
Notes

The tables in this section provide data on the outcomes of applications for SSI benefits based on blindness or disability. The data on applications are derived from the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) Disability Research File (DRF) maintained by the Office of Disability Programs. Each year the DRF is updated with information about applications for disability benefits that is then used to determine the outcome of those applications. The outcome data in these tables are reported by year of filing and include decisions made through the administrative appeals process.

Table 53 shows the total number of applications filed in a year, the number that are pending a final decision, the number denied for nonmedical reasons before a medical decision is made (technical denials), the outcome of applications for which a medical allowance or denial was made, and award and allowance rates. Applications for which a medical allowance or denial decision was made but that were subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons are shown under the medical decision header as subsequent denials. The most common nonmedical reason for denying a claim is excess income.

The allowance rate is calculated by dividing the number of medical allowances (including subsequent technical denials) by the total number of medical decisions made for a 1-year cohort. The award rate is a broader program measure that is calculated as the number of allowances minus subsequent denials divided by total applications (minus pending claims) filed for a given year.

Claims that remain pending after 6 years are probably the result of imperfect data rather than excessive delays in the decisionmaking process. It is highly probable that decisions have been rendered on most of the older claims. For more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change as decisions are made on pending claims.

Tables 54–56 show the allowance rate for SSI only and the SSI portion of concurrent (a claim for both Social Security and SSI disability benefits) applications, one for each level in the administrative decisionmaking process, that is, initial, reconsideration, and hearing or higher level.

Beginning with fiscal year 2000, the proportion of claims awarded at each level of the process changed as a result of the Prototype Process being tested in 10 states. Under this test, the reconsideration step of the appeals process was eliminated for applications filed October 1, 1999, or later. Elimination of the reconsideration level in these states results in a decrease in the aggregate proportion of claims awarded at this step.

This section also includes one table that shows the reason for medical allowance and one that shows reason for medical denial (Tables 57 and 58). The reasons are derived from the sequential evaluation process used by decisionmakers. SSA maintains a list of impairments that are considered disabling under its regulations. An applicant can be found to be disabled if he or she:

- Has a listed impairment,
- Has a severe impairment that is equal to a listed impairment,
- Has a severe impairment when medical and vocational factors are considered, or
- Had previously established entitlement to a disability benefit.

An applicant can be denied benefits if he or she:

- Has an impairment that is not expected to last 12 months,
 - Has an impairment that is not considered severe,
 - Is able to perform his or her usual type of work,
 - Is able to perform another type of work, or
 - Provides insufficient medical evidence, fails to cooperate, fails to follow prescribed treatment, does not want to continue development of the claim, or returns to substantial work before disability can be established.
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Table 53.
Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2001

