FISCAL YEAR 2014 WORKLOAD DATA: DISABILITY DECISIONS*

Initial Level 1/ 2,782,703
Allow 32%  Deny 68%

Reconsiderations 744,335
Allow 11%  Deny 89%

Administrative Law Judge Hearing 530,574
Allow 45%  Dismiss 18%  Deny 36%

Appeals Council 123,125
Allow 1%  Dismiss 4%  Remand 14%  Deny 81%

Federal Court Decisions 2/ 18,193
Allow 2%  Dismiss 8%  Remand 43%  Deny 47%

*Includes Title II, Title XVI, and concurrent initial disability determinations and appeals decisions issued in FY 2014, regardless of the year in which the initial claim was filed, and regardless of whether the claimant ever received benefits (in a small number of cases with a favorable disability decision benefits are subsequently denied because the claimant does not meet other eligibility requirements.) Does not include claims where an eligibility determination was reached without a determination of disability. If a determination or appeals decision was made on Title II and Title XVI claims for the same person, the results are treated as one concurrent decision.

1/About 23% of initial level denials are issued in States that use the Disability Prototype process, which eliminates the reconsideration step of the appeals process. The first level of appeal for these cases is a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

2/ Federal Court data includes appeals of Continuing Disability Reviews.

NOTE: Due to rounding, data may not always total 100%.

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Data Sources:
1) Initial and Reconsideration Data: SSA State Agency Operations Report
2) Administrative Law Judge and Appeals Council data: SSA Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR)
3) Federal Court data: SSA Office of General Counsel