

Table 45.
Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2005

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI 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 (percent)
<i>All ages^b</i>									
1992	479,152	74,500	15.5	234,057	38,371	16.4	245,095	36,129	14.7
1993	557,384	75,559	13.6	280,174	38,663	13.8	277,210	36,896	13.3
1994	571,602	73,734	12.9	290,341	36,826	12.7	281,261	36,908	13.1
1995	522,987	66,780	12.8	275,013	33,432	12.2	247,974	33,348	13.4
1996	480,593	65,352	13.6	249,224	32,510	13.0	231,369	32,842	14.2
1997	409,396	62,496	15.3	208,993	31,881	15.3	200,403	30,615	15.3
1998	390,212	61,266	15.7	203,132	31,818	15.7	187,080	29,448	15.7
1999	382,196	55,625	14.6	197,671	28,499	14.4	184,525	27,126	14.7
2000	382,757	53,139	13.9	192,285	26,455	13.8	190,472	26,684	14.0
2001	407,299	53,434	13.1	190,634	25,393	13.3	216,665	28,041	12.9
2002	458,317	56,059	12.2	203,464	25,783	12.7	254,853	30,276	11.9
2003	487,775	57,108	11.7	202,378	24,699	12.2	285,397	32,409	11.4
2004	482,806	52,648	10.9	196,653	22,571	11.5	286,153	30,077	10.5
2005	377,342	35,713	9.5	161,020	16,752	10.4	216,322	18,961	8.8
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	49,099	9,570	19.5	44,562	8,590	19.3	4,537	980	21.6
1993	75,816	11,440	15.1	69,176	10,355	15.0	6,640	1,085	16.3
1994	91,854	11,475	12.5	83,789	10,461	12.5	8,065	1,014	12.6
1995	86,651	10,459	12.1	79,397	9,625	12.1	7,254	834	11.5
1996	74,836	9,646	12.9	68,797	8,863	12.9	6,039	783	13.0
1997	51,365	8,583	16.7	47,131	7,883	16.7	4,234	700	16.5
1998	49,909	8,042	16.1	45,989	7,417	16.1	3,920	625	15.9
1999	49,456	7,476	15.1	45,465	6,839	15.0	3,991	637	16.0
2000	48,361	7,513	15.5	44,462	6,950	15.6	3,899	563	14.4
2001	49,495	7,649	15.5	45,567	7,069	15.5	3,928	580	14.8
2002	56,273	8,312	14.8	51,775	7,620	14.7	4,498	692	15.4
2003	59,715	8,457	14.2	54,939	7,763	14.1	4,776	694	14.5
2004	57,984	7,786	13.4	53,638	7,287	13.6	4,346	499	11.5
2005	45,803	6,301	13.8	42,625	5,920	13.9	3,178	381	12.0

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 45.
Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2005—Continued

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI 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 (percent)
Aged 18–64									
1992	429,944	64,891	15.1	189,409	29,744	15.7	240,535	35,147	14.6
1993	481,434	64,074	13.3	210,882	28,268	13.4	270,552	35,806	13.2
1994	479,439	62,150	13.0	206,253	26,260	12.7	273,186	35,890	13.1
1995	435,988	56,205	12.9	195,281	23,695	12.1	240,707	32,510	13.5
1996	403,309	54,194	13.4	178,404	22,457	12.6	224,905	31,737	14.1
1997	355,514	52,588	14.8	159,694	22,951	14.4	195,820	29,637	15.1
1998	337,411	51,759	15.3	154,436	23,051	14.9	182,975	28,708	15.7
1999	330,830	47,244	14.3	150,460	20,862	13.9	180,370	26,382	14.6
2000	332,767	44,865	13.5	146,383	18,874	12.9	186,384	25,991	13.9
2001	356,236	45,039	12.6	143,740	17,759	12.4	212,496	27,280	12.8
2002	400,138	46,817	11.7	150,064	17,452	11.6	250,074	29,365	11.7
2003	426,628	47,997	11.3	146,276	16,472	11.3	280,352	31,525	11.2
2004	423,706	44,332	10.5	142,158	14,953	10.5	281,548	29,379	10.4
2005	330,689	28,831	8.7	117,786	10,459	8.9	212,903	18,372	8.6

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

NOTES: Data are current through June 2006.

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

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or 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.

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

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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