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## Notes

In December 2018, approximately 474,000 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 is reduced until the month the worker reaches full retirement age or the month the other benefits stop, whichever comes first.

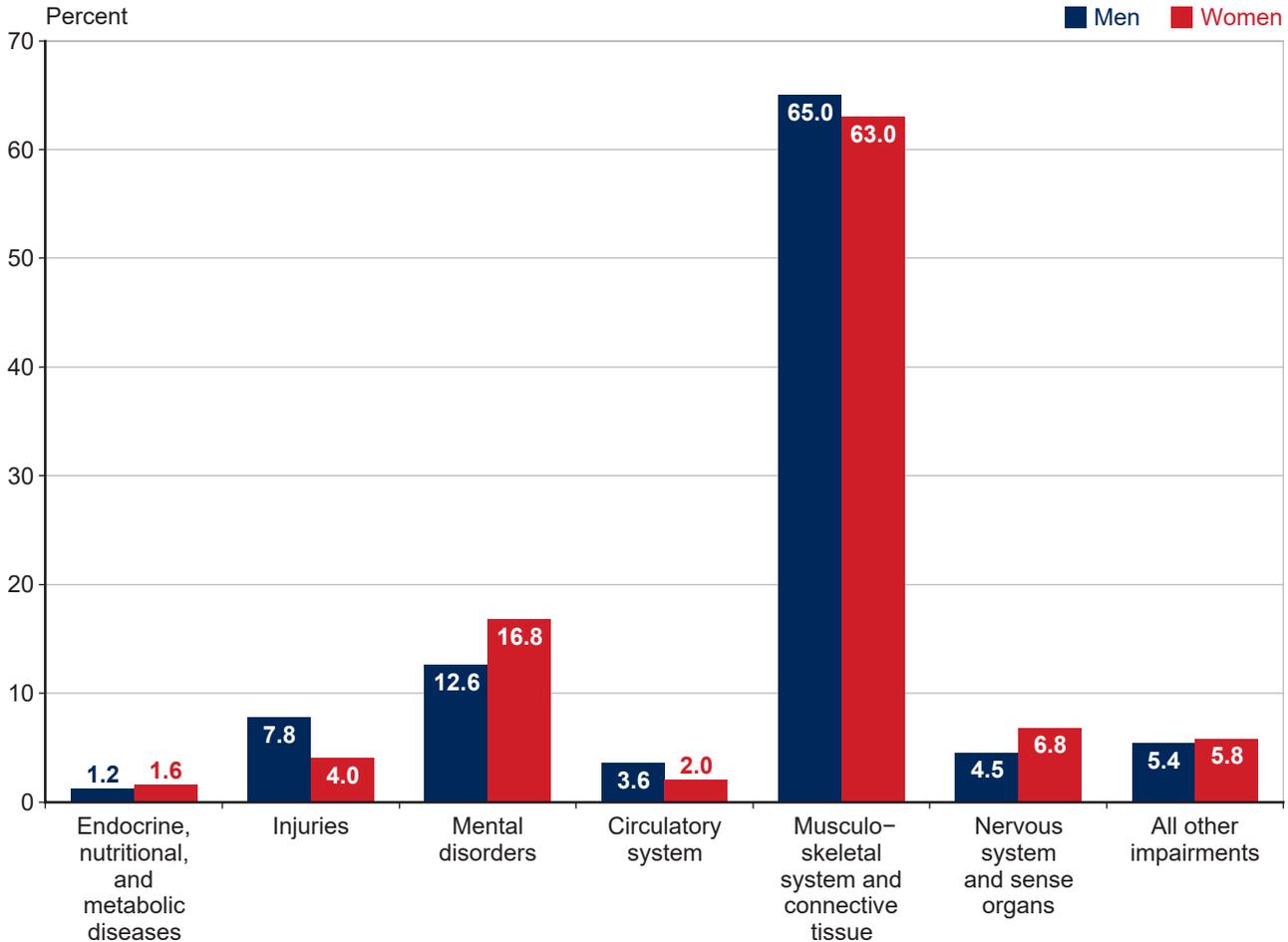
### Example

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 2018

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 2018. 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 2018**

