
Notes

In December 2020, approximately 441,000 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.

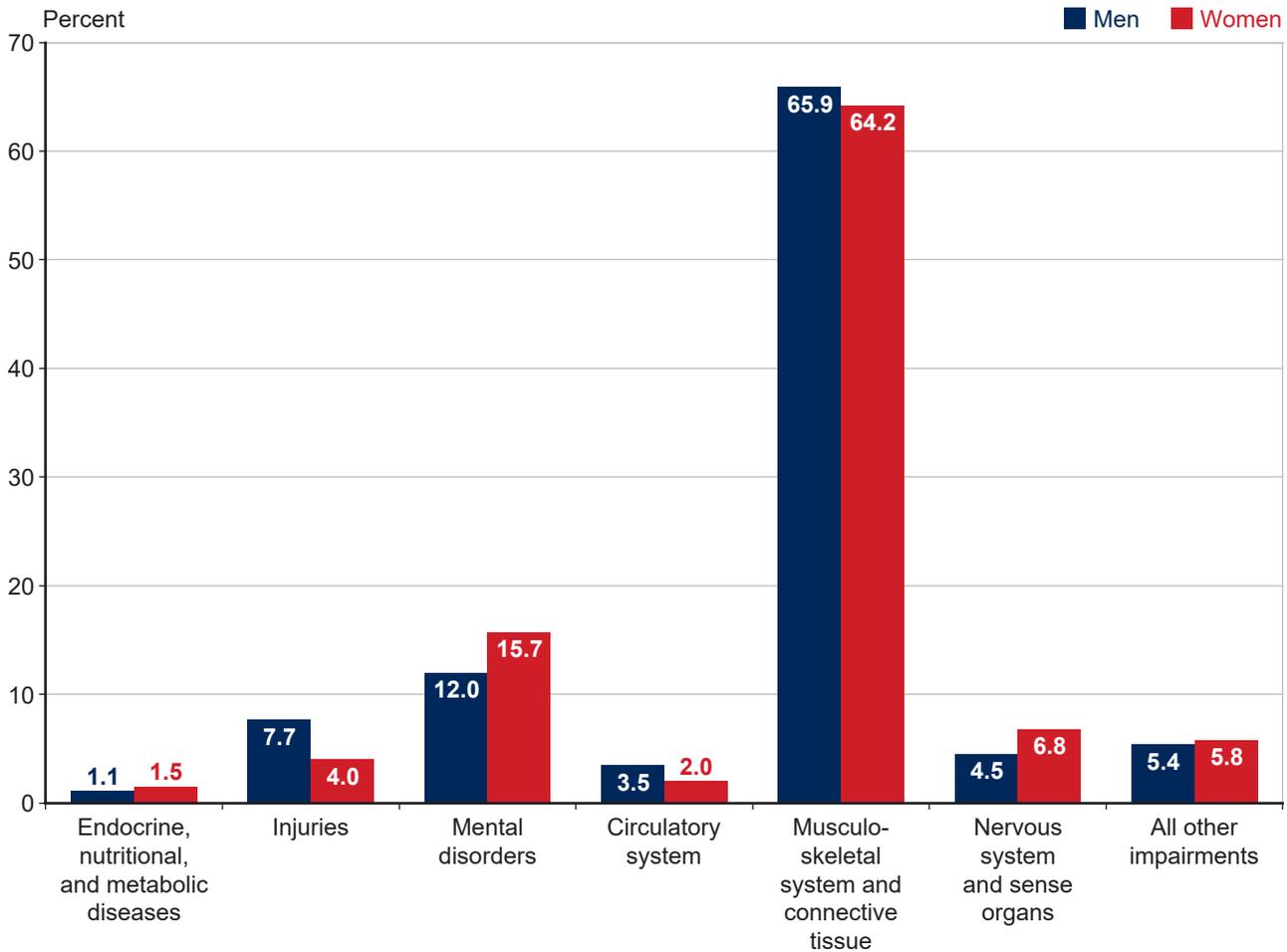
Example

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 2020

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 2020. 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 2020

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	519,357	100.0	441,160	100.0	78,197	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	447	0.1	319	0.1	128	0.2
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	298	0.1	230	0.1	68	0.1
Federal employees	3,880	0.7	3,301	0.7	579	0.7
State	65,041	12.5	50,045	11.3	14,996	19.2
Public disability only						
Federal	416	0.1	379	0.1	37	(L)
State	7,990	1.5	6,742	1.5	1,248	1.6
Local	457	0.1	365	0.1	92	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	364	0.1	328	0.1	36	(L)
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	38,601	7.4	32,751	7.4	5,850	7.5
Without offset						
High average current earnings	344,313	66.3	296,657	67.2	47,656	60.9
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	57,550	11.1	50,043	11.3	7,507	9.6

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

NOTE: (L) = 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 dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence,
December 2020