Year	Total	Pending final decision	Technical denials ^a	Medical decisions				Award rate ^b (percent)	Allowance rate ^c (percent)
				Denials		Allowances			
				Medical	Subsequent nonmedical ^d	Awards	Subsequent denials ^e		
<i>All ages ^f</i>									
1992	1,828,951	0	134,438	741,839	1,556	860,875	90,243	47.1	56.1
1993	2,048,945	0	141,214	937,890	1,600	878,798	89,443	42.9	50.8
1994	2,014,499	0	123,175	1,041,697	1,680	770,639	77,308	38.3	44.8
1995	1,845,212	3,041	103,335	992,633	1,342	683,362	61,499	37.1	42.8
1996	1,786,770	3,891	113,027	935,566	1,884	670,849	61,553	37.6	43.9
1997	1,505,145	5,539	97,320	735,227	2,071	604,249	60,739	40.3	47.4
1998	1,520,538	10,185	95,990	694,917	3,825	652,774	62,847	43.2	50.6
1999	1,528,217	22,194	105,819	675,264	3,995	656,481	64,464	43.6	51.5
2000	1,611,657	77,954	157,501	658,186	3,457	651,929	62,630	42.5	51.9
2001	1,723,546	211,951	204,932	656,622	2,729	593,023	54,289	39.2	49.5
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	376,812	0	16,695	148,221	103	204,083	7,710	54.2	58.8
1993	500,676	0	18,788	240,672	135	232,340	8,741	46.4	50.0
1994	530,538	0	16,897	311,156	147	194,636	7,702	36.7	39.4
1995	491,638	244	14,364	306,082	92	163,868	6,988	33.3	35.8
1996	457,057	294	13,532	291,029	86	144,612	7,504	31.7	34.3
1997	334,975	333	10,906	195,487	69	121,349	6,831	36.3	39.6
1998	338,592	696	10,904	182,076	74	137,477	7,365	40.7	44.3
1999	345,067	1,776	11,898	181,155	68	142,356	7,814	41.5	45.3
2000	355,401	7,803	15,895	174,763	59	149,204	7,677	42.9	47.3
2001	370,789	21,754	18,909	167,041	52	155,363	7,670	44.5	49.4
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	1,451,417	0	117,675	593,455	1,451	656,374	82,462	45.2	55.4
1993	1,547,527	0	122,364	697,063	1,463	646,027	80,610	41.7	51.0
1994	1,482,503	0	106,181	730,173	1,528	575,184	69,437	38.8	46.8
1995	1,351,903	2,793	88,839	686,106	1,243	518,581	54,341	38.4	45.5
1996	1,277,604	3,593	87,869	643,896	1,532	487,222	53,492	38.2	45.6
1997	1,135,602	5,192	78,303	538,659	1,453	459,126	52,869	40.6	48.7
1998	1,133,015	9,478	76,709	510,788	1,855	480,285	53,900	42.7	51.0
1999	1,133,722	20,394	83,733	492,792	1,534	479,784	55,485	43.1	52.0
2000	1,207,614	70,062	128,651	482,435	1,137	471,304	54,025	41.4	52.1
2001	1,302,200	189,871	168,685	488,795	750	408,307	45,792	36.7	48.1

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2002. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

- a. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons so no decision was made on severity of impairment.
- b. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.
- c. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.
- d. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- e. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- f. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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Table 54.
Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2001

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	1,694,513	686,962	40.5	946,348	399,334	42.2	748,165	287,628	38.4
1993	1,907,731	687,630	36.0	1,106,624	409,102	37.0	801,107	278,528	34.8
1994	1,891,324	577,721	30.5	1,105,532	335,756	30.4	785,792	241,965	30.8
1995	1,741,877	507,742	29.1	1,037,201	291,168	28.1	704,676	216,574	30.7
1996	1,673,743	508,931	30.4	1,000,530	296,655	29.6	673,213	212,276	31.5
1997	1,407,825	459,297	32.6	820,527	260,354	31.7	587,298	198,943	33.9
1998	1,424,548	520,690	36.6	843,671	304,856	36.1	580,877	215,834	37.2
1999	1,422,398	531,498	37.4	843,031	312,871	37.1	579,367	218,627	37.7
2000	1,453,993	555,858	38.2	854,135	324,295	38.0	599,858	231,563	38.6
2001	1,518,287	584,117	38.5	874,430	341,312	39.0	643,857	242,805	37.7
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	360,117	194,494	54.0	329,316	176,929	53.7	30,801	17,565	57.0
1993	481,888	218,724	45.4	443,778	200,206	45.1	38,110	18,518	48.6
1994	513,641	177,660	34.6	475,233	164,436	34.6	38,408	13,224	34.4
1995	477,274	149,140	31.2	443,367	138,959	31.3	33,907	10,181	30.0
1996	443,525	133,375	30.1	413,379	124,846	30.2	30,146	8,529	28.3
1997	324,069	112,387	34.7	302,540	105,366	34.8	21,529	7,021	32.6
1998	327,688	129,729	39.6	306,164	121,371	39.6	21,524	8,358	38.8
1999	333,169	135,117	40.6	310,763	126,253	40.6	22,406	8,864	39.6
2000	339,459	143,073	42.1	317,396	134,288	42.3	22,063	8,785	39.8
2001	351,824	155,588	44.2	331,094	147,090	44.4	20,730	8,498	41.0
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	1,333,742	492,046	36.9	616,523	222,077	36.0	717,219	269,969	37.6
1993	1,425,163	468,477	32.9	662,298	208,554	31.5	762,865	259,923	34.1
1994	1,376,322	399,267	29.0	629,051	170,618	27.1	747,271	228,649	30.6
1995	1,263,064	357,732	28.3	592,390	151,417	25.6	670,674	206,315	30.8
1996	1,189,735	338,209	28.4	555,158	142,505	25.7	634,577	195,704	30.8
1997	1,057,299	324,213	30.7	498,637	139,003	27.9	558,662	185,210	33.2
1998	1,056,306	356,592	33.8	506,024	157,861	31.2	550,282	198,731	36.1
1999	1,049,989	362,246	34.5	502,870	162,036	32.2	547,119	200,210	36.6
2000	1,078,850	381,507	35.4	511,213	168,588	33.0	567,637	212,919	37.5
2001	1,133,247	399,150	35.2	520,658	175,066	33.6	612,589	224,084	36.6

