

## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 62.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by year of application and reason for allowance, 1992–2004**

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	Other <sup>a</sup>
	Number	Percent				
<b>All disabled beneficiaries</b>						
1999	707,969	100.0	33.0	5.9	27.0	34.0
2000	761,514	100.0	31.3	6.2	29.4	33.1
2001	833,257	100.0	30.2	6.1	30.3	33.3
2002	874,011	100.0	29.3	5.5	31.0	34.2
2003	800,509	100.0	31.3	5.9	35.9	26.9
2004	658,918	100.0	37.1	6.9	43.6	12.3
<b>Workers</b>						
1992	689,111	100.0	34.3	11.1	24.3	30.3
1993	695,007	100.0	34.3	8.7	23.6	33.4
1994	671,791	100.0	34.5	6.9	25.6	32.9
1995	628,380	100.0	34.5	6.7	26.8	31.9
1996	652,129	100.0	34.2	7.0	27.4	31.5
1997	601,755	100.0	35.0	7.6	26.4	31.0
1998	612,838	100.0	35.5	6.6	27.0	30.9
1999	639,248	100.0	33.7	6.3	28.3	31.7
2000	690,481	100.0	31.9	6.6	30.9	30.7
2001	762,615	100.0	30.8	6.4	31.7	31.1
2002	800,153	100.0	29.8	5.8	32.4	32.0
2003	730,333	100.0	32.0	6.2	37.8	24.0
2004	595,262	100.0	38.3	7.4	46.4	7.9
<b>Widow(er)s</b>						
1999	29,103	100.0	14.9	2.5	24.6	58.0
2000	29,648	100.0	12.8	2.5	26.3	58.4
2001	30,089	100.0	12.3	2.6	27.0	58.0
2002	30,422	100.0	11.5	2.1	26.7	59.7
2003	28,091	100.0	11.5	2.4	27.8	58.4
2004	25,097	100.0	11.8	2.2	30.1	56.0
<b>Adult children</b>						
1999	39,618	100.0	35.9	3.2	7.4	53.5
2000	41,385	100.0	35.0	3.1	7.3	54.7
2001	40,553	100.0	33.0	3.0	8.0	56.0
2002	43,436	100.0	31.8	2.9	7.7	57.6
2003	42,085	100.0	32.8	2.8	8.6	55.7
2004	38,559	100.0	34.7	3.2	9.5	52.6

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2005. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2005.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

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

Data include decisions for Social Security–only applications and applications for both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); they do not include SSI-only claims.

Data from 1992 to 1998 are available for disabled workers only.

a. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. The majority of applications for which the basis of determination is not available are cases allowed at or above the hearing level.

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