
Note

In December 2009, approximately 592,000 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.

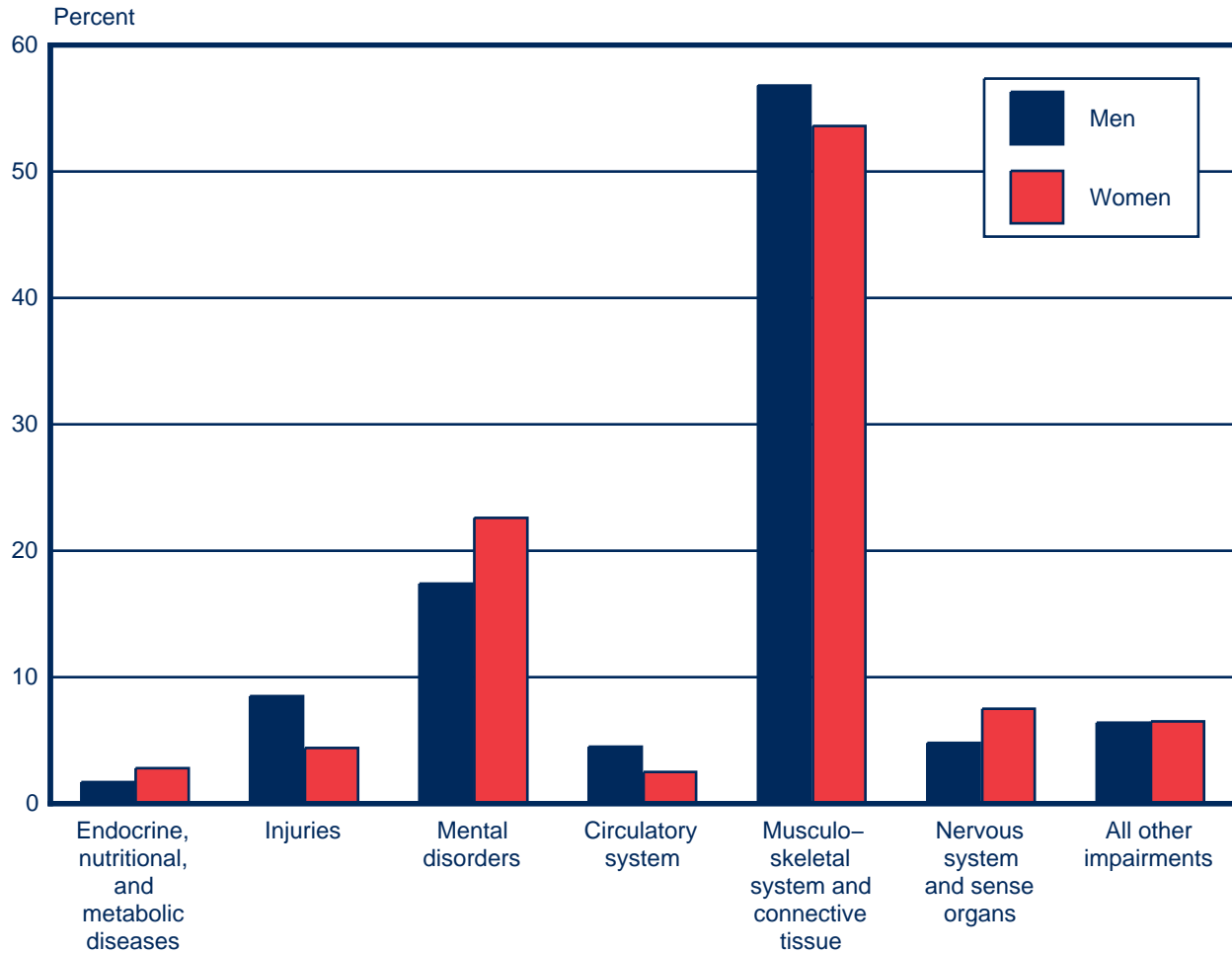
The total amount received from workers' compensation or other public disability benefits and Social Security disability benefits cannot exceed 80 percent of the worker's average current earnings before he or she became disabled. The monthly Social Security disability benefit includes benefits payable 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.

