

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2009**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	68,397,363	10,031,128	14.7	47,351,130	69.2	11,015,105	16.1
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,474	3,939	0.1	1,419,041	41.7	1,979,494	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
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
2009	3,143,078	545,619	17.4	2,285,852	72.7	311,607	9.9

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

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## Applications

**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2001–2009**

Characteristic	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	376,002	414,068	437,492	458,236	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251	545,619
Age									
Under 5	131,613	140,610	145,506	150,283	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884	185,399
5–12	177,909	197,425	208,354	217,010	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910	252,870
13–17	66,480	76,033	83,632	90,943	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457	107,350
Sex									
Male	235,121	258,940	274,605	287,629	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772	341,800
Female	140,881	155,128	162,887	170,607	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479	203,819
Citizenship status									
Citizen	373,855	411,812	435,385	456,020	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818	542,916
Noncitizen	2,147	2,256	2,107	2,216	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433	2,703
SSA administrative region									
Boston	11,824	12,984	13,651	14,300	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361	18,975
New York	33,691	35,414	35,721	38,223	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321	40,593
Philadelphia	37,162	41,441	43,289	45,582	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485	56,096
Atlanta	105,465	115,207	120,265	122,287	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618	145,088
Chicago	70,370	77,096	82,158	84,100	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956	92,024
Dallas	50,551	58,794	67,139	74,880	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612	94,800
Kansas City	15,530	16,440	16,695	17,332	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174	19,833
Denver	6,339	6,725	7,188	7,542	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050	8,947
San Francisco	35,647	39,724	41,385	43,201	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742	56,475
Seattle	9,276	10,130	9,925	10,721	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885	12,739
Unknown	147	113	76	68	75	64	84	47	49

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, 2001–2009**

Characteristic	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	1,324,057	1,490,731	1,608,391	1,771,003	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852
Age									
18–21	99,251	110,690	116,569	124,284	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178	170,051
22–25	72,176	86,937	93,414	101,306	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551	132,315
26–29	75,018	83,032	88,573	97,685	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370	141,052
30–39	283,462	306,718	314,586	330,160	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440	379,220
40–49	387,448	438,578	472,602	519,999	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381	598,453
50–59	320,975	367,740	412,175	470,120	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045	663,464
60–64	85,727	97,036	110,472	127,449	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809	201,297
Sex									
Men	644,606	732,740	793,711	869,693	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133
Women	679,451	757,991	814,680	901,310	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,254,051	1,416,935	1,534,995	1,694,842	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326
Noncitizen	70,006	73,796	73,396	76,161	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604	86,526
SSA administrative region									
Boston	50,967	55,580	64,098	70,315	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883	104,362
New York	117,352	120,711	121,097	128,341	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555	155,922
Philadelphia	124,290	140,586	154,770	170,232	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323	222,686
Atlanta	344,111	381,188	396,605	426,469	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647	572,336
Chicago	208,019	241,983	269,757	300,502	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262	387,125
Dallas	172,406	203,521	227,721	256,360	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794	311,466
Kansas City	64,749	71,632	75,766	84,259	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711	102,177
Denver	29,760	33,584	35,896	43,112	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784	54,751
San Francisco	163,422	188,348	206,089	226,244	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235	295,963
Seattle	48,201	52,661	55,533	63,950	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449	78,945
Unknown	780	937	1,059	1,219	1,167	1,135	559	131	119

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

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## Applications

**Table 60.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2001–2009**

Characteristic	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	161,064	180,029	178,856	188,857	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516	311,607
Age									
65–69	88,070	96,288	96,301	100,905	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416	189,611
70–74	33,179	38,941	38,142	40,849	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109	55,615
75 or older	39,815	44,800	44,413	47,103	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991	66,381
Sex									
Men	60,772	69,067	69,664	74,377	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916	135,022
Women	100,292	110,962	109,192	114,480	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600	176,585
Citizenship status									
Citizen	110,164	117,383	119,793	126,554	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209	234,979
Noncitizen	50,900	62,646	59,063	62,303	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307	76,628
SSA administrative region									
Boston	5,869	6,053	6,764	7,083	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093	26,376
New York	23,917	26,697	24,676	26,164	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762	39,605
Philadelphia	10,900	11,102	11,029	11,137	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950	16,395
Atlanta	31,555	35,529	33,119	34,616	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474	45,972
Chicago	12,097	12,414	12,855	13,932	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693	36,567
Dallas	21,392	22,864	22,919	24,108	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069	32,661
Kansas City	2,971	2,919	2,854	2,976	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896	5,961
Denver	2,553	2,701	2,831	3,088	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269	5,171
San Francisco	45,712	55,706	56,935	61,107	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190	94,645
Seattle	4,086	4,037	4,867	4,641	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110	8,247
Unknown	12	7	7	5	15	13	15	10	7

