
Note

In December 2005, approximately 590,000 disabled workers on the Social Security Disability Insurance program had filed for workers' compensation or public disability benefits. Disability payments from private sources, such as private pension or insurance benefits, do not affect Social Security disability benefits, but workers' compensation and other public disability benefits may reduce them. Workers' compensation is paid to a worker because of a job-related injury or illness. It may be paid by federal or state workers' compensation agencies or employers or by insurance companies on behalf of employers.

Other public disability benefits that may affect Social Security disability benefits are those paid by a federal, state, or local government for disabling medical conditions that are not job related. Examples are civil service disability benefits, military disability benefits, state temporary disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits that are based on disability. Persons who receive Social Security disability benefits and one of the following types of public benefits will not have their Social Security disability benefit reduced:

- Veterans Administration benefits;
- State and local government benefits, if Social Security taxes were deducted from earnings; or
- Supplemental Security Income.

The total amount received from workers' compensation or other public disability benefits and Social Security disability benefits cannot exceed 80 percent of the worker's average current earnings before he or she became disabled. The monthly Social Security disability benefit includes benefits payable to family members. If the total amount of these benefits exceeds 80 percent of average current earnings, the excess amount is deducted from the Social Security benefit. The benefit will be reduced until the month the worker reaches age 65 or the month the other benefits stop, whichever comes first.

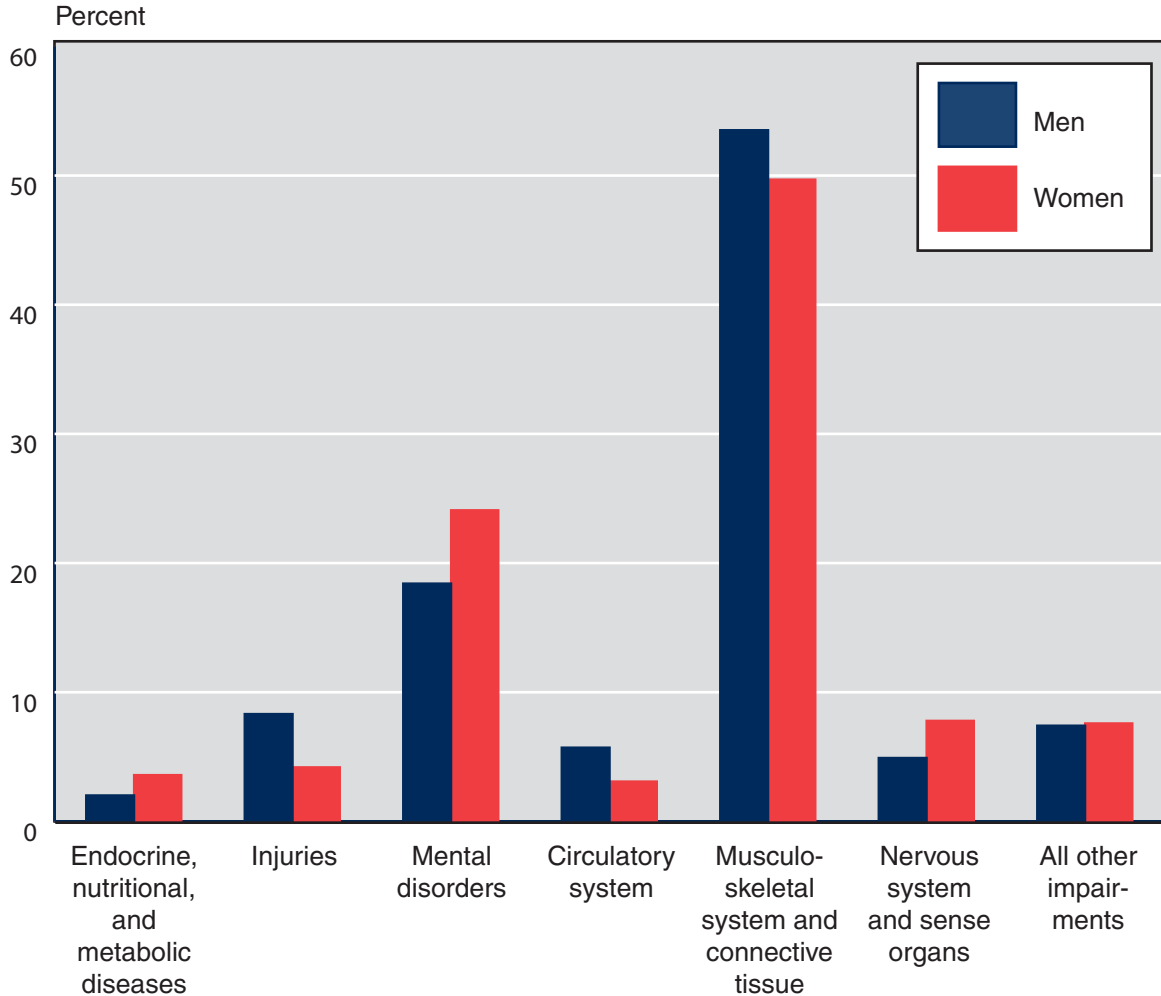
Example

Before becoming disabled, the worker's average current earnings were \$4,000 a month. The disabled worker, his or her spouse, and their two children would be eligible to receive a total of \$2,200 a month in Social Security disability benefits. However, the disabled worker also receives \$2,000 a month from workers' compensation. Because the total amount of benefits received (\$4,200) is more than \$3,200 (80 percent of average current earnings), the family's Social Security disability benefits will be reduced by \$1,000.

