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## Note

In December 2007, approximately 586,000 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.

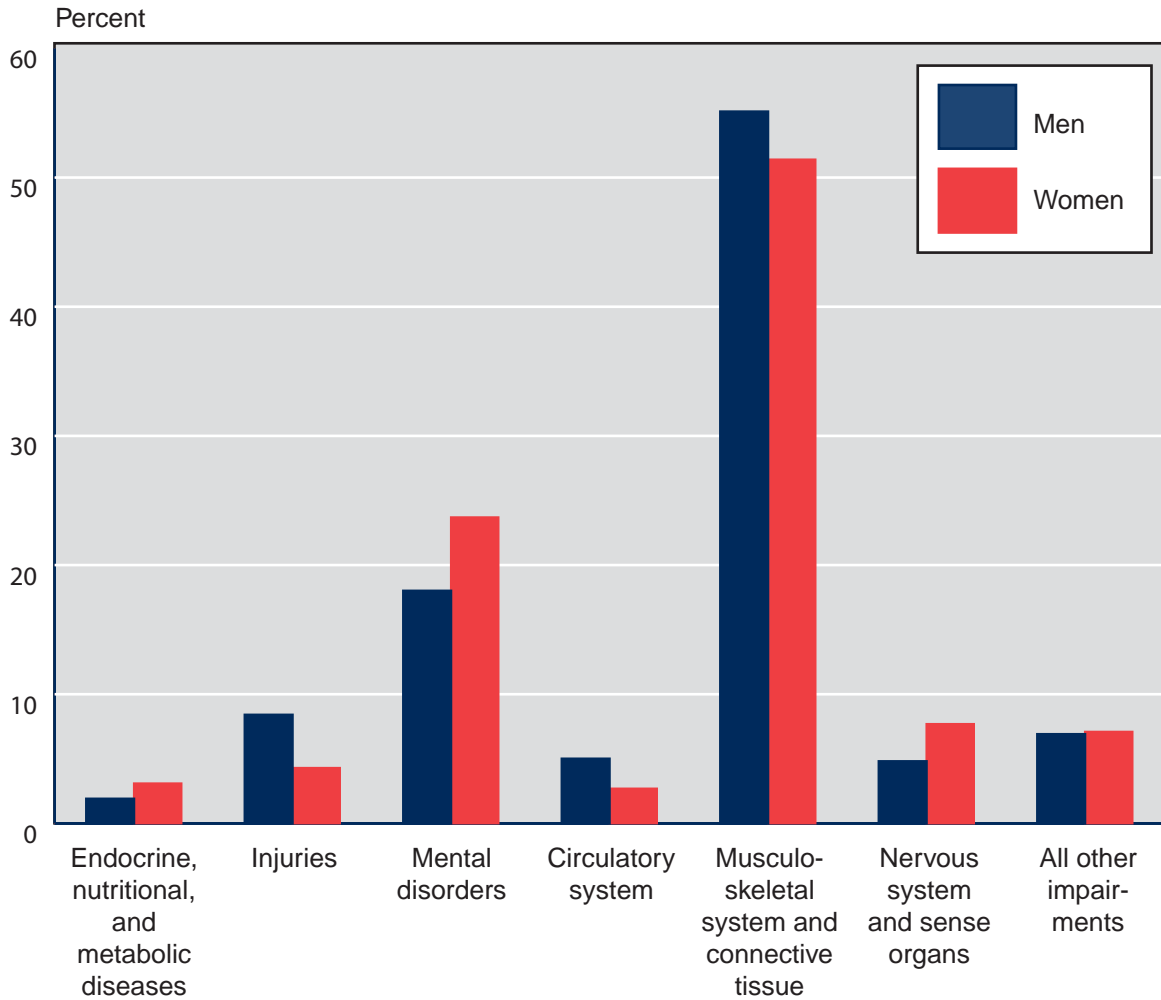
### Example

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 2007**

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 2007. 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 2007**