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	562,933	100.0	473,896	100.0	89,037	100.0
<b>With offset</b>						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	515	0.1	379	0.1	136	0.2
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	373	0.1	294	0.1	79	0.1
Federal employees	4,268	0.8	3,589	0.8	679	0.8
State	71,599	12.7	54,548	11.5	17,051	19.2
Public disability only						
Federal	599	0.1	532	0.1	67	0.1
State	7,667	1.4	6,559	1.4	1,108	1.2
Local	380	0.1	307	0.1	73	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	396	0.1	344	0.1	52	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	43,180	7.7	36,312	7.7	6,868	7.7
<b>Without offset</b>						
High average current earnings	370,882	65.9	317,067	66.9	53,815	60.4
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	63,074	11.2	53,965	11.4	9,109	10.2

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 2018**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	562,933	100.0	473,896	100.0	89,037	100.0
Alabama	10,197	1.8	8,300	1.8	1,897	2.1
Alaska	390	0.1	330	0.1	60	0.1
Arizona	6,984	1.2	5,970	1.3	1,014	1.1
Arkansas	4,712	0.8	3,889	0.8	823	0.9
California	70,455	12.5	61,801	13.0	8,654	9.7
Colorado	6,512	1.2	5,614	1.2	898	1.0
Connecticut	5,021	0.9	4,214	0.9	807	0.9
Delaware	1,748	0.3	1,515	0.3	233	0.3
District of Columbia	257	(L)	235	(L)	22	(L)
Florida	29,252	5.2	24,831	5.2	4,421	5.0
Georgia	20,250	3.6	16,994	3.6	3,256	3.7
Hawaii	1,476	0.3	1,252	0.3	224	0.3
Idaho	2,113	0.4	1,737	0.4	376	0.4
Illinois	16,463	2.9	13,641	2.9	2,822	3.2
Indiana	4,233	0.8	3,479	0.7	754	0.8
Iowa	4,312	0.8	3,657	0.8	655	0.7
Kansas	2,792	0.5	2,325	0.5	467	0.5
Kentucky	14,251	2.5	11,646	2.5	2,605	2.9
Louisiana	8,261	1.5	6,641	1.4	1,620	1.8
Maine	4,903	0.9	4,197	0.9	706	0.8
Maryland	4,204	0.7	3,642	0.8	562	0.6
Massachusetts	15,871	2.8	13,073	2.8	2,798	3.1
Michigan	28,465	5.1	23,631	5.0	4,834	5.4
Minnesota	7,153	1.3	6,181	1.3	972	1.1
Mississippi	5,619	1.0	4,534	1.0	1,085	1.2
Missouri	9,558	1.7	8,128	1.7	1,430	1.6
Montana	1,776	0.3	1,545	0.3	231	0.3
Nebraska	1,587	0.3	1,306	0.3	281	0.3
Nevada	3,285	0.6	2,883	0.6	402	0.5
New Hampshire	3,705	0.7	3,078	0.6	627	0.7
New Jersey	13,259	2.4	10,865	2.3	2,394	2.7
New Mexico	3,024	0.5	2,581	0.5	443	0.5
New York	71,772	12.7	59,616	12.6	12,156	13.7
North Carolina	21,126	3.8	17,861	3.8	3,265	3.7
North Dakota	602	0.1	510	0.1	92	0.1
Ohio	12,803	2.3	11,105	2.3	1,698	1.9
Oklahoma	5,843	1.0	4,999	1.1	844	0.9
Oregon	5,595	1.0	4,842	1.0	753	0.8
Pennsylvania	36,480	6.5	30,426	6.4	6,054	6.8
Rhode Island	2,922	0.5	2,464	0.5	458	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 2018—Continued**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	13,335	2.4	11,119	2.3	2,216	2.5
South Dakota	792	0.1	666	0.1	126	0.1
Tennessee	12,793	2.3	10,648	2.2	2,145	2.4
Texas	10,547	1.9	8,633	1.8	1,914	2.1
Utah	1,385	0.2	1,117	0.2	268	0.3
Vermont	1,008	0.2	860	0.2	148	0.2
Virginia	9,649	1.7	8,057	1.7	1,592	1.8
Washington	10,632	1.9	9,116	1.9	1,516	1.7
West Virginia	4,917	0.9	3,908	0.8	1,009	1.1
Wisconsin	7,435	1.3	6,255	1.3	1,180	1.3
Wyoming	482	0.1	412	0.1	70	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	19,614	3.5	16,739	3.5	2,875	3.2
Other <sup>a</sup>	125	(L)	85	(L)	40	(L)
Foreign countries	988	0.2	743	0.2	245	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 2018**

