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## Note

In December 2006, approximately 585,000 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.

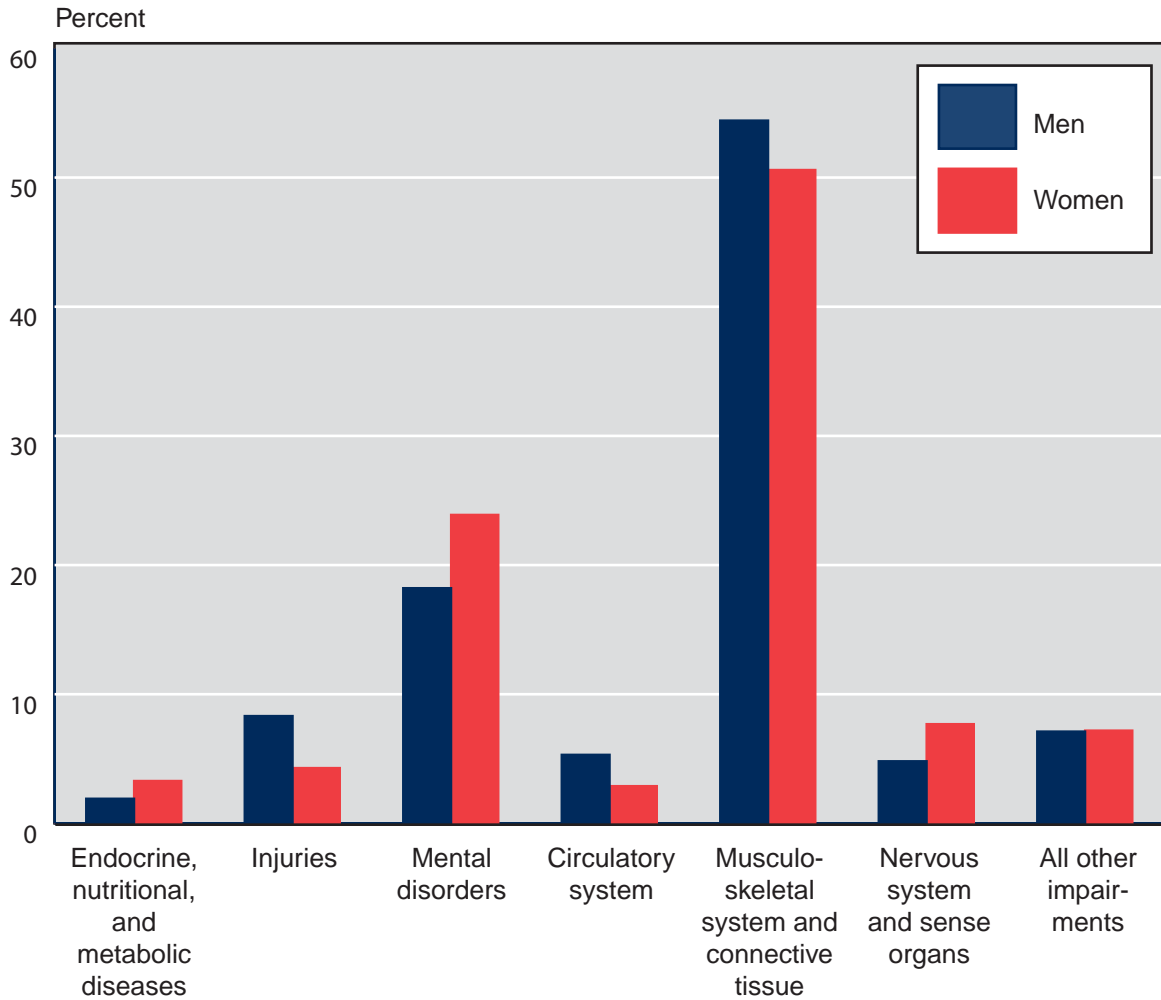
### Example

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.