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and nondisabled dependents	776,536	100.0	586,011	100.0	190,525	100.0
<b>With offset</b>						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	218	a	155	a	63	a
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	909	0.1	631	0.1	278	0.1
Federal employees	3,367	0.4	2,540	0.4	827	0.4
State	148,640	19.1	98,781	16.9	49,859	26.2
Public disability only						
Federal	2,470	0.3	2,098	0.4	372	0.2
State	18,109	2.3	13,855	2.4	4,254	2.2
Local	764	0.1	572	0.1	192	0.1
Workers' compensation and—						
Federal public disability	25	a	24	a	1	a
State public disability	936	0.1	689	0.1	247	0.1
Local public disability	17	a	11	a	6	a
Social Security Disability Insurance (Reverse Offset)	58,639	7.6	45,072	7.7	13,567	7.1
<b>Without offset</b>						
High average current earnings	352,596	45.4	279,176	47.6	73,420	38.5
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	189,846	24.4	142,407	24.3	47,439	24.9

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 2007**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	776,536	100.0	586,011	100.0	190,525	100.0
Alabama	14,417	1.9	10,613	1.8	3,804	2.0
Alaska	715	0.1	567	0.1	148	0.1
Arizona	11,089	1.4	8,574	1.5	2,515	1.3
Arkansas	7,485	1.0	5,618	1.0	1,867	1.0
California	133,462	17.2	105,241	18.0	28,221	14.8
Colorado	10,196	1.3	7,951	1.4	2,245	1.2
Connecticut	6,150	0.8	4,538	0.8	1,612	0.8
Delaware	2,115	0.3	1,578	0.3	537	0.3
District of Columbia	375	a	322	0.1	53	a
Florida	42,320	5.4	32,319	5.5	10,001	5.2
Georgia	20,872	2.7	15,959	2.7	4,913	2.6
Hawaii	2,404	0.3	1,834	0.3	570	0.3
Idaho	2,702	0.3	2,098	0.4	604	0.3
Illinois	17,527	2.3	12,882	2.2	4,645	2.4
Indiana	5,658	0.7	4,178	0.7	1,480	0.8
Iowa	3,992	0.5	3,027	0.5	965	0.5
Kansas	3,524	0.5	2,725	0.5	799	0.4
Kentucky	23,300	3.0	17,210	2.9	6,090	3.2
Louisiana	13,218	1.7	8,868	1.5	4,350	2.3
Maine	6,073	0.8	4,642	0.8	1,431	0.8
Maryland	5,822	0.7	4,540	0.8	1,282	0.7
Massachusetts	16,638	2.1	12,198	2.1	4,440	2.3
Michigan	34,818	4.5	26,615	4.5	8,203	4.3
Minnesota	6,499	0.8	5,131	0.9	1,368	0.7
Mississippi	7,830	1.0	5,653	1.0	2,177	1.1
Missouri	13,791	1.8	10,438	1.8	3,353	1.8
Montana	3,186	0.4	2,541	0.4	645	0.3
Nebraska	2,415	0.3	1,802	0.3	613	0.3
Nevada	4,674	0.6	3,751	0.6	923	0.5
New Hampshire	4,030	0.5	2,919	0.5	1,111	0.6
New Jersey	19,525	2.5	14,446	2.5	5,079	2.7
New Mexico	4,343	0.6	3,293	0.6	1,050	0.6
New York	87,748	11.3	63,358	10.8	24,390	12.8
North Carolina	19,604	2.5	14,923	2.5	4,681	2.5
North Dakota	1,057	0.1	797	0.1	260	0.1
Ohio	18,829	2.4	14,593	2.5	4,236	2.2
Oklahoma	8,913	1.1	6,875	1.2	2,038	1.1
Oregon	6,243	0.8	5,008	0.9	1,235	0.6
Pennsylvania	37,122	4.8	27,252	4.7	9,870	5.2
Rhode Island	3,450	0.4	2,739	0.5	711	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 2007—Continued**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	12,308	1.6	9,181	1.6	3,127	1.6
South Dakota	1,070	0.1	793	0.1	277	0.1
Tennessee	13,300	1.7	10,173	1.7	3,127	1.6
Texas	21,163	2.7	15,553	2.7	5,610	2.9
Utah	2,232	0.3	1,624	0.3	608	0.3
Vermont	1,103	0.1	820	0.1	283	0.1
Virginia	13,081	1.7	9,624	1.6	3,457	1.8
Washington	11,851	1.5	9,439	1.6	2,412	1.3
West Virginia	11,522	1.5	8,737	1.5	2,785	1.5
Wisconsin	9,199	1.2	6,980	1.2	2,219	1.2
Wyoming	746	0.1	579	0.1	167	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	42,832	5.5	31,586	5.4	11,246	5.9
Other <sup>b</sup>	334	a	189	a	145	0.1
Foreign countries	1,664	0.2	1,117	0.2	547	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 2007**

