
Notes

In December 2016, approximately 490,000 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.

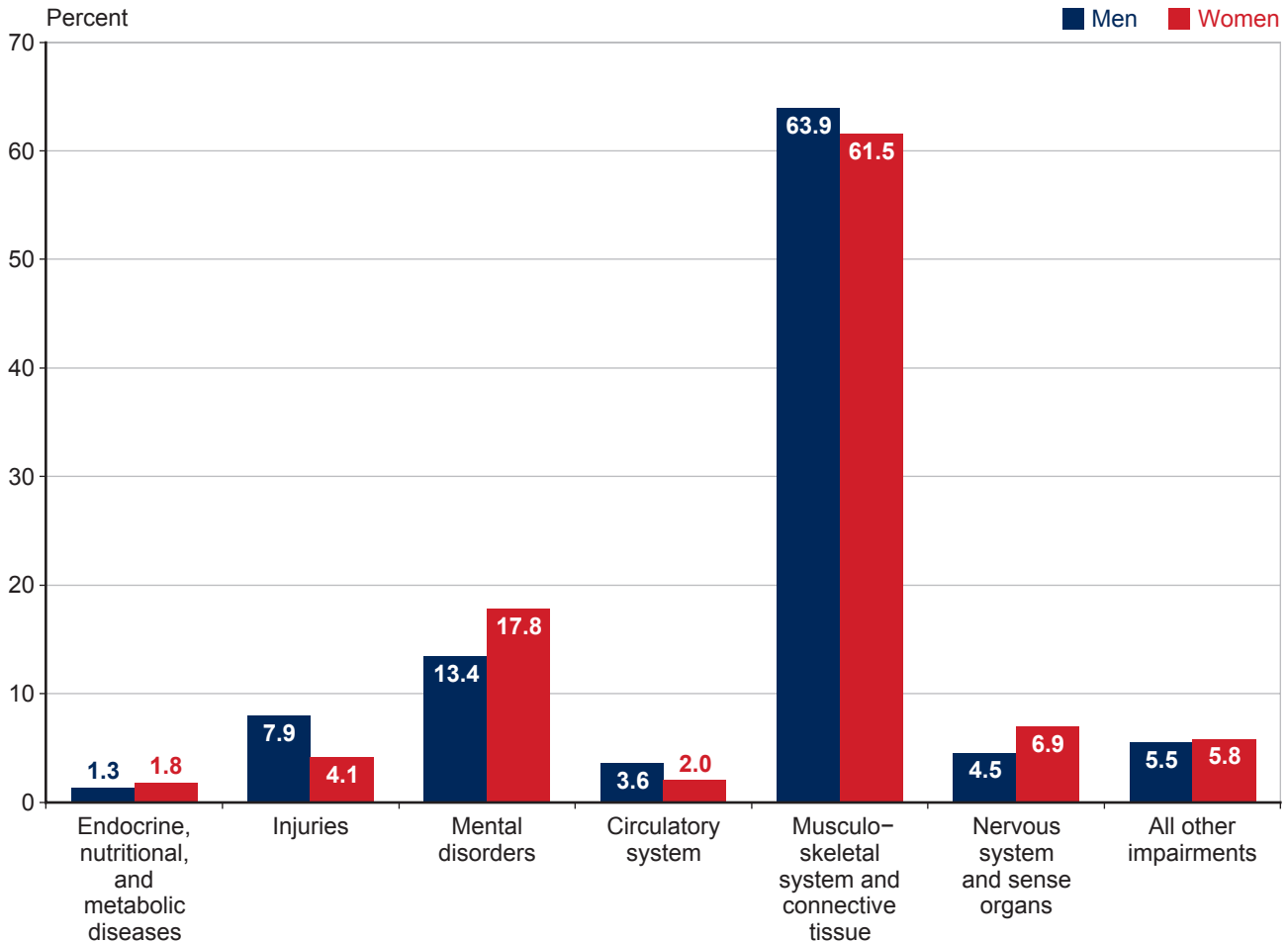
Example

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 2016

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 2016. 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 2016