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2009**

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	3,143,078	545,619	17.4	2,285,852	72.7	311,607	9.9
Alabama	66,185	14,059	21.2	50,331	76.0	1,795	2.7
Alaska	5,697	599	10.5	4,376	76.8	722	12.7
Arizona	48,162	8,157	16.9	36,747	76.3	3,258	6.8
Arkansas	48,698	12,357	25.4	35,093	72.1	1,248	2.6
California	365,866	43,667	11.9	235,512	64.4	86,687	23.7
Colorado	33,188	4,136	12.5	26,442	79.7	2,610	7.9
Connecticut	32,244	4,108	12.7	21,491	66.7	6,645	20.6
Delaware	8,901	1,771	19.9	6,339	71.2	791	8.9
District of Columbia	8,519	1,532	18.0	6,639	77.9	348	4.1
Florida	219,531	42,771	19.5	150,991	68.8	25,769	11.7
Georgia	113,730	21,991	19.3	86,661	76.2	5,078	4.5
Hawaii	9,883	682	6.9	6,887	69.7	2,314	23.4
Idaho	13,331	2,168	16.3	10,739	80.6	424	3.2
Illinois	110,223	20,934	19.0	77,883	70.7	11,406	10.3
Indiana	65,342	12,435	19.0	50,244	76.9	2,663	4.1
Iowa	24,352	3,793	15.6	19,032	78.2	1,527	6.3
Kansas	23,605	3,942	16.7	18,357	77.8	1,306	5.5
Kentucky	67,895	11,685	17.2	53,755	79.2	2,455	3.6
Louisiana	71,385	16,804	23.5	50,355	70.5	4,226	5.9
Maine	16,264	1,614	9.9	12,620	77.6	2,030	12.5
Maryland	50,723	7,430	14.6	40,344	79.5	2,949	5.8
Massachusetts	70,326	9,483	13.5	47,420	67.4	13,423	19.1
Michigan	111,683	20,059	18.0	86,363	77.3	5,261	4.7
Minnesota	34,767	5,851	16.8	26,386	75.9	2,530	7.3
Mississippi	56,051	12,420	22.2	41,857	74.7	1,774	3.2
Missouri	66,052	10,039	15.2	54,264	82.2	1,749	2.6
Montana	8,276	994	12.0	6,907	83.5	375	4.5
Nebraska	13,962	2,059	14.7	10,524	75.4	1,379	9.9
Nevada	22,832	3,855	16.9	16,655	72.9	2,322	10.2
New Hampshire	9,970	1,095	11.0	8,309	83.3	566	5.7
New Jersey	56,927	10,898	19.1	38,502	67.6	7,527	13.2
New Mexico	22,119	3,629	16.4	17,048	77.1	1,442	6.5
New York	179,193	29,695	16.6	117,420	65.5	32,078	17.9
North Carolina	103,512	18,760	18.1	80,310	77.6	4,442	4.3
North Dakota	4,336	540	12.5	3,161	72.9	635	14.6
Ohio	144,299	23,710	16.4	109,259	75.7	11,330	7.9
Oklahoma	42,859	7,366	17.2	33,952	79.2	1,541	3.6
Oregon	30,261	3,460	11.4	24,758	81.8	2,043	6.8
Pennsylvania	138,591	30,387	21.9	101,489	73.2	6,715	4.8
Rhode Island	14,436	2,014	14.0	9,668	67.0	2,754	19.1
South Carolina	55,834	10,796	19.3	42,791	76.6	2,247	4.0
South Dakota	6,251	903	14.4	4,710	75.3	638	10.2
Tennessee	80,658	12,606	15.6	65,640	81.4	2,412	3.0
Texas	253,866	54,644	21.5	175,018	68.9	24,204	9.5
Utah	13,293	2,015	15.2	10,455	78.7	823	6.2

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## Applications

**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2009—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	6,473	661	10.2	4,854	75.0	958	14.8
Virginia	60,240	11,298	18.8	44,679	74.2	4,263	7.1
Washington	50,642	6,512	12.9	39,072	77.2	5,058	10.0
West Virginia	28,203	3,678	13.0	23,196	82.2	1,329	4.7
Wisconsin	49,402	9,035	18.3	36,990	74.9	3,377	6.8
Wyoming	3,525	359	10.2	3,076	87.3	90	2.6
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	340	114	33.5	162	47.6	64	18.8
Unknown	175	49	28.0	119	68.0	7	4.0

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2009**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	45,793,496	7,775,042	17.0	29,808,385	65.1	8,210,069	17.9
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,447	3,939	0.1	1,419,029	41.7	1,979,479	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
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
2009	1,847,784	392,481	21.2	1,247,597	67.5	207,706	11.2

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