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

NOTES: Data for the initial level are current through June 2002.

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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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Table 55.
Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2001

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	75,560	13.6	280,174	38,663	13.8	277,210	36,897	13.3
1994	571,602	73,736	12.9	290,341	36,826	12.7	281,261	36,910	13.1
1995	522,987	66,781	12.8	275,013	33,432	12.2	247,974	33,349	13.4
1996	480,593	65,361	13.6	249,224	32,511	13.0	231,369	32,850	14.2
1997	409,396	62,522	15.3	208,993	31,884	15.3	200,403	30,638	15.3
1998	390,212	61,296	15.7	203,132	31,821	15.7	187,080	29,475	15.8
1999	382,196	55,696	14.6	197,671	28,510	14.4	184,525	27,186	14.7
2000	377,938	51,887	13.7	194,184	26,151	13.5	183,754	25,736	14.0
2001	326,118	36,131	11.1	164,309	18,556	11.3	161,809	17,575	10.9
<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	7,479	15.1	45,465	6,841	15.0	3,991	638	16.0
2000	47,932	7,414	15.5	44,257	6,889	15.6	3,675	525	14.3
2001	40,885	5,787	14.2	38,149	5,472	14.3	2,736	315	11.5
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	429,944	64,891	15.1	189,409	29,744	15.7	240,535	35,147	14.6
1993	481,434	64,075	13.3	210,882	28,268	13.4	270,552	35,807	13.2
1994	479,439	62,152	13.0	206,253	26,260	12.7	273,186	35,892	13.1
1995	435,988	56,206	12.9	195,281	23,695	12.1	240,707	32,511	13.5
1996	403,309	54,203	13.4	178,404	22,458	12.6	224,905	31,745	14.1
1997	355,514	52,614	14.8	159,694	22,954	14.4	195,820	29,660	15.1
1998	337,411	51,789	15.3	154,436	23,054	14.9	182,975	28,735	15.7
1999	330,830	47,312	14.3	150,460	20,871	13.9	180,370	26,441	14.7
2000	328,468	43,743	13.3	148,561	18,651	12.6	179,907	25,092	13.9
2001	283,961	29,725	10.5	125,092	12,624	10.1	158,869	17,101	10.8

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

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Table 56.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2001