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	593,606	100.0	490,412	100.0	103,194	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	468	0.1	339	0.1	129	0.1
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	440	0.1	331	0.1	109	0.1
Federal employees	4,631	0.8	3,781	0.8	850	0.8
State	82,625	13.9	61,671	12.6	20,954	20.3
Public disability only						
Federal	759	0.1	680	0.1	79	0.1
State	7,869	1.3	6,639	1.4	1,230	1.2
Local	413	0.1	329	0.1	84	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	469	0.1	397	0.1	72	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	47,244	8.0	39,132	8.0	8,112	7.9
Without offset						
High average current earnings	378,779	63.8	318,604	65.0	60,175	58.3
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	69,909	11.8	58,509	11.9	11,400	11.0

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 2016

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	593,606	100.0	490,412	100.0	103,194	100.0
Alabama	10,771	1.8	8,579	1.7	2,192	2.1
Alaska	406	0.1	345	0.1	61	0.1
Arizona	7,230	1.2	6,057	1.2	1,173	1.1
Arkansas	5,096	0.9	4,093	0.8	1,003	1.0
California	76,056	12.8	65,649	13.4	10,407	10.1
Colorado	6,913	1.2	5,849	1.2	1,064	1.0
Connecticut	5,126	0.9	4,258	0.9	868	0.8
Delaware	1,703	0.3	1,461	0.3	242	0.2
District of Columbia	289	(L)	267	0.1	22	(L)
Florida	30,961	5.2	25,840	5.3	5,121	5.0
Georgia	21,082	3.6	17,318	3.5	3,764	3.6
Hawaii	1,501	0.3	1,248	0.3	253	0.2
Idaho	2,043	0.3	1,674	0.3	369	0.4
Illinois	16,804	2.8	13,659	2.8	3,145	3.0
Indiana	4,337	0.7	3,515	0.7	822	0.8
Iowa	4,336	0.7	3,593	0.7	743	0.7
Kansas	3,046	0.5	2,505	0.5	541	0.5
Kentucky	15,201	2.6	12,248	2.5	2,953	2.9
Louisiana	8,834	1.5	6,919	1.4	1,915	1.9
Maine	5,168	0.9	4,366	0.9	802	0.8
Maryland	4,351	0.7	3,722	0.8	629	0.6
Massachusetts	16,136	2.7	12,960	2.6	3,176	3.1
Michigan	30,883	5.2	25,243	5.1	5,640	5.5
Minnesota	7,449	1.3	6,312	1.3	1,137	1.1
Mississippi	5,779	1.0	4,600	0.9	1,179	1.1
Missouri	10,238	1.7	8,511	1.7	1,727	1.7
Montana	1,953	0.3	1,667	0.3	286	0.3
Nebraska	1,677	0.3	1,348	0.3	329	0.3
Nevada	3,449	0.6	2,965	0.6	484	0.5
New Hampshire	3,859	0.7	3,123	0.6	736	0.7
New Jersey	14,039	2.4	11,233	2.3	2,806	2.7
New Mexico	3,087	0.5	2,620	0.5	467	0.5
New York	75,048	12.6	61,022	12.4	14,026	13.6
North Carolina	21,863	3.7	18,114	3.7	3,749	3.6
North Dakota	649	0.1	551	0.1	98	0.1
Ohio	13,739	2.3	11,706	2.4	2,033	2.0
Oklahoma	6,162	1.0	5,169	1.1	993	1.0
Oregon	5,877	1.0	5,008	1.0	869	0.8
Pennsylvania	37,285	6.3	30,340	6.2	6,945	6.7
Rhode Island	2,891	0.5	2,397	0.5	494	0.5

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Table 32.
Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence,
December 2016—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	13,613	2.3	11,110	2.3	2,503	2.4
South Dakota	818	0.1	676	0.1	142	0.1
Tennessee	13,535	2.3	11,040	2.3	2,495	2.4
Texas	11,022	1.9	8,911	1.8	2,111	2.0
Utah	1,568	0.3	1,217	0.2	351	0.3
Vermont	1,006	0.2	846	0.2	160	0.2
Virginia	9,851	1.7	8,111	1.7	1,740	1.7
Washington	11,510	1.9	9,795	2.0	1,715	1.7
West Virginia	5,275	0.9	4,195	0.9	1,080	1.0
Wisconsin	7,243	1.2	5,957	1.2	1,286	1.2
Wyoming	466	0.1	389	0.1	77	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	23,229	3.9	19,259	3.9	3,970	3.8
Other ^a	131	(L)	91	(L)	40	(L)
Foreign countries	1,022	0.2	761	0.2	261	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 2016