Chart 7.

Distribution of workers, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2005

Among DI beneficiaries who are also receiving workers' compensation or public disability benefits, a disease of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue was the primary diagnosis on which their receipt of DI benefits was based in December 2005. Mental disorders were the second leading condition, with women more likely than men to have that diagnosis. Men were more likely than women to have injuries or diseases of the circulatory system. Women were more likely than men to have endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases or diseases of the nervous system and sense organs. All other impairments were fairly evenly split between men and women.



SOURCE: Table 34.

Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 31.
Distribution of workers and nondisabled dependents who have filed, by reason for having or not having an offset, December 2005

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and nondisabled dependents	800,518	100.0	590,480	100.0	210,038	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	266	a	184	a	82	a
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	1,144	0.1	793	0.1	351	0.2
Federal employees	3,304	0.4	2,448	0.4	856	0.4
State	166,330	20.8	108,558	18.4	57,772	27.5
Public disability only						
Federal	2,607	0.3	2,209	0.4	398	0.2
State	16,849	2.1	12,630	2.1	4,219	2.0
Local	742	0.1	563	0.1	179	0.1
Workers' compensation and—						
Federal public disability	26	a	26	a	0	0
State public disability	1,143	0.1	789	0.1	354	0.2
Local public disability	31	a	20	a	11	a
Social Security Disability Insurance	59,822	7.5	45,130	7.6	14,692	7.0
Without offset						
High average current earnings	348,045	43.5	269,684	45.7	78,361	37.3
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	200,209	25.0	147,446	25.0	52,763	25.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

a. Less than 0.05 percent.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 32.
Distribution of workers and nondisabled dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence,
December 2005

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	800,518	100.0	590,480	100.0	210,038	100.0
Alabama	14,402	1.8	10,387	1.8	4,015	1.9
Alaska	787	0.1	594	0.1	193	0.1
Arizona	11,729	1.5	8,828	1.5	2,901	1.4
Arkansas	7,673	1.0	5,662	1.0	2,011	1.0
California	143,052	17.9	110,042	18.6	33,010	15.7
Colorado	10,921	1.4	8,238	1.4	2,683	1.3
Connecticut	5,958	0.7	4,343	0.7	1,615	0.8
Delaware	2,136	0.3	1,540	0.3	596	0.3
District of Columbia	371	a	309	0.1	62	a
Florida	44,373	5.5	33,217	5.6	11,156	5.3
Georgia	20,301	2.5	15,181	2.6	5,120	2.4
Hawaii	2,619	0.3	1,965	0.3	654	0.3
Idaho	2,710	0.3	2,037	0.3	673	0.3
Illinois	17,011	2.1	12,244	2.1	4,767	2.3
Indiana	5,752	0.7	4,221	0.7	1,531	0.7
Iowa	4,035	0.5	2,991	0.5	1,044	0.5
Kansas	3,532	0.4	2,701	0.5	831	0.4
Kentucky	24,766	3.1	17,786	3.0	6,980	3.3
Louisiana	13,752	1.7	9,005	1.5	4,747	2.3
Maine	6,048	0.8	4,505	0.8	1,543	0.7
Maryland	6,186	0.8	4,669	0.8	1,517	0.7
Massachusetts	16,076	2.0	11,579	2.0	4,497	2.1
Michigan	34,563	4.3	25,908	4.4	8,655	4.1
Minnesota	6,249	0.8	4,816	0.8	1,433	0.7
Mississippi	8,266	1.0	5,713	1.0	2,553	1.2
Missouri	13,733	1.7	10,127	1.7	3,606	1.7
Montana	3,446	0.4	2,688	0.5	758	0.4
Nebraska	2,466	0.3	1,824	0.3	642	0.3
Nevada	5,019	0.6	3,903	0.7	1,116	0.5
New Hampshire	3,875	0.5	2,716	0.5	1,159	0.6
New Jersey	20,792	2.6	15,139	2.6	5,653	2.7
New Mexico	4,389	0.5	3,239	0.5	1,150	0.5
New York	89,600	11.2	63,359	10.7	26,241	12.5
North Carolina	18,205	2.3	13,659	2.3	4,546	2.2
North Dakota	1,126	0.1	839	0.1	287	0.1
Ohio	20,169	2.5	15,326	2.6	4,843	2.3
Oklahoma	8,960	1.1	6,789	1.1	2,171	1.0
Oregon	6,390	0.8	5,010	0.8	1,380	0.7
Pennsylvania	36,534	4.6	26,135	4.4	10,399	5.0
Rhode Island	4,222	0.5	3,303	0.6	919	0.4

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 32.