Chart 7.
Distribution of workers, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2009

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 2009. 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 2009

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and nondisabled dependents	770,475	100.0	592,086	100.0	178,389	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	416	0.1	286	a	130	0.1
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	729	0.1	520	0.1	209	0.1
Federal employees	3,549	0.5	2,702	0.5	847	0.5
State	134,521	17.5	90,801	15.3	43,720	24.5
Public disability only						
Federal	2,357	0.3	2,030	0.3	327	0.2
State	14,524	1.9	11,217	1.9	3,307	1.9
Local	706	0.1	526	0.1	180	0.1
Workers' compensation and—						
Federal public disability	35	a	30	a	5	a
State public disability	817	0.1	623	0.1	194	0.1
Local public disability	16	a	12	a	4	a
Social Security Disability Insurance (Reverse Offset)	57,807	7.5	45,116	7.6	12,691	7.1
Without offset						
High average current earnings	371,314	48.2	297,165	50.2	74,149	41.6
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	183,684	23.8	141,058	23.8	42,626	23.9

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 2009

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	770,475	100.0	592,086	100.0	178,389	100.0
Alabama	14,307	1.9	10,786	1.8	3,521	2.0
Alaska	693	0.1	538	0.1	155	0.1
Arizona	10,273	1.3	8,160	1.4	2,113	1.2
Arkansas	7,532	1.0	5,707	1.0	1,825	1.0
California	120,070	15.6	96,488	16.3	23,582	13.2
Colorado	9,564	1.2	7,644	1.3	1,920	1.1
Connecticut	6,151	0.8	4,563	0.8	1,588	0.9
Delaware	2,166	0.3	1,656	0.3	510	0.3
District of Columbia	368	a	323	0.1	45	a
Florida	39,959	5.2	31,361	5.3	8,598	4.8
Georgia	22,499	2.9	17,366	2.9	5,133	2.9
Hawaii	2,350	0.3	1,799	0.3	551	0.3
Idaho	2,605	0.3	2,034	0.3	571	0.3
Illinois	18,615	2.4	13,958	2.4	4,657	2.6
Indiana	5,685	0.7	4,298	0.7	1,387	0.8
Iowa	4,356	0.6	3,363	0.6	993	0.6
Kansas	3,821	0.5	2,969	0.5	852	0.5
Kentucky	22,204	2.9	16,759	2.8	5,445	3.1
Louisiana	12,890	1.7	8,979	1.5	3,911	2.2
Maine	6,137	0.8	4,798	0.8	1,339	0.8
Maryland	5,743	0.7	4,553	0.8	1,190	0.7
Massachusetts	16,846	2.2	12,578	2.1	4,268	2.4
Michigan	36,583	4.7	28,241	4.8	8,342	4.7
Minnesota	6,944	0.9	5,574	0.9	1,370	0.8
Mississippi	7,630	1.0	5,618	0.9	2,012	1.1
Missouri	13,997	1.8	10,812	1.8	3,185	1.8
Montana	3,059	0.4	2,482	0.4	577	0.3
Nebraska	2,336	0.3	1,786	0.3	550	0.3
Nevada	4,318	0.6	3,509	0.6	809	0.5
New Hampshire	4,062	0.5	3,028	0.5	1,034	0.6
New Jersey	19,321	2.5	14,582	2.5	4,739	2.7
New Mexico	4,184	0.5	3,270	0.6	914	0.5
New York	90,960	11.8	67,237	11.4	23,723	13.3
North Carolina	21,889	2.8	16,884	2.9	5,005	2.8
North Dakota	1,041	0.1	793	0.1	248	0.1
Ohio	19,331	2.5	15,240	2.6	4,091	2.3
Oklahoma	8,816	1.1	6,960	1.2	1,856	1.0
Oregon	6,383	0.8	5,174	0.9	1,209	0.7
Pennsylvania	38,338	5.0	28,668	4.8	9,670	5.4
Rhode Island	3,323	0.4	2,661	0.4	662	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 2009—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	14,069	1.8	10,690	1.8	3,379	1.9
South Dakota	1,086	0.1	829	0.1	257	0.1
Tennessee	14,358	1.9	11,157	1.9	3,201	1.8
Texas	19,442	2.5	14,581	2.5	4,861	2.7
Utah	2,186	0.3	1,622	0.3	564	0.3
Vermont	1,178	0.2	893	0.2	285	0.2
Virginia	12,515	1.6	9,500	1.6	3,015	1.7
Washington	12,541	1.6	10,094	1.7	2,447	1.4
West Virginia	10,451	1.4	8,079	1.4	2,372	1.3
Wisconsin	9,487	1.2	7,306	1.2	2,181	1.2
Wyoming	653	0.1	509	0.1	144	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	43,211	5.6	32,349	5.5	10,862	6.1
Other ^b	276	a	165	a	111	0.1
Foreign countries	1,673	0.2	1,113	0.2	560	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 2009