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	280,751	189,656	67.6	128,789	79,307	61.6	151,962	110,349	72.6
1993	327,269	205,051	62.7	153,125	85,140	55.6	174,144	119,911	68.9
1994	333,324	196,490	58.9	156,581	80,483	51.4	176,743	116,007	65.6
1995	297,915	170,338	57.2	144,200	70,238	48.7	153,715	100,100	65.1
1996	268,077	158,110	59.0	126,932	63,932	50.4	141,145	94,178	66.7
1997	233,179	143,169	61.4	109,580	58,869	53.7	123,599	84,300	68.2
1998	214,543	133,635	62.3	102,619	56,228	54.8	111,924	77,407	69.2
1999	209,254	133,751	63.9	99,853	55,705	55.8	109,401	78,046	71.3
2000	169,321	106,814	63.1	80,935	43,812	54.1	88,386	63,002	71.3
2001	42,293	27,064	64.0	20,747	11,110	53.5	21,546	15,954	74.0
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	19,988	7,729	38.7	17,979	6,890	38.3	2,009	839	41.8
1993	31,658	10,917	34.5	28,625	9,780	34.2	3,033	1,137	37.5
1994	38,751	13,203	34.1	34,869	11,843	34.0	3,882	1,360	35.0
1995	35,612	11,257	31.6	32,214	10,109	31.4	3,398	1,148	33.8
1996	27,811	9,095	32.7	25,322	8,240	32.5	2,489	855	34.4
1997	19,216	7,210	37.5	17,415	6,510	37.4	1,801	700	38.9
1998	18,208	7,071	38.8	16,569	6,390	38.6	1,639	681	41.5
1999	19,123	7,574	39.6	17,371	6,830	39.3	1,752	744	42.5
2000	16,563	6,394	38.6	15,186	5,845	38.5	1,377	549	39.9
2001	3,984	1,658	41.6	3,723	1,537	41.3	261	121	46.4
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	260,727	181,899	69.8	110,785	72,398	65.4	149,942	109,501	73.0
1993	295,549	194,085	65.7	124,444	75,317	60.5	171,105	118,768	69.4
1994	294,436	183,202	62.2	121,581	68,560	56.4	172,855	114,642	66.3
1995	262,159	158,984	60.6	111,850	60,039	53.7	150,309	98,945	65.8
1996	239,462	148,302	61.9	100,904	55,073	54.6	138,558	93,229	67.3
1997	213,016	135,168	63.5	91,283	51,622	56.6	121,733	83,546	68.6
1998	195,383	125,804	64.4	85,146	49,122	57.7	110,237	76,682	69.6
1999	189,548	125,711	66.3	81,944	48,449	59.1	107,604	77,262	71.8
2000	152,292	100,079	65.7	65,321	37,657	57.6	86,971	62,422	71.8
2001	38,086	25,224	66.2	16,821	9,408	55.9	21,265	15,816	74.4

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

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Table 57.
Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2001

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings ^a	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other ^{a, b}
	Number	Percent		Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
<i>All ages^c</i>								
1992	951,118	100.0	36.6	1.5	1.3	7.5	18.6	34.4
1993	968,241	100.0	36.5	1.5	1.6	5.5	17.4	37.6
1994	847,947	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	744,861	100.0	35.9	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.1
1996	732,402	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.5	37.1
1997	664,988	100.0	37.7	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.1
1998	715,621	100.0	38.4	2.0	4.8	4.2	20.2	30.5
1999	720,945	100.0	37.1	2.0	5.4	4.0	21.1	30.5
2000	714,559	100.0	36.7	2.0	6.4	4.4	22.2	28.3
2001	647,312	100.0	40.7	2.1	8.3	4.8	25.0	19.0
<i>Under age 18</i>								
1992	211,793	100.0	48.3	6.9	5.9	...	...	38.9
1993	241,081	100.0	44.9	5.9	6.4	...	...	42.7
1994	202,338	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,856	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,116	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,180	100.0	55.9	9.2	22.2	...	...	12.8
1998	144,842	100.0	55.7	9.7	23.6	...	...	11.0
1999	150,170	100.0	53.4	9.8	25.9	...	...	11.0
2000	156,881	100.0	50.4	9.3	29.2	...	...	11.1
2001	163,033	100.0	49.3	8.4	33.1	...	...	9.1
<i>Aged 18–64</i>								
1992	738,836	100.0	33.3	...	...	9.7	23.9	33.2
1993	726,637	100.0	33.7	...	...	7.3	23.1	35.9
1994	644,621	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	572,922	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.1	37.2
1996	540,714	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.0
1997	511,995	100.0	34.6	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.6
1998	534,185	100.0	35.8	...	...	5.5	24.0	34.7
1999	535,269	100.0	34.5	...	...	5.3	25.5	34.7
2000	525,329	100.0	34.6	...	...	5.9	27.8	31.7
2001	454,099	100.0	40.1	...	...	6.9	33.2	19.9