Distribution of workers and nondisabled dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence, December 2005—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	11,381	1.4	8,321	1.4	3,060	1.5
South Dakota	1,075	0.1	765	0.1	310	0.1
Tennessee	12,823	1.6	9,690	1.6	3,133	1.5
Texas	23,020	2.9	16,511	2.8	6,509	3.1
Utah	2,252	0.3	1,607	0.3	645	0.3
Vermont	1,059	0.1	777	0.1	282	0.1
Virginia	13,385	1.7	9,657	1.6	3,728	1.8
Washington	11,293	1.4	8,926	1.5	2,367	1.1
West Virginia	12,913	1.6	9,533	1.6	3,380	1.6
Wisconsin	9,311	1.2	6,909	1.2	2,402	1.1
Wyoming	812	0.1	613	0.1	199	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	46,937	5.9	33,271	5.6	13,666	6.5
Other ^b	367	a	203	a	164	0.1
Foreign countries	1,696	0.2	1,160	0.2	536	0.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

NOTE: Distribution is by state or other area of residence, not by the state paying benefits.

a. Less than 0.05 percent.

b. Includes American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Virgin Islands.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 33.
Distribution of workers who have filed, by diagnostic group and age, December 2005

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
Number								
Total	590,480	12,928	23,301	51,949	84,689	117,309	154,506	145,798
Congenital anomalies	357	23	21	47	50	51	91	74
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	15,410	167	436	1,016	1,939	3,263	4,395	4,194
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,453	133	378	940	1,140	1,160	1,061	641
Injuries	39,598	1,878	2,230	4,124	5,722	7,140	9,240	9,264
Mental disorders								
Retardation	7,263	269	545	1,053	1,414	1,510	1,459	1,013
Other	114,154	4,132	6,343	13,327	20,557	25,206	26,567	18,022
Neoplasms	6,764	249	229	501	901	1,288	1,868	1,728
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	483	30	29	57	87	91	108	81
Circulatory system	27,576	227	377	1,047	2,097	4,338	8,397	11,093
Digestive system	4,085	75	126	316	661	1,013	1,064	830
Genitourinary system	3,295	232	208	350	523	693	737	552
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	307,307	4,138	9,962	24,034	41,587	60,278	84,224	83,084
Nervous system and sense organs	35,469	1,065	1,729	3,571	5,152	6,974	8,919	8,059
Respiratory system	10,735	92	190	434	980	1,720	3,167	4,152
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	809	19	37	87	134	155	188	189
Other	635	23	33	54	90	128	178	129
Unknown	11,087	176	428	991	1,655	2,301	2,843	2,693
Percent								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	a	0.1	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.6	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.4
Injuries	6.7	14.5	9.6	7.9	6.8	6.1	6.0	6.4
Mental disorders								
Retardation	1.2	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.7
Other	19.3	32.0	27.2	25.7	24.3	21.5	17.2	12.4
Neoplasms	1.1	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	4.7	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.5	3.7	5.4	7.6
Digestive system	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6
Genitourinary system	0.6	1.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	52.0	32.0	42.8	46.3	49.1	51.4	54.5	57.0
Nervous system and sense organs	6.0	8.2	7.4	6.9	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.5
Respiratory system	1.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.8
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.9	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 34.
Distribution of workers who have filed, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2005

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	590,480	100.0	363,428	100.0	227,052	100.0
Congenital anomalies	357	0.1	206	0.1	151	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	15,410	2.6	7,303	2.0	8,107	3.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,453	0.9	4,445	1.2	1,008	0.4
Injuries	39,598	6.7	29,991	8.3	9,607	4.2
Mental disorders						
Retardation	7,263	1.2	5,647	1.6	1,616	0.7
Other	114,154	19.3	61,003	16.8	53,151	23.4
Neoplasms	6,764	1.1	3,677	1.0	3,087	1.4
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	483	0.1	246	0.1	237	0.1
Circulatory system	27,576	4.7	20,607	5.7	6,969	3.1
Digestive system	4,085	0.7	2,602	0.7	1,483	0.7
Genitourinary system	3,295	0.6	2,201	0.6	1,094	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	307,307	52.0	194,415	53.5	112,892	49.7
Nervous system and sense organs	35,469	6.0	17,816	4.9	17,653	7.8
Respiratory system	10,735	1.8	6,461	1.8	4,274	1.9
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	809	0.1	432	0.1	377	0.2
Other	635	0.1	300	0.1	335	0.1
Unknown	11,087	1.9	6,076	1.7	5,011	2.2

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