
Notes

In December 2015, approximately 509,000 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.

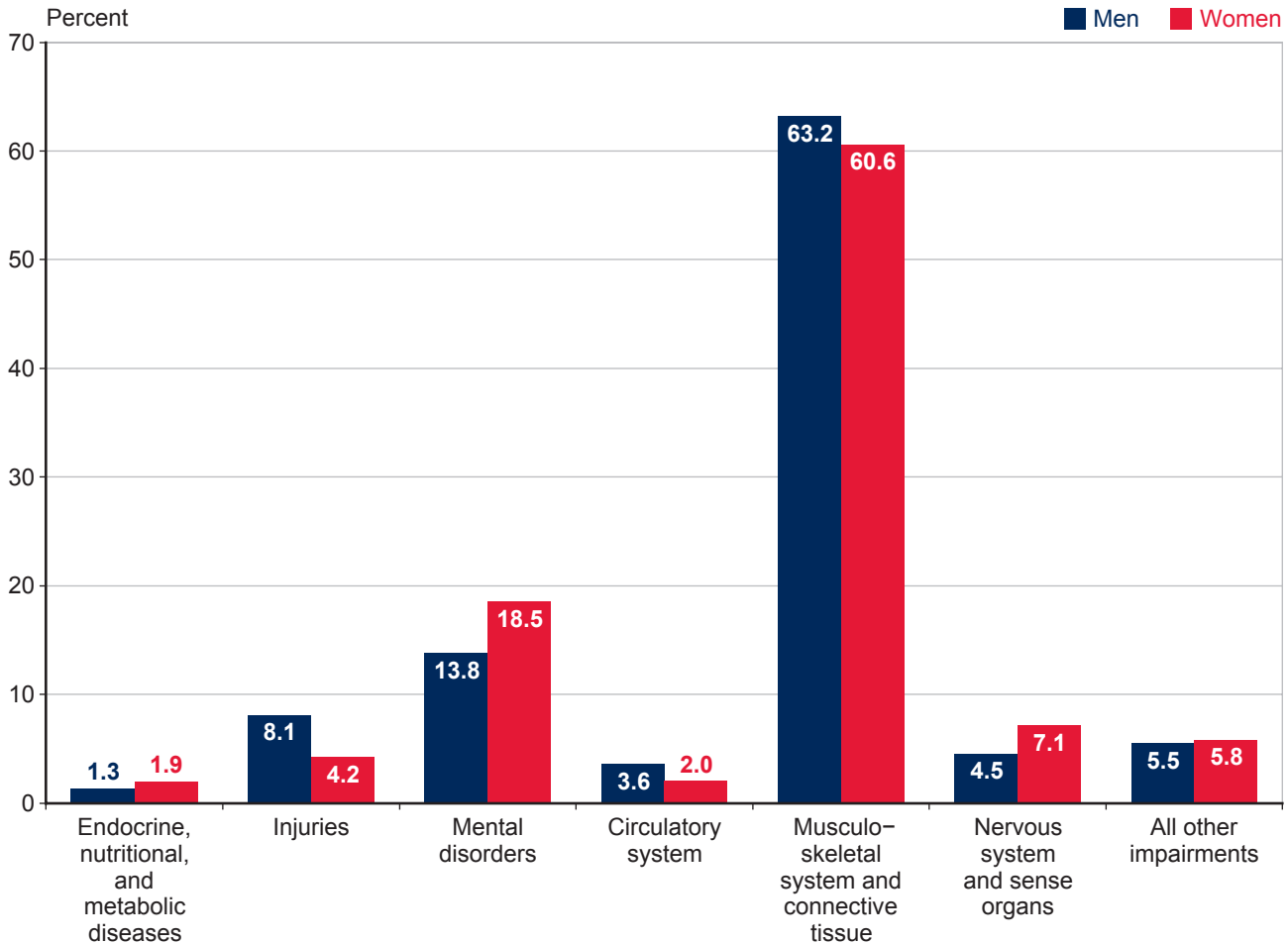
Example

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 2015

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 2015. 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 dependents who have filed, by reason for having or not having an offset,
December 2015

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	621,356	100.0	508,700	100.0	112,656	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	454	0.1	324	0.1	130	0.1
Harbor Workers and Longshoremen	510	0.1	378	0.1	132	0.1
Federal employees	3,462	0.6	2,833	0.6	629	0.6
State	91,550	14.7	67,599	13.3	23,951	21.3
Public disability only						
Federal	1,045	0.2	932	0.2	113	0.1
State	7,838	1.3	6,753	1.3	1,085	1.0
Local	458	0.1	349	0.1	109	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	476	0.1	403	0.1	73	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	50,356	8.1	41,408	8.1	8,948	7.9
Without offset						
High average current earnings	387,120	62.3	322,533	63.4	64,587	57.3
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	78,087	12.6	65,188	12.8	12,899	11.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 32.

Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence, December 2015

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	621,356	100.0	508,700	100.0	112,656	100.0
Alabama	11,372	1.8	8,983	1.8	2,389	2.1
Alaska	422	0.1	363	0.1	59	0.1
Arizona	7,583	1.2	6,348	1.2	1,235	1.1
Arkansas	5,394	0.9	4,296	0.8	1,098	1.0
California	80,790	13.0	69,526	13.7	11,264	10.0
Colorado	7,289	1.2	6,129	1.2	1,160	1.0
Connecticut	5,317	0.9	4,344	0.9	973	0.9
Delaware	1,674	0.3	1,408	0.3	266	0.2
District of Columbia	303	(L)	266	0.1	37	(L)
Florida	32,297	5.2	26,766	5.3	5,531	4.9
Georgia	21,569	3.5	17,542	3.4	4,027	3.6
Hawaii	1,548	0.2	1,280	0.3	268	0.2
Idaho	2,135	0.3	1,729	0.3	406	0.4
Illinois	17,301	2.8	13,861	2.7	3,440	3.1
Indiana	4,550	0.7	3,637	0.7	913	0.8
Iowa	4,481	0.7	3,666	0.7	815	0.7
Kansas	3,284	0.5	2,693	0.5	591	0.5
Kentucky	15,932	2.6	12,767	2.5	3,165	2.8
Louisiana	9,246	1.5	7,224	1.4	2,022	1.8
Maine	5,341	0.9	4,460	0.9	881	0.8
Maryland	4,489	0.7	3,782	0.7	707	0.6
Massachusetts	16,346	2.6	12,965	2.5	3,381	3.0
Michigan	32,694	5.3	26,431	5.2	6,263	5.6
Minnesota	7,618	1.2	6,380	1.3	1,238	1.1
Mississippi	6,162	1.0	4,836	1.0	1,326	1.2
Missouri	10,744	1.7	8,880	1.7	1,864	1.7
Montana	2,125	0.3	1,810	0.4	315	0.3
Nebraska	1,813	0.3	1,461	0.3	352	0.3
Nevada	3,505	0.6	3,016	0.6	489	0.4
New Hampshire	3,898	0.6	3,109	0.6	789	0.7
New Jersey	15,016	2.4	11,888	2.3	3,128	2.8
New Mexico	3,355	0.5	2,800	0.6	555	0.5
New York	78,775	12.7	63,180	12.4	15,595	13.8
North Carolina	22,383	3.6	18,363	3.6	4,020	3.6
North Dakota	699	0.1	573	0.1	126	0.1
Ohio	14,329	2.3	12,155	2.4	2,174	1.9
Oklahoma	6,522	1.0	5,469	1.1	1,053	0.9
Oregon	6,061	1.0	5,115	1.0	946	0.8
Pennsylvania	38,008	6.1	30,557	6.0	7,451	6.6
Rhode Island	2,863	0.5	2,353	0.5	510	0.5

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 32.
Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence,
December 2015—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	14,018	2.3	11,321	2.2	2,697	2.4
South Dakota	879	0.1	721	0.1	158	0.1
Tennessee	14,096	2.3	11,364	2.2	2,732	2.4
Texas	11,526	1.9	9,246	1.8	2,280	2.0
Utah	1,658	0.3	1,298	0.3	360	0.3
Vermont	1,058	0.2	868	0.2	190	0.2
Virginia	10,134	1.6	8,231	1.6	1,903	1.7
Washington	12,034	1.9	10,159	2.0	1,875	1.7
West Virginia	5,682	0.9	4,548	0.9	1,134	1.0
Wisconsin	7,304	1.2	5,929	1.2	1,375	1.2
Wyoming	513	0.1	409	0.1	104	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	25,977	4.2	21,280	4.2	4,697	4.2
Other ^a	129	(L)	91	(L)	38	(L)
Foreign countries	1,115	0.2	824	0.2	291	0.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Distribution is by state or other area of residence, not by the state paying benefits.

