,627	100.0	31.9	5.7	39.3	23.1
2006	552,068	100.0	38.4	6.7	46.5	8.5
Widow(er)s						
1999	29,109	100.0	14.9	2.5	24.6	58.0
2000	29,658	100.0	12.8	2.5	26.3	58.4
2001	30,106	100.0	12.3	2.6	27.0	58.1
2002	30,560	100.0	11.5	2.1	26.6	59.9
2003	29,971	100.0	10.8	2.2	26.2	60.7
2004	30,254	100.0	10.3	2.0	26.6	61.2
2005	27,936	100.0	10.5	1.8	27.1	60.6
2006	24,377	100.0	11.1	1.7	27.6	59.5

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Table 63.
Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by year of application and reason for allowance, 1992–2006—Continued

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	Other ^a
	Number	Percent				
<i>Adult children</i>						
1999	39,619	100.0	35.9	3.2	7.4	53.5
2000	41,390	100.0	35.0	3.1	7.3	54.7
2001	40,564	100.0	33.0	3.0	8.0	56.0
2002	43,563	100.0	31.8	2.9	7.6	57.7
2003	44,975	100.0	31.0	2.7	8.2	58.1
2004	46,285	100.0	30.5	2.8	8.6	58.1
2005	44,738	100.0	30.5	2.7	8.7	58.1
2006	40,609	100.0	32.8	3.0	9.8	54.4

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through August 2007. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2007.

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 be subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Data include decisions for Social Security–only applications and applications for both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); they do not include SSI-only claims.

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

a. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. The majority of applications for which the basis of determination is not available are cases allowed at or above the hearing level.

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