

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2013**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	80,047,653	12,082,142	15.1	55,901,255	69.8	12,064,256	15.1
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
2010	3,148,689	546,407	17.4	2,314,739	73.5	287,543	9.1
2011	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0
2012	2,888,237	513,775	17.8	2,120,521	73.4	253,941	8.8
2013	2,571,864	458,616	17.8	1,879,330	73.1	233,918	9.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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## Applications

**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2005–2013**

Characteristic	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251	545,619	546,407	532,216	513,775	458,616
Age									
Under 5	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884	185,399	186,226	182,564	175,942	157,736
5–12	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910	252,870	255,455	250,986	245,200	219,915
13–17	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457	107,350	104,726	98,666	92,633	80,965
Sex									
Male	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772	341,800	341,609	332,770	321,033	286,218
Female	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479	203,819	204,798	199,446	192,742	172,398
Citizenship status									
Citizen	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818	542,916	543,503	529,574	511,184	456,114
Noncitizen	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433	2,703	2,904	2,642	2,591	2,502
SSA administrative region									
Boston	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361	18,975	19,477	18,696	18,333	16,899
New York	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321	40,593	40,531	40,386	39,646	35,442
Philadelphia	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485	56,096	56,084	54,774	53,080	47,879
Atlanta	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618	145,088	145,833	141,832	140,326	127,272
Chicago	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956	92,024	89,299	84,603	81,569	71,254
Dallas	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612	94,800	99,423	96,427	91,392	80,583
Kansas City	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174	19,833	20,067	19,483	17,993	16,028
Denver	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050	8,947	8,799	8,249	8,130	7,280
San Francisco	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742	56,475	54,148	54,990	51,590	45,533
Seattle	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885	12,739	12,687	12,730	11,661	10,415
Unknown	75	64	84	47	49	59	46	55	31

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 59.**  
**Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2005–2013**

Characteristic	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535	2,120,521	1,879,330
Age									
18–21	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178	170,051	173,186	165,605	155,151	134,823
22–25	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551	132,315	136,324	130,592	125,988	109,576
26–29	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370	141,052	142,844	136,326	128,662	110,090
30–39	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440	379,220	385,246	371,687	355,738	314,498
40–49	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381	598,453	592,265	561,067	519,293	451,106
50–59	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045	663,464	684,914	675,354	653,945	598,354
60–64	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809	201,297	199,960	194,904	181,744	160,883
Sex									
Men	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684	1,071,639	944,852
Women	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851	1,048,882	934,478
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681	2,041,159	1,806,887
Noncitizen	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604	86,526	86,493	84,854	79,362	72,443
SSA administrative region									
Boston	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883	104,362	104,581	97,911	95,269	82,724
New York	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555	155,922	154,390	152,498	145,934	131,051
Philadelphia	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323	222,686	221,624	221,565	212,280	183,359
Atlanta	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647	572,336	589,233	567,763	546,566	496,334
Chicago	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262	387,125	389,647	372,617	351,640	305,230
Dallas	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794	311,466	323,607	304,432	287,228	256,527
Kansas City	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711	102,177	105,926	99,127	90,974	81,740
Denver	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784	54,751	55,522	53,522	50,636	44,804
San Francisco	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235	295,963	289,485	285,539	265,184	231,371
Seattle	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449	78,945	80,616	80,424	74,699	66,088
Unknown	1,167	1,135	559	131	119	108	137	111	102

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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## Applications

**Table 60.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2005–2013**

Characteristic	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516	311,607	287,543	273,749	253,941	233,918
Age									
65–69	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416	189,611	171,110	161,883	150,436	136,000
70–74	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109	55,615	52,612	50,121	46,479	43,893
75 or older	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991	66,381	63,821	61,745	57,026	54,025
Sex									
Men	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916	135,022	122,505	114,190	105,376	94,857
Women	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600	176,585	165,038	159,559	148,565	139,061
Citizenship status									
Citizen	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209	234,979	211,442	198,347	182,617	166,821
Noncitizen	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307	76,628	76,101	75,402	71,324	67,097
SSA administrative region									
Boston	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093	26,376	24,428	22,567	20,838	16,381
New York	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762	39,605	36,588	37,560	33,196	31,044
Philadelphia	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950	16,395	14,632	14,259	13,236	12,408
Atlanta	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474	45,972	47,117	45,749	42,674	42,549
Chicago	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693	36,567	30,402	26,685	24,418	21,197
Dallas	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069	32,661	33,595	31,245	29,388	27,402
Kansas City	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896	5,961	4,779	4,338	4,042	3,403
Denver	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269	5,171	5,462	5,038	3,774	3,179
San Francisco	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190	94,645	83,655	79,270	75,939	70,309
Seattle	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110	8,247	6,882	7,030	6,431	6,040
Unknown	15	13	15	10	7	3	8	5	6