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
<b>Number</b>								
Total	586,011	10,870	20,223	45,134	81,672	120,778	154,372	152,962
Congenital anomalies	340	15	23	36	59	61	76	70
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	13,846	108	260	820	1,621	2,906	4,002	4,129
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,097	99	225	690	1,064	1,183	1,108	728
Injuries	39,833	1,695	2,090	3,683	5,697	7,609	9,332	9,727
Mental disorders								
Retardation	6,786	203	401	881	1,329	1,515	1,364	1,093
Other	111,693	3,442	5,360	11,318	19,099	24,990	26,749	20,735
Neoplasms	6,649	206	213	445	838	1,316	1,773	1,858
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	466	36	23	38	82	93	110	84
Circulatory system	24,091	187	330	846	1,901	3,831	7,269	9,727
Digestive system	3,930	60	98	256	589	979	1,126	822
Genitourinary system	3,378	223	220	349	495	689	778	624
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	314,227	3,416	9,057	21,489	41,542	64,589	86,005	88,129
Nervous system and sense organs	34,834	939	1,428	3,088	4,977	6,937	8,879	8,586
Respiratory system	9,546	81	163	366	844	1,668	2,785	3,639
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	799	21	33	71	126	153	203	192
Other	689	20	23	70	104	148	173	151
Unknown	9,807	119	276	688	1,305	2,111	2,640	2,668
<b>Percent</b>								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	a	a
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.4	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.7
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5
Injuries	6.8	15.6	10.3	8.2	7.0	6.3	6.0	6.4
Mental disorders								
Retardation	1.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.7
Other	19.1	31.7	26.5	25.1	23.4	20.7	17.3	13.6
Neoplasms	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	4.1	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.3	3.2	4.7	6.4
Digestive system	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.6	2.1	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	53.6	31.4	44.8	47.6	50.9	53.5	55.7	57.6
Nervous system and sense organs	5.9	8.6	7.1	6.8	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.6
Respiratory system	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7

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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 2007**

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	586,011	100.0	358,020	100.0	227,991	100.0
Congenital anomalies	340	0.1	189	0.1	151	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	13,846	2.4	6,672	1.9	7,174	3.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	5,097	0.9	4,139	1.2	958	0.4
Injuries	39,833	6.8	30,038	8.4	9,795	4.3
Mental disorders						
Retardation	6,786	1.2	5,212	1.5	1,574	0.7
Other	111,693	19.1	59,295	16.6	52,398	23.0
Neoplasms	6,649	1.1	3,547	1.0	3,102	1.4
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	466	0.1	246	0.1	220	0.1
Circulatory system	24,091	4.1	17,839	5.0	6,252	2.7
Digestive system	3,930	0.7	2,535	0.7	1,395	0.6
Genitourinary system	3,378	0.6	2,273	0.6	1,105	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	314,227	53.6	197,111	55.1	117,116	51.4
Nervous system and sense organs	34,834	5.9	17,301	4.8	17,533	7.7
Respiratory system	9,546	1.6	5,590	1.6	3,956	1.7
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	799	0.1	420	0.1	379	0.2
Other	689	0.1	308	0.1	381	0.2
Unknown	9,807	1.7	5,305	1.5	4,502	2.0

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