(L) = less than 0.05 percent.

a. 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 2015

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–64
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	508,700	4,675	9,422	20,794	44,274	93,830	157,955	177,750
Congenital anomalies	230	3	11	12	23	49	61	71
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,915	51	84	235	579	1,368	2,426	3,172
Infectious and parasitic diseases	3,124	22	62	107	298	689	910	1,036
Injuries	33,265	656	969	1,759	3,286	6,132	9,657	10,806
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	45	8	4	5	6	9	9	4
Developmental disorders	93	(X)	(X)	5	13	30	17	23
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	73	6	3	6	7	17	14	20
Intellectual disability	4,163	71	95	188	535	916	1,193	1,165
Mood disorders	47,491	550	1,070	2,398	5,060	9,533	13,650	15,230
Organic mental disorders	10,882	222	364	652	1,213	2,128	2,999	3,304
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,767	165	208	349	712	1,180	1,621	1,532
Other	10,852	315	407	722	1,335	2,315	2,837	2,921
Neoplasms	5,626	114	142	257	467	970	1,677	1,999
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	339	13	13	22	36	58	95	102
Circulatory system	15,325	88	156	372	905	2,306	4,713	6,785
Digestive system	2,803	39	57	120	209	524	811	1,043
Genitourinary system	2,630	98	98	175	329	558	685	687
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	316,149	1,709	4,743	11,474	25,404	57,271	102,187	113,361
Nervous system and sense organs	27,971	439	719	1,403	2,795	5,366	8,130	9,119
Respiratory system	6,750	23	61	166	363	1,043	2,246	2,848
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	523	9	13	30	53	106	150	162
Other	485	4	11	19	52	82	151	166
Unknown	6,199	(X)	(X)	318	594	1,180	1,716	2,194

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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 2015—Continued

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–64
<i>Percent</i>								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	(L)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Injuries	6.5	14.0	10.3	8.5	7.4	6.5	6.1	6.1
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	(L)	0.2	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	(X)	(X)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	0.8	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
Mood disorders	9.3	11.8	11.4	11.5	11.4	10.2	8.6	8.6
Organic mental disorders	2.1	4.7	3.9	3.1	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.9
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1.1	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.9
Other	2.1	6.7	4.3	3.5	3.0	2.5	1.8	1.6
Neoplasms	1.1	2.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	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	3.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.8
Digestive system	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Genitourinary system	0.5	2.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	62.1	36.6	50.3	55.2	57.4	61.0	64.7	63.8
Nervous system and sense organs	5.5	9.4	7.6	6.7	6.3	5.7	5.1	5.1
Respiratory system	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.2	(X)	(X)	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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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 2015

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	508,700	100.0	309,739	100.0	198,961	100.0
Congenital anomalies	230	(L)	117	(L)	113	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,915	1.6	4,074	1.3	3,841	1.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	3,124	0.6	2,513	0.8	611	0.3
Injuries	33,265	6.5	24,959	8.1	8,306	4.2
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	45	(L)	35	(L)	10	(L)
Developmental disorders	93	(L)	59	(L)	34	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	73	(L)	46	(L)	27	(L)
Intellectual disability	4,163	0.8	3,155	1.0	1,008	0.5
Mood disorders	47,491	9.3	21,873	7.1	25,618	12.9
Organic mental disorders	10,882	2.1	8,110	2.6	2,772	1.4
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,767	1.1	3,793	1.2	1,974	1.0
Other	10,852	2.1	5,647	1.8	5,205	2.6
Neoplasms	5,626	1.1	2,991	1.0	2,635	1.3
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Blood and blood-forming organs	339	0.1	162	0.1	177	0.1
Circulatory system	15,325	3.0	11,295	3.6	4,030	2.0
Digestive system	2,803	0.6	1,754	0.6	1,049	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,630	0.5	1,787	0.6	843	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	316,149	62.1	195,670	63.2	120,479	60.6
Nervous system and sense organs	27,971	5.5	13,928	4.5	14,043	7.1
Respiratory system	6,750	1.3	3,947	1.3	2,803	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	523	0.1	273	0.1	250	0.1
Other	485	0.1	217	0.1	268	0.1
Unknown	6,199	1.2	3,334	1.1	2,865	1.4

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