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**Chart 7.**  
**Distribution of workers, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2006**

Among disabled workers who are also receiving workers' compensation or public disability benefits, a disease of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue was the primary diagnosis in December 2006. Mental disorders were the second leading disabling condition. A disorder of the nervous system and sense organs was the third most common disability for women. Injuries were the third most common disability for men. 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 2006**

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and nondisabled dependents	782,986	100.0	584,640	100.0	198,346	100.0
<b>With offset</b>						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	241	a	173	a	68	a
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	1,024	0.1	708	0.1	316	0.2
Federal employees	3,349	0.4	2,502	0.4	847	0.4
State	156,311	20.0	102,743	17.6	53,568	27.0
Public disability only						
Federal	2,467	0.3	2,121	0.4	346	0.2
State	17,536	2.2	13,312	2.3	4,224	2.1
Local	729	0.1	553	0.1	176	0.1
Workers' compensation and—						
Federal public disability	36	a	31	a	5	a
State public disability	968	0.1	702	0.1	266	0.1
Local public disability	32	a	17	a	15	a
Social Security Disability Insurance (Reverse Offset)	59,288	7.6	45,164	7.7	14,124	7.1
<b>Without offset</b>						
High average current earnings	347,423	44.4	272,963	46.7	74,460	37.5
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	193,582	24.7	143,651	24.6	49,931	25.2

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 2006**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	782,986	100.0	584,640	100.0	198,346	100.0
Alabama	14,400	1.8	10,536	1.8	3,864	1.9
Alaska	728	0.1	573	0.1	155	0.1
Arizona	11,362	1.5	8,662	1.5	2,700	1.4
Arkansas	7,514	1.0	5,579	1.0	1,935	1.0
California	136,611	17.4	106,643	18.2	29,968	15.1
Colorado	10,417	1.3	8,026	1.4	2,391	1.2
Connecticut	5,972	0.8	4,434	0.8	1,538	0.8
Delaware	2,098	0.3	1,549	0.3	549	0.3
District of Columbia	362	a	303	0.1	59	a
Florida	43,272	5.5	32,755	5.6	10,517	5.3
Georgia	20,572	2.6	15,599	2.7	4,973	2.5
Hawaii	2,567	0.3	1,918	0.3	649	0.3
Idaho	2,685	0.3	2,048	0.4	637	0.3
Illinois	17,372	2.2	12,643	2.2	4,729	2.4
Indiana	5,636	0.7	4,158	0.7	1,478	0.7
Iowa	3,992	0.5	3,012	0.5	980	0.5
Kansas	3,537	0.5	2,715	0.5	822	0.4
Kentucky	23,827	3.0	17,403	3.0	6,424	3.2
Louisiana	13,338	1.7	8,799	1.5	4,539	2.3
Maine	5,917	0.8	4,485	0.8	1,432	0.7
Maryland	5,908	0.8	4,536	0.8	1,372	0.7
Massachusetts	16,330	2.1	11,896	2.0	4,434	2.2
Michigan	34,623	4.4	26,275	4.5	8,348	4.2
Minnesota	6,312	0.8	4,925	0.8	1,387	0.7
Mississippi	8,045	1.0	5,660	1.0	2,385	1.2
Missouri	13,664	1.7	10,231	1.7	3,433	1.7
Montana	3,322	0.4	2,622	0.4	700	0.4
Nebraska	2,455	0.3	1,821	0.3	634	0.3
Nevada	4,788	0.6	3,771	0.6	1,017	0.5
New Hampshire	3,958	0.5	2,811	0.5	1,147	0.6
New Jersey	20,074	2.6	14,703	2.5	5,371	2.7
New Mexico	4,353	0.6	3,234	0.6	1,119	0.6
New York	88,304	11.3	62,937	10.8	25,367	12.8
North Carolina	18,907	2.4	14,242	2.4	4,665	2.4
North Dakota	1,107	0.1	831	0.1	276	0.1
Ohio	19,362	2.5	14,889	2.5	4,473	2.3
Oklahoma	8,844	1.1	6,743	1.2	2,101	1.1
Oregon	6,221	0.8	4,978	0.9	1,243	0.6
Pennsylvania	36,673	4.7	26,615	4.6	10,058	5.1
Rhode Island	3,541	0.5	2,806	0.5	735	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 2006—Continued**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	11,838	1.5	8,738	1.5	3,100	1.6
South Dakota	1,035	0.1	757	0.1	278	0.1
Tennessee	13,087	1.7	9,914	1.7	3,173	1.6
Texas	21,684	2.8	15,742	2.7	5,942	3.0
Utah	2,230	0.3	1,613	0.3	617	0.3
Vermont	1,068	0.1	795	0.1	273	0.1
Virginia	13,314	1.7	9,724	1.7	3,590	1.8
Washington	11,517	1.5	9,108	1.6	2,409	1.2
West Virginia	12,041	1.5	9,061	1.5	2,980	1.5
Wisconsin	9,247	1.2	6,961	1.2	2,286	1.2
Wyoming	775	0.1	591	0.1	184	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	44,179	5.6	31,965	5.5	12,214	6.2
Other <sup>b</sup>	371	a	206	a	165	0.1
Foreign countries	1,630	0.2	1,099	0.2	531	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 U.S. 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 2006**