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–64
Number								
Total	592,086	9,721	17,620	38,969	77,318	123,408	158,488	166,562
Congenital anomalies	331	12	13	31	58	68	74	75
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	12,727	100	207	616	1,339	2,559	3,725	4,181
Infectious and parasitic diseases	4,749	67	127	434	900	1,130	1,173	918
Injuries	40,762	1,556	1,822	3,284	5,486	8,125	9,961	10,528
Mental disorders								
Retardation	6,390	188	269	722	1,135	1,476	1,412	1,188
Other	108,606	2,924	4,518	9,387	17,320	24,134	26,214	24,109
Neoplasms	6,433	213	190	382	784	1,293	1,717	1,854
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	437	27	19	31	71	94	102	93
Circulatory system	21,906	165	253	677	1,742	3,464	6,467	9,138
Digestive system	3,818	55	84	200	488	869	1,178	944
Genitourinary system	3,253	187	187	297	520	643	742	677
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	329,059	3,208	8,313	19,465	40,809	68,755	91,410	97,099
Nervous system and sense organs	34,583	805	1,250	2,575	4,750	7,070	8,970	9,163
Respiratory system	8,953	77	141	318	737	1,632	2,557	3,491
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	743	19	30	58	116	148	174	198
Other	705	19	21	52	97	165	174	177
Unknown	8,631	99	176	440	966	1,783	2,438	2,729
Percent								
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	2.1	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.6
Injuries	6.9	16.0	10.3	8.4	7.1	6.6	6.3	6.3
Mental disorders								
Retardation	1.1	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.7
Other	18.3	30.1	25.6	24.1	22.4	19.6	16.5	14.5
Neoplasms	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
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	3.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.5
Digestive system	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Genitourinary system	0.5	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	55.6	33.0	47.2	49.9	52.8	55.7	57.7	58.3
Nervous system and sense organs	5.8	8.3	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.5
Respiratory system	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6

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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 2009

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	592,086	100.0	360,482	100.0	231,604	100.0
Congenital anomalies	331	0.1	181	0.1	150	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	12,727	2.1	6,232	1.7	6,495	2.8
Infectious and parasitic diseases	4,749	0.8	3,838	1.1	911	0.4
Injuries	40,762	6.9	30,572	8.5	10,190	4.4
Mental disorders						
Retardation	6,390	1.1	4,889	1.4	1,501	0.6
Other	108,606	18.3	57,681	16.0	50,925	22.0
Neoplasms	6,433	1.1	3,455	1.0	2,978	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	437	0.1	219	0.1	218	0.1
Circulatory system	21,906	3.7	16,170	4.5	5,736	2.5
Digestive system	3,818	0.6	2,462	0.7	1,356	0.6
Genitourinary system	3,253	0.5	2,214	0.6	1,039	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	329,059	55.6	204,820	56.8	124,239	53.6
Nervous system and sense organs	34,583	5.8	17,183	4.8	17,400	7.5
Respiratory system	8,953	1.5	5,195	1.4	3,758	1.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	743	0.1	395	0.1	348	0.2
Other	705	0.1	313	0.1	392	0.2
Unknown	8,631	1.5	4,663	1.3	3,968	1.7

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