

**Table 2.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications received, by age, 1973–2003**

Year	All ages <sup>a</sup>	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	52,112,230	7,164,790	13.7	35,536,950	68.2	9,410,490	18.1
State conversions <sup>b</sup>	3,406,600	3,650	0.1	1,424,010	41.8	1,978,940	58.1
Federal applications							
1973	284,930	5,030	1.8	82,820	29.1	197,080	69.2
1974	2,060,590	124,300	6.0	1,096,130	53.2	840,160	40.8
1975	1,467,960	100,030	6.8	976,840	66.5	391,090	26.6
1976	1,212,810	84,360	7.0	866,720	71.5	261,730	21.6
1977	1,272,360	95,610	7.5	904,150	71.1	272,600	21.4
1978	1,268,170	99,460	7.8	905,340	71.4	263,370	20.8
1979	1,325,270	108,000	8.1	950,980	71.8	266,290	20.1
1980	1,410,080	113,200	8.0	1,016,750	72.1	280,130	19.9
1981	1,149,290	95,010	8.3	863,670	75.1	190,610	16.6
1982	1,016,080	94,680	9.3	775,240	76.3	146,160	14.4
1983	1,132,220	101,560	9.0	832,540	73.5	198,120	17.5
1984	1,264,480	104,860	8.3	866,420	68.5	293,200	23.2
1985	1,401,400	120,640	8.6	1,047,930	74.8	232,830	16.6
1986	1,465,970	125,270	8.5	1,099,220	75.0	241,480	16.5
1987	1,433,340	124,910	8.7	1,068,890	74.6	239,540	16.7
1988	1,360,870	125,280	9.2	1,008,200	74.1	227,390	16.7
1989	1,392,660	132,080	9.5	1,016,430	73.0	244,150	17.5
1990	1,550,990	163,610	10.5	1,136,160	73.3	251,220	16.2
1991	1,808,690	247,460	13.7	1,315,160	72.7	246,070	13.6
1992	2,086,820	380,350	18.2	1,460,520	70.0	245,950	11.8
1993	2,308,770	503,800	21.8	1,567,730	67.9	237,240	10.3
1994	2,256,640	541,150	24.0	1,512,310	67.0	203,180	9.0
1995	2,062,590	502,940	24.4	1,380,090	66.9	179,560	8.7
1996	1,915,520	462,710	24.2	1,285,630	67.1	167,180	8.7
1997	1,594,630	332,940	20.9	1,130,410	70.9	131,280	8.2
1998	1,626,210	337,300	20.7	1,141,180	70.2	147,730	9.1
1999	1,658,400	350,070	21.1	1,148,740	69.3	159,590	9.6
2000	1,742,630	358,800	20.6	1,224,540	70.3	159,290	9.1
2001	1,859,990	376,170	20.2	1,323,020	71.1	160,800	8.6
2002	2,084,730	413,330	19.8	1,492,740	71.6	178,660	8.6
2003	2,230,540	436,230	19.6	1,616,440	72.5	177,870	8.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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