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
<b>Number</b>								
Total	584,640	11,619	21,648	47,994	83,378	118,300	155,272	146,429
Congenital anomalies	356	21	24	47	53	56	76	79
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	14,504	122	345	967	1,754	3,044	4,217	4,055
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,273	103	297	781	1,100	1,200	1,104	688
Injuries	39,420	1,764	2,127	3,923	5,715	7,266	9,293	9,332
Mental disorders								
Retardation	6,942	222	469	948	1,389	1,471	1,427	1,016
Other	112,244	3,700	5,800	12,174	19,801	24,963	26,755	19,051
Neoplasms	6,526	209	234	442	862	1,274	1,800	1,705
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	474	29	26	50	82	100	97	90
Circulatory system	25,409	203	341	921	1,958	4,124	7,754	10,108
Digestive system	3,949	56	103	288	632	981	1,095	794
Genitourinary system	3,332	225	220	355	479	712	761	580
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	309,499	3,738	9,508	22,512	41,810	62,058	85,882	83,991
Nervous system and sense organs	34,864	962	1,575	3,275	5,106	6,865	8,961	8,120
Respiratory system	10,017	85	165	369	922	1,677	2,955	3,844
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	782	17	39	72	116	156	198	184
Other	635	22	24	57	96	122	170	144
Unknown	10,414	141	351	813	1,503	2,231	2,727	2,648
<b>Percent</b>								
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	a	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.5	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.8
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5
Injuries	6.7	15.2	9.8	8.2	6.9	6.1	6.0	6.4
Mental disorders								
Retardation	1.2	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.7
Other	19.2	31.8	26.8	25.4	23.7	21.1	17.2	13.0
Neoplasms	1.1	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	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	4.3	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.3	3.5	5.0	6.9
Digestive system	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.6	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	52.9	32.2	43.9	46.9	50.1	52.5	55.3	57.4
Nervous system and sense organs	6.0	8.3	7.3	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.5
Respiratory system	1.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.9	2.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	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 2006**

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	584,640	100.0	358,300	100.0	226,340	100.0
Congenital anomalies	356	0.1	201	0.1	155	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	14,504	2.5	6,960	1.9	7,544	3.3
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,273	0.9	4,286	1.2	987	0.4
Injuries	39,420	6.7	29,765	8.3	9,655	4.3
Mental disorders						
Retardation	6,942	1.2	5,349	1.5	1,593	0.7
Other	112,244	19.2	59,746	16.7	52,498	23.2
Neoplasms	6,526	1.1	3,560	1.0	2,966	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	474	0.1	242	0.1	232	0.1
Circulatory system	25,409	4.3	18,871	5.3	6,538	2.9
Digestive system	3,949	0.7	2,530	0.7	1,419	0.6
Genitourinary system	3,332	0.6	2,237	0.6	1,095	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	309,499	52.9	194,871	54.4	114,628	50.6
Nervous system and sense organs	34,864	6.0	17,356	4.8	17,508	7.7
Respiratory system	10,017	1.7	5,943	1.7	4,074	1.8
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	782	0.1	422	0.1	360	0.2
Other	635	0.1	288	0.1	347	0.2
Unknown	10,414	1.8	5,673	1.6	4,741	2.1

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