

Part C Black Lung Claims by Class of Beneficiary, FY 1998 - 2007¹
Number of Beneficiaries ²

Class of Beneficiary	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Primary Beneficiaries										
Miners	27,340	24,838	22,568	18,248	16,395	14,773	13,398	12,012	10,857	9,744
Surviving spouses	41,585	40,517	39,053	35,660	34,236	32,615	30,810	29,110	27,366	25,556
Others	1,476	1,508	1,497	1,467	1,221	1,238	1,247	1,248	1,258	1,241
TOTAL PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES	70,401	66,863	63,118	55,375	51,852	48,626	45,455	42,370	39,481	36,541
Dependents of Primary Beneficiaries										
Dependents of Miners	22,158	19,953	17,978	13,924	12,432	11,131	10,020	9,004	8,088	7,205
Dependents of Surviving spouses	1,417	1,384	1,306	1,123	1,077	1,052	1,006	944	874	840
Dependents of Others	512	516	508	108	386	353	238	213	146	140
TOTAL DEPENDENTS	24,087	21,853	19,792	15,155	13,895	12,536	11,264	10,161	9,108	8,185
TOTAL, ALL BENEFICIARIES	94,488	88,716	82,910	70,530	65,747	61,162	56,719	52,531	48,589	44,726

¹ As of September 30 each year

² Active claims, including those paid by an RMO, cases in interim pay status, cases that are being offset due to concurrent Federal or state benefits, and cases that have been temporarily suspended. Does not include MBO beneficiaries

Source: US Department of Labor/DCMWC