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2013**

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	2,571,864	458,616	17.8	1,879,330	73.1	233,918	9.1
Alabama	55,774	11,009	19.7	43,332	77.7	1,433	2.6
Alaska	4,067	389	9.6	3,187	78.4	491	12.1
Arizona	39,234	6,463	16.5	29,935	76.3	2,836	7.2
Arkansas	40,198	10,648	26.5	28,671	71.3	879	2.2
California	282,574	35,481	12.6	183,000	64.8	64,093	22.7
Colorado	27,212	3,336	12.3	22,148	81.4	1,728	6.4
Connecticut	24,802	4,067	16.4	17,569	70.8	3,166	12.8
Delaware	6,752	1,526	22.6	4,944	73.2	282	4.2
District of Columbia	7,293	1,483	20.3	5,464	74.9	346	4.7
Florida	199,018	39,818	20.0	133,658	67.2	25,542	12.8
Georgia	104,634	20,332	19.4	79,361	75.8	4,941	4.7
Hawaii	6,887	574	8.3	5,094	74.0	1,219	17.7
Idaho	10,717	1,743	16.3	8,619	80.4	355	3.3
Illinois	84,154	16,366	19.4	60,279	71.6	7,509	8.9
Indiana	53,259	10,421	19.6	41,562	78.0	1,276	2.4
Iowa	18,705	3,061	16.4	14,733	78.8	911	4.9
Kansas	18,116	3,266	18.0	14,247	78.6	603	3.3
Kentucky	54,588	9,280	17.0	43,440	79.6	1,868	3.4
Louisiana	59,644	14,656	24.6	41,994	70.4	2,994	5.0
Maine	11,951	1,369	11.5	9,811	82.1	771	6.5
Maryland	48,445	6,754	13.9	38,900	80.3	2,791	5.8
Massachusetts	56,768	8,437	14.9	38,136	67.2	10,195	18.0
Michigan	87,577	14,735	16.8	69,058	78.9	3,784	4.3
Minnesota	28,870	4,696	16.3	22,302	77.2	1,872	6.5
Mississippi	47,434	10,824	22.8	35,242	74.3	1,368	2.9
Missouri	54,213	8,115	15.0	44,875	82.8	1,223	2.3
Montana	5,823	752	12.9	4,846	83.2	225	3.9
Nebraska	10,137	1,586	15.6	7,885	77.8	666	6.6
Nevada	18,280	2,935	16.1	13,223	72.3	2,122	11.6
New Hampshire	7,685	937	12.2	6,450	83.9	298	3.9
New Jersey	53,333	9,810	18.4	36,286	68.0	7,237	13.6
New Mexico	18,980	2,746	14.5	14,886	78.4	1,348	7.1
New York	144,204	25,632	17.8	94,765	65.7	23,807	16.5
North Carolina	90,585	16,434	18.1	70,463	77.8	3,688	4.1
North Dakota	2,959	419	14.2	2,204	74.5	336	11.4
Ohio	106,281	17,955	16.9	83,019	78.1	5,307	5.0
Oklahoma	33,454	5,853	17.5	26,459	79.1	1,142	3.4
Oregon	25,084	2,901	11.6	20,516	81.8	1,667	6.6
Pennsylvania	112,065	25,935	23.1	80,811	72.1	5,319	4.7
Rhode Island	10,330	1,630	15.8	7,284	70.5	1,416	13.7
South Carolina	49,939	9,458	18.9	38,586	77.3	1,895	3.8
South Dakota	5,033	819	16.3	3,930	78.1	284	5.6
Tennessee	64,183	10,117	15.8	52,252	81.4	1,814	2.8
Texas	212,236	46,680	22.0	144,517	68.1	21,039	9.9
Utah	11,560	1,673	14.5	9,376	81.1	511	4.4

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## Applications

**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2013—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	4,468	459	10.3	3,474	77.8	535	12.0
Virginia	49,405	9,425	19.1	36,980	74.9	3,000	6.1
Washington	42,675	5,382	12.6	33,766	79.1	3,527	8.3
West Virginia	19,686	2,756	14.0	16,260	82.6	670	3.4
Wisconsin	37,540	7,081	18.9	29,010	77.3	1,449	3.9
Wyoming	2,676	281	10.5	2,300	85.9	95	3.6
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	238	80	33.6	119	50.0	39	16.4
Unknown	139	31	22.3	102	73.4	6	4.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2013**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	52,435,426	9,246,085	17.6	34,341,519	65.5	8,847,822	16.9
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
2010	1,831,983	394,599	21.5	1,254,710	68.5	182,674	10.0
2011	1,746,222	383,366	22.0	1,194,291	68.4	168,565	9.7
2012	1,635,635	366,930	22.4	1,117,483	68.3	151,222	9.2
2013	1,428,090	326,148	22.8	966,650	67.7	135,292	9.5

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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