

Applications

Table 57.
All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2008

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	65,254,285	9,485,509	14.5	45,065,278	69.1	10,703,498	16.4
State conversions ^a	3,402,474	3,939	0.1	1,419,041	41.7	1,979,494	58.2
Federal applications ^b							
1973	282,472	5,007	1.8	82,993	29.4	194,472	68.8
1974	2,069,452	125,028	6.0	1,098,373	53.1	846,051	40.9
1975	1,468,610	99,996	6.8	977,209	66.5	391,405	26.7
1976	1,207,448	83,960	7.0	865,790	71.7	257,698	21.3
1977	1,268,462	95,314	7.5	903,618	71.2	269,530	21.2
1978	1,265,436	99,610	7.9	902,756	71.3	263,070	20.8
1979	1,323,113	106,828	8.1	949,087	71.7	267,198	20.2
1980	1,408,034	114,508	8.1	1,013,221	72.0	280,305	19.9
1981	1,148,844	94,246	8.2	864,481	75.2	190,117	16.5
1982	1,015,848	93,872	9.2	775,491	76.3	146,485	14.4
1983	1,131,890	101,087	8.9	834,190	73.7	196,613	17.4
1984	1,264,820	104,748	8.3	868,375	68.7	291,697	23.1
1985	1,399,869	119,021	8.5	1,049,758	75.0	231,090	16.5
1986	1,467,326	124,938	8.5	1,098,832	74.9	243,556	16.6
1987	1,435,024	126,575	8.8	1,069,285	74.5	239,164	16.7
1988	1,365,117	125,953	9.2	1,013,316	74.2	225,848	16.5
1989	1,388,545	130,307	9.4	1,015,483	73.1	242,755	17.5
1990	1,547,230	166,416	10.8	1,133,564	73.3	247,250	16.0
1991	1,807,821	248,325	13.7	1,315,918	72.8	243,578	13.5
1992	2,087,788	378,808	18.1	1,465,039	70.2	243,941	11.7
1993	2,310,005	503,486	21.8	1,571,203	68.0	235,316	10.2
1994	2,260,271	540,124	23.9	1,517,140	67.1	203,007	9.0
1995	2,055,907	500,333	24.3	1,375,696	66.9	179,878	8.7
1996	1,922,472	465,685	24.2	1,289,985	67.1	166,802	8.7
1997	1,601,970	336,074	21.0	1,133,623	70.8	132,273	8.3
1998	1,629,223	339,243	20.8	1,139,825	70.0	150,155	9.2
1999	1,661,448	350,382	21.1	1,153,450	69.4	157,616	9.5
2000	1,744,386	360,329	20.7	1,224,826	70.2	159,231	9.1
2001	1,861,123	376,002	20.2	1,324,057	71.1	161,064	8.7
2002	2,084,828	414,068	19.9	1,490,731	71.5	180,029	8.6
2003	2,224,739	437,492	19.7	1,608,391	72.3	178,856	8.0
2004	2,418,096	458,236	19.0	1,771,003	73.2	188,857	7.8
2005	2,545,079	458,588	18.0	1,850,002	72.7	236,489	9.3
2006	2,648,570	459,805	17.4	1,923,288	72.6	265,477	10.0
2007	2,703,004	460,925	17.1	1,945,464	72.0	296,615	11.0
2008	2,827,541	476,251	16.8	2,030,774	71.8	320,516	11.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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Table 58.
Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2000–2008