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-FRA
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	473,896	3,106	6,618	14,457	32,388	70,198	140,195	206,934
Congenital anomalies	232	4	5	16	22	35	76	74
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,407	36	75	128	356	912	1,861	3,039
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,625	15	37	79	158	412	791	1,133
Injuries	29,812	435	720	1,273	2,412	4,472	8,324	12,176
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	57	13	7	3	6	7	10	11
Developmental disorders	85	3	3	6	7	18	28	20
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	92	7	5	12	9	13	23	23
Intellectual disability	3,476	53	78	115	288	648	1,003	1,291
Mood disorders	39,050	354	612	1,458	3,237	6,516	10,944	15,929
Organic mental disorders	9,687	154	255	460	930	1,550	2,651	3,687
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	4,898	177	150	282	458	797	1,331	1,703
Other	10,183	230	377	598	1,134	1,793	2,671	3,380
Neoplasms	5,554	118	131	186	420	791	1,489	2,419
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	319	9	11	21	31	52	84	111
Circulatory system	13,969	60	120	276	723	1,732	3,983	7,075
Digestive system	2,419	31	57	98	170	332	711	1,020
Genitourinary system	2,640	93	99	151	294	491	699	813
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	304,105	875	3,151	7,791	18,822	43,696	92,707	137,063
Nervous system and sense organs	25,682	346	569	1,130	2,106	4,142	7,232	10,157
Respiratory system	6,361	28	42	111	274	784	1,859	3,263
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	450	7	13	20	30	63	140	177
Other	413	4	8	12	42	62	105	180
Unknown	5,380	54	93	231	459	880	1,473	2,190

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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 2018—Continued**

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–FRA
<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	(L)	0.1	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Injuries	6.3	14.0	10.9	8.8	7.4	6.4	5.9	5.9
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	(L)	0.4	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	0.2	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Mood disorders	8.2	11.4	9.2	10.1	10.0	9.3	7.8	7.7
Organic mental disorders	2.0	5.0	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.8
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1.0	5.7	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.8
Other	2.1	7.4	5.7	4.1	3.5	2.6	1.9	1.6
Neoplasms	1.2	3.8	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	2.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.4
Digestive system	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.6	3.0	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	64.2	28.2	47.6	53.9	58.1	62.2	66.1	66.2
Nervous system and sense organs	5.4	11.1	8.6	7.8	6.5	5.9	5.2	4.9
Respiratory system	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	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	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1

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

NOTES: FRA = full retirement age; (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 2018**

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	473,896	100.0	288,133	100.0	185,763	100.0
Congenital anomalies	232	(L)	130	(L)	102	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,407	1.4	3,346	1.2	3,061	1.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,625	0.6	2,127	0.7	498	0.3
Injuries	29,812	6.3	22,331	7.8	7,481	4.0
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	57	(L)	42	(L)	15	(L)
Developmental disorders	85	(L)	56	(L)	29	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	92	(L)	56	(L)	36	(L)
Intellectual disability	3,476	0.7	2,632	0.9	844	0.5
Mood disorders	39,050	8.2	17,967	6.2	21,083	11.3
Organic mental disorders	9,687	2.0	7,172	2.5	2,515	1.4
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	4,898	1.0	3,243	1.1	1,655	0.9
Other	10,183	2.1	5,218	1.8	4,965	2.7
Neoplasms	5,554	1.2	2,924	1.0	2,630	1.4
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	319	0.1	161	0.1	158	0.1
Circulatory system	13,969	2.9	10,286	3.6	3,683	2.0
Digestive system	2,419	0.5	1,483	0.5	936	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,640	0.6	1,774	0.6	866	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	304,105	64.2	187,144	65.0	116,961	63.0
Nervous system and sense organs	25,682	5.4	12,977	4.5	12,705	6.8
Respiratory system	6,361	1.3	3,777	1.3	2,584	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	450	0.1	228	0.1	222	0.1
Other	413	0.1	180	0.1	233	0.1
Unknown	5,380	1.1	2,879	1.0	2,501	1.3

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

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