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	490,412	4,181	8,425	18,366	40,304	86,102	153,444	179,590
Congenital anomalies	234	(X)	(X)	13	23	45	81	63
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,307	42	83	200	502	1,241	2,246	2,993
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,938	19	50	102	241	608	863	1,055
Injuries	31,609	593	871	1,526	3,005	5,589	9,308	10,717
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	41	7	3	3	6	7	9	6
Developmental disorders	93	(X)	(X)	7	12	26	19	23
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	72	(X)	(X)	4	10	14	17	21
Intellectual disability	3,858	63	96	152	447	832	1,141	1,127
Mood disorders	43,607	492	913	2,023	4,400	8,443	12,541	14,795
Organic mental disorders	10,381	191	314	594	1,091	1,991	2,897	3,303
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,347	188	188	312	616	1,024	1,525	1,494
Other	10,491	290	425	665	1,279	2,187	2,754	2,891
Neoplasms	5,494	129	153	234	446	938	1,626	1,968
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	322	10	10	23	40	50	83	106
Circulatory system	14,743	78	156	335	863	2,146	4,591	6,574
Digestive system	2,656	48	57	103	206	450	798	994
Genitourinary system	2,628	96	99	172	333	537	689	702
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	308,696	1,409	4,121	10,121	23,206	52,828	100,421	116,590
Nervous system and sense organs	26,713	415	687	1,314	2,603	4,968	7,810	8,916
Respiratory system	6,489	25	46	134	349	977	2,108	2,850
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	490	11	17	24	43	85	150	160
Other	447	4	6	18	48	69	142	160
Unknown	5,756	61	119	287	535	1,047	1,625	2,082

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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 2016—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)	(X)	(X)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Injuries	6.4	14.2	10.3	8.3	7.5	6.5	6.1	6.0
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)	(X)	(X)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	0.8	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6
Mood disorders	8.9	11.8	10.8	11.0	10.9	9.8	8.2	8.2
Organic mental disorders	2.1	4.6	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.8
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1.1	4.5	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
Other	2.1	6.9	5.0	3.6	3.2	2.5	1.8	1.6
Neoplasms	1.1	3.1	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
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	3.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.7
Digestive system	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Genitourinary system	0.5	2.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	62.9	33.7	48.9	55.1	57.6	61.4	65.4	64.9
Nervous system and sense organs	5.4	9.9	8.2	7.2	6.5	5.8	5.1	5.0
Respiratory system	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.3	0.2	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	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.2	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 2016

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	490,412	100.0	298,815	100.0	191,597	100.0
Congenital anomalies	234	(L)	124	(L)	110	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,307	1.5	3,786	1.3	3,521	1.8
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,938	0.6	2,371	0.8	567	0.3
Injuries	31,609	6.4	23,701	7.9	7,908	4.1
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	41	(L)	32	(L)	9	(L)
Developmental disorders	93	(L)	60	(L)	33	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	72	(L)	42	(L)	30	(L)
Intellectual disability	3,858	0.8	2,934	1.0	924	0.5
Mood disorders	43,607	8.9	20,085	6.7	23,522	12.3
Organic mental disorders	10,381	2.1	7,753	2.6	2,628	1.4
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,347	1.1	3,525	1.2	1,822	1.0
Other	10,491	2.1	5,428	1.8	5,063	2.6
Neoplasms	5,494	1.1	2,939	1.0	2,555	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	322	0.1	166	0.1	156	0.1
Circulatory system	14,743	3.0	10,816	3.6	3,927	2.0
Digestive system	2,656	0.5	1,629	0.5	1,027	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,628	0.5	1,800	0.6	828	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	308,696	62.9	190,879	63.9	117,817	61.5
Nervous system and sense organs	26,713	5.4	13,408	4.5	13,305	6.9
Respiratory system	6,489	1.3	3,775	1.3	2,714	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	490	0.1	256	0.1	234	0.1
Other	447	0.1	203	0.1	244	0.1
Unknown	5,756	1.2	3,103	1.0	2,653	1.4

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