Characteristic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	360,329	376,002	414,068	437,492	458,236	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251
Age									
Under 5	125,428	131,613	140,610	145,506	150,283	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884
5–12	172,275	177,909	197,425	208,354	217,010	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910
13–17	62,626	66,480	76,033	83,632	90,943	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457
Sex									
Male	225,626	235,121	258,940	274,605	287,629	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772
Female	134,703	140,881	155,128	162,887	170,607	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479
Citizenship status									
Citizen	358,265	373,855	411,812	435,385	456,020	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818
Noncitizen	2,064	2,147	2,256	2,107	2,216	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433
SSA administrative region									
Boston	11,764	11,824	12,984	13,651	14,300	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361
New York	33,667	33,691	35,414	35,721	38,223	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321
Philadelphia	35,528	37,162	41,441	43,289	45,582	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485
Atlanta	99,280	105,465	115,207	120,265	122,287	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618
Chicago	66,177	70,370	77,096	82,158	84,100	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956
Dallas	49,626	50,551	58,794	67,139	74,880	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612
Kansas City	15,038	15,530	16,440	16,695	17,332	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174
Denver	6,123	6,339	6,725	7,188	7,542	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050
San Francisco	34,104	35,647	39,724	41,385	43,201	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742
Seattle	8,870	9,276	10,130	9,925	10,721	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885
Unknown	152	147	113	76	68	75	64	84	47

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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Table 59.
Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2000–2008

Characteristic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	1,224,826	1,324,057	1,490,731	1,608,391	1,771,003	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774
Age									
18–21	90,994	99,251	110,690	116,569	124,284	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178
22–25	63,636	72,176	86,937	93,414	101,306	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551
26–29	72,052	75,018	83,032	88,573	97,685	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370
30–39	271,472	283,462	306,718	314,586	330,160	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440
40–49	355,328	387,448	438,578	472,602	519,999	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381
50–59	291,945	320,975	367,740	412,175	470,120	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045
60–64	79,399	85,727	97,036	110,472	127,449	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809
Sex									
Men	590,330	644,606	732,740	793,711	869,693	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132
Women	634,496	679,451	757,991	814,680	901,310	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,156,008	1,254,051	1,416,935	1,534,995	1,694,842	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170
Noncitizen	68,818	70,006	73,796	73,396	76,161	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604
SSA administrative region									
Boston	49,006	50,967	55,580	64,098	70,315	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883
New York	108,853	117,352	120,711	121,097	128,341	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555
Philadelphia	117,143	124,290	140,586	154,770	170,232	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323
Atlanta	316,528	344,111	381,188	396,605	426,469	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647
Chicago	186,104	208,019	241,983	269,757	300,502	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262
Dallas	159,477	172,406	203,521	227,721	256,360	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794
Kansas City	58,842	64,749	71,632	75,766	84,259	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711
Denver	27,252	29,760	33,584	35,896	43,112	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784
San Francisco	156,846	163,422	188,348	206,089	226,244	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235
Seattle	44,021	48,201	52,661	55,533	63,950	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449
Unknown	754	780	937	1,059	1,219	1,167	1,135	559	131

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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Table 60.
Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2000–2008

Characteristic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	159,231	161,064	180,029	178,856	188,857	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516
Age									
65–69	87,055	88,070	96,288	96,301	100,905	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416
70–74	32,288	33,179	38,941	38,142	40,849	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109
75 or older	39,888	39,815	44,800	44,413	47,103	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991
Sex									
Men	59,877	60,772	69,067	69,664	74,377	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916
Women	99,354	100,292	110,962	109,192	114,480	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600
Citizenship status									
Citizen	110,197	110,164	117,383	119,793	126,554	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209
Noncitizen	49,034	50,900	62,646	59,063	62,303	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307
SSA administrative region									
Boston	6,120	5,869	6,053	6,764	7,083	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093
New York	22,302	23,917	26,697	24,676	26,164	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762
Philadelphia	11,372	10,900	11,102	11,029	11,137	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950
Atlanta	31,330	31,555	35,529	33,119	34,616	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474
Chicago	12,469	12,097	12,414	12,855	13,932	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693
Dallas	20,067	21,392	22,864	22,919	24,108	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069
Kansas City	3,420	2,971	2,919	2,854	2,976	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896
Denver	2,744	2,553	2,701	2,831	3,088	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269
San Francisco	45,402	45,712	55,706	56,935	61,107	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190
Seattle	3,991	4,086	4,037	4,867	4,641	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110
Unknown	14	12	7	7	5	15	13	15	10

