

Outcomes of Applications for Disabled-Worker Benefits

Table 53.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by year of application and program, 1992–2001

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security 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)
1992	275,863	201,359	73.0	131,624	105,371	80.1	144,239	95,988	66.5
1993	310,655	217,724	70.1	143,997	112,561	78.2	166,658	105,163	63.1
1994	323,601	220,394	68.1	156,452	119,251	76.2	167,149	101,143	60.5
1995	295,811	202,147	68.3	148,614	113,512	76.4	147,197	88,635	60.2
1996	298,700	203,384	68.1	154,758	115,671	74.7	143,942	87,713	60.9
1997	259,010	183,565	70.9	137,317	106,259	77.4	121,693	77,306	63.5
1998	241,121	175,068	72.6	130,092	102,764	79.0	111,029	72,304	65.1
1999	238,480	177,714	74.5	131,091	105,509	80.5	107,389	72,205	67.2
2000	202,880	152,031	74.9	113,620	91,817	80.8	89,260	60,214	67.5
2001	53,555	41,280	77.1	31,333	25,817	82.4	22,222	15,463	69.6

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

NOTES: Data are current through July 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the allowance rate will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

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