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

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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 subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 58.

Percentage distribution of final medical denials, by age, year of application, and reason for denial, 1992–2001

Year	Total		Impairment did not or is not expected to last 12 months	Impairment is not severe	Impairment does not cause severe functional limitations ^a	Able to do usual past work ^b	Able to do other type of work ^b	Other ^c
	Number	Percent						
All ages ^d								
1992	743,395	100.0	7.3	22.1	...	17.5	26.3	26.9
1993	939,490	100.0	6.6	21.2	...	15.4	24.8	31.9
1994	1,043,377	100.0	6.2	20.7	...	13.6	23.3	36.1
1995	993,975	100.0	6.2	19.7	...	12.4	22.4	39.2
1996	937,450	100.0	6.4	20.6	5.8	12.1	22.9	32.2
1997	737,298	100.0	6.9	16.7	16.3	13.0	25.1	22.1
1998	698,742	100.0	6.9	15.0	18.4	14.6	25.2	19.9
1999	679,259	100.0	6.7	14.0	19.3	15.4	24.2	20.4
2000	661,643	100.0	6.5	13.3	18.8	15.3	23.2	22.9
2001	659,351	100.0	6.3	12.7	17.8	15.5	23.7	24.0
Under age 18								
1992	148,324	100.0	1.5	22.7	...	...	...	75.8
1993	240,807	100.0	1.3	21.8	...	...	...	76.9
1994	311,303	100.0	1.4	22.4	...	...	...	76.2
1995	306,174	100.0	1.3	21.8	...	...	...	76.9
1996	291,115	100.0	1.4	26.9	18.7	...	...	53.0
1997	195,556	100.0	1.6	19.1	61.3	...	...	18.0
1998	182,150	100.0	1.3	14.5	70.6	...	...	13.7
1999	181,223	100.0	1.1	13.3	72.3	...	...	13.2
2000	174,822	100.0	1.1	13.3	71.3	...	...	14.3
2001	167,093	100.0	1.1	14.0	70.3	...	...	14.6
Aged 18–64								
1992	594,906	100.0	8.8	21.9	...	21.8	32.8	14.7
1993	698,526	100.0	8.4	21.0	...	20.7	33.4	16.4
1994	731,701	100.0	8.3	20.0	...	19.4	33.2	19.1
1995	687,349	100.0	8.4	18.8	...	17.9	32.4	22.5
1996	645,428	100.0	8.7	17.8	...	17.5	33.2	22.8
1997	540,112	100.0	8.8	15.8	...	17.7	34.2	23.5
1998	512,643	100.0	8.9	15.0	...	19.7	34.3	22.1
1999	494,326	100.0	8.7	14.1	...	20.9	33.3	23.0
2000	483,572	100.0	8.5	13.1	...	20.7	31.7	25.9
2001	489,545	100.0	8.1	12.2	...	20.7	31.9	27.2

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2002. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2002.

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 subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Used only for applicants under age 18. Category effective for final determinations made August 1996 or later.

b. Used only for applicants aged 18 or older.

c. Applicant provided insufficient evidence, failed to cooperate, failed to follow prescribed treatment, did not want to continue development of the claim, or returned to substantial work before disability could be established. For final determinations made August 1996 or before for applicants under age 18, also includes claims denied because individual functional assessment showed impairment not of comparable severity.

d. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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