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Table 61.
All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2008

State or area	Total	Under 18		18-64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	2,827,541	476,251	16.8	2,030,774	71.8	320,516	11.3
Alabama	57,595	12,581	21.8	43,194	75.0	1,820	3.2
Alaska	5,601	496	8.9	4,175	74.5	930	16.6
Arizona	42,621	6,668	15.6	33,135	77.7	2,818	6.6
Arkansas	43,895	10,890	24.8	31,690	72.2	1,315	3.0
California	350,598	39,429	11.2	223,609	63.8	87,560	25.0
Colorado	28,730	3,861	13.4	22,470	78.2	2,399	8.4
Connecticut	31,036	3,567	11.5	19,873	64.0	7,596	24.5
Delaware	8,634	1,609	18.6	5,768	66.8	1,257	14.6
District of Columbia	7,972	1,395	17.5	6,196	77.7	381	4.8
Florida	198,713	37,044	18.6	131,910	66.4	29,759	15.0
Georgia	96,576	18,509	19.2	73,249	75.8	4,818	5.0
Hawaii	8,494	669	7.9	5,800	68.3	2,025	23.8
Idaho	11,769	1,733	14.7	9,455	80.3	581	4.9
Illinois	102,921	18,784	18.3	71,802	69.8	12,335	12.0
Indiana	57,205	11,020	19.3	43,175	75.5	3,010	5.3
Iowa	20,792	3,460	16.6	16,030	77.1	1,302	6.3
Kansas	20,473	3,057	14.9	16,342	79.8	1,074	5.2
Kentucky	61,704	10,826	17.5	48,157	78.0	2,721	4.4
Louisiana	66,077	14,446	21.9	45,647	69.1	5,984	9.1
Maine	14,763	1,500	10.2	11,017	74.6	2,246	15.2
Maryland	44,535	6,491	14.6	34,779	78.1	3,265	7.3
Massachusetts	62,192	7,976	12.8	42,159	67.8	12,057	19.4
Michigan	100,563	17,696	17.6	77,987	77.6	4,880	4.9
Minnesota	32,048	5,148	16.1	23,997	74.9	2,903	9.1
Mississippi	48,321	10,651	22.0	35,458	73.4	2,212	4.6
Missouri	57,521	8,837	15.4	46,939	81.6	1,745	3.0
Montana	7,578	846	11.2	5,996	79.1	736	9.7
Nebraska	11,995	1,820	15.2	9,400	78.4	775	6.5
Nevada	20,121	2,847	14.1	14,545	72.3	2,729	13.6
New Hampshire	9,563	979	10.2	7,623	79.7	961	10.0
New Jersey	52,330	9,617	18.4	35,105	67.1	7,608	14.5
New Mexico	19,039	3,273	17.2	14,579	76.6	1,187	6.2
New York	167,308	26,704	16.0	106,450	63.6	34,154	20.4
North Carolina	93,003	17,070	18.4	71,221	76.6	4,712	5.1
North Dakota	4,015	484	12.1	2,948	73.4	583	14.5
Ohio	130,377	20,608	15.8	97,242	74.6	12,527	9.6
Oklahoma	36,583	6,317	17.3	28,689	78.4	1,577	4.3
Oregon	26,962	2,964	11.0	21,835	81.0	2,163	8.0
Pennsylvania	127,342	26,983	21.2	93,679	73.6	6,680	5.2
Rhode Island	11,644	1,663	14.3	7,952	68.3	2,029	17.4
South Carolina	49,171	9,219	18.7	37,655	76.6	2,297	4.7
South Dakota	5,717	835	14.6	4,146	72.5	736	12.9
Tennessee	66,656	10,718	16.1	53,803	80.7	2,135	3.2
Texas	216,881	45,686	21.1	149,189	68.8	22,006	10.1
Utah	11,148	1,731	15.5	8,718	78.2	699	6.3

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Table 61.
All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2008—Continued

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	6,139	676	11.0	4,259	69.4	1,204	19.6
Virginia	52,870	9,659	18.3	39,208	74.2	4,003	7.6
Washington	45,112	5,692	12.6	34,984	77.5	4,436	9.8
West Virginia	26,405	3,348	12.7	21,693	82.2	1,364	5.2
Wisconsin	44,797	7,700	17.2	33,059	73.8	4,038	9.0
Wyoming	2,915	293	10.1	2,506	86.0	116	4.0
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	333	129	38.7	146	43.8	58	17.4
Unknown	188	47	25.0	131	69.7	10	5.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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Table 62.
All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2008

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	43,945,712	7,382,561	16.8	28,560,788	65.0	8,002,363	18.2
State conversions ^a	3,402,447	3,939	0.1	1,419,029	41.7	1,979,479	58.2
Federal applications ^b							
1973	279,923	4,921	1.8	81,976	29.3	193,026	69.0
1974	2,007,786	122,958	6.1	1,064,223	53.0	820,605	40.9
1975	1,303,896	93,684	7.2	859,790	65.9	350,422	26.9
1976	971,621	75,158	7.7	686,086	70.6	210,377	21.7
1977	943,084	81,750	8.7	661,112	70.1	200,222	21.2
1978	899,731	84,845	9.4	629,784	70.0	185,102	20.6
1979	912,850	89,054	9.8	637,521	69.8	186,275	20.4
1980	936,442	93,059	9.9	652,690	69.7	190,693	20.4
1981	721,999	74,306	10.3	529,231	73.3	118,462	16.4
1982	604,008	72,480	12.0	448,905	74.3	82,623	13.7
1983	645,244	78,616	12.2	467,151	72.4	99,477	15.4
1984	736,509	81,634	11.1	486,922	66.1	167,953	22.8
1985	857,757	91,242	10.6	628,241	73.2	138,274	16.1
1986	933,045	97,656	10.5	689,437	73.9	145,952	15.6
1987	892,945	98,174	11.0	653,728	73.2	141,043	15.8
1988	839,066	96,325	11.5	608,131	72.5	134,610	16.0
1989	852,453	98,931	11.6	605,939	71.1	147,583	17.3
1990	978,993	129,266	13.2	695,281	71.0	154,446	15.8
1991	1,198,677	208,822	17.4	835,058	69.7	154,797	12.9
1992	1,451,391	336,632	23.2	955,060	65.8	159,699	11.0
1993	1,624,332	440,585	27.1	1,030,912	63.5	152,835	9.4
1994	1,571,525	459,531	29.2	982,275	62.5	129,719	8.3
1995	1,381,111	406,498	29.4	860,162	62.3	114,451	8.3
1996	1,246,066	361,211	29.0	780,058	62.6	104,797	8.4
1997	981,841	256,888	26.2	644,982	65.7	79,971	8.1
1998	984,062	251,074	25.5	640,585	65.1	92,403	9.4
1999	996,186	256,120	25.7	641,973	64.4	98,093	9.8
2000	1,038,677	259,137	24.9	680,397	65.5	99,143	9.5
2001	1,127,672	272,977	24.2	753,650	66.8	101,045	9.0
2002	1,278,653	302,682	23.7	862,899	67.5	113,072	8.8
2003	1,367,391	320,201	23.4	938,352	68.6	108,838	8.0
2004	1,489,330	336,735	22.6	1,038,077	69.7	114,518	7.7
2005	1,559,272	335,539	21.5	1,079,252	69.2	144,481	9.3
2006	1,611,484	333,436	20.7	1,107,658	68.7	170,390	10.6
2007	1,635,005	333,377	20.4	1,100,954	67.3	200,674	12.3
2008	1,683,238	343,118	20.4	1,123,307	66.7	216,813	12.9

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