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	519,357	100.0	441,160	100.0	78,197	100.0
Alabama	9,455	1.8	7,742	1.8	1,713	2.2
Alaska	371	0.1	321	0.1	50	0.1
Arizona	6,547	1.3	5,656	1.3	891	1.1
Arkansas	4,265	0.8	3,553	0.8	712	0.9
California	62,605	12.1	55,052	12.5	7,553	9.7
Colorado	5,682	1.1	4,943	1.1	739	0.9
Connecticut	4,818	0.9	4,087	0.9	731	0.9
Delaware	1,673	0.3	1,456	0.3	217	0.3
District of Columbia	220	(L)	204	(L)	16	(L)
Florida	27,455	5.3	23,572	5.3	3,883	5.0
Georgia	18,982	3.7	16,098	3.6	2,884	3.7
Hawaii	1,405	0.3	1,188	0.3	217	0.3
Idaho	2,053	0.4	1,725	0.4	328	0.4
Illinois	15,029	2.9	12,638	2.9	2,391	3.1
Indiana	4,003	0.8	3,367	0.8	636	0.8
Iowa	4,157	0.8	3,551	0.8	606	0.8
Kansas	2,476	0.5	2,065	0.5	411	0.5
Kentucky	12,625	2.4	10,454	2.4	2,171	2.8
Louisiana	7,652	1.5	6,182	1.4	1,470	1.9
Maine	4,510	0.9	3,898	0.9	612	0.8
Maryland	3,861	0.7	3,367	0.8	494	0.6
Massachusetts	15,196	2.9	12,736	2.9	2,460	3.1
Michigan	25,408	4.9	21,243	4.8	4,165	5.3
Minnesota	6,843	1.3	5,926	1.3	917	1.2
Mississippi	5,166	1.0	4,232	1.0	934	1.2
Missouri	8,703	1.7	7,500	1.7	1,203	1.5
Montana	1,569	0.3	1,357	0.3	212	0.3
Nebraska	1,442	0.3	1,199	0.3	243	0.3
Nevada	2,962	0.6	2,610	0.6	352	0.5
New Hampshire	3,552	0.7	2,959	0.7	593	0.8
New Jersey	12,258	2.4	10,163	2.3	2,095	2.7
New Mexico	2,673	0.5	2,323	0.5	350	0.4
New York	67,380	13.0	56,396	12.8	10,984	14.0
North Carolina	20,513	3.9	17,548	4.0	2,965	3.8
North Dakota	550	0.1	479	0.1	71	0.1
Ohio	11,884	2.3	10,349	2.3	1,535	2.0
Oklahoma	5,421	1.0	4,682	1.1	739	0.9
Oregon	4,953	1.0	4,348	1.0	605	0.8
Pennsylvania	35,069	6.8	29,512	6.7	5,557	7.1
Rhode Island	2,743	0.5	2,321	0.5	422	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 2020—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	12,756	2.5	10,794	2.4	1,962	2.5
South Dakota	739	0.1	634	0.1	105	0.1
Tennessee	11,844	2.3	9,960	2.3	1,884	2.4
Texas	9,484	1.8	7,856	1.8	1,628	2.1
Utah	1,274	0.2	1,054	0.2	220	0.3
Vermont	966	0.2	830	0.2	136	0.2
Virginia	9,060	1.7	7,640	1.7	1,420	1.8
Washington	9,740	1.9	8,397	1.9	1,343	1.7
West Virginia	4,167	0.8	3,314	0.8	853	1.1
Wisconsin	7,180	1.4	6,094	1.4	1,086	1.4
Wyoming	488	0.1	414	0.1	74	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	16,539	3.2	14,432	3.3	2,107	2.7
Other ^a	107	(L)	77	(L)	30	(L)
Foreign countries	884	0.2	662	0.2	222	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 2020

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–FRA
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	441,160	2,649	5,275	12,235	25,934	58,943	125,843	210,281
Congenital anomalies	213	8	3	10	21	33	58	80
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	5,427	31	58	117	281	734	1,477	2,729
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,219	11	22	63	119	287	658	1,059
Injuries	27,417	387	629	1,119	2,011	3,859	7,369	12,043
Mental disorders								
Autism spectrum disorders	61	16	5	4	4	5	11	16
Developmental disorders	86	5	3	4	7	15	27	25
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	29	(X)	(X)	5	6	4	7	(X)
Intellectual disorders	2,938	41	54	95	185	513	833	1,217
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	33,251	272	477	1,045	2,396	4,994	9,169	14,898
Neurocognitive disorders	8,784	114	222	404	695	1,336	2,384	3,629
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	4,304	169	140	235	326	659	1,089	1,686
Other mental disorders	9,609	159	319	589	910	1,636	2,586	3,410
Neoplasms	5,467	101	109	181	361	681	1,537	2,497
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	322	12	11	22	28	45	77	127
Circulatory system	12,922	48	121	244	580	1,475	3,639	6,815
Digestive system	2,184	30	47	85	144	289	630	959
Genitourinary system	2,670	86	90	153	255	486	713	887
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	287,780	746	2,325	6,528	15,208	37,023	83,706	142,244
Nervous system and sense organs	23,946	333	501	1,021	1,727	3,412	6,654	10,298
Respiratory system	5,823	21	28	86	233	602	1,677	3,176
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	414	10	11	24	24	53	115	177
Other	367	(X)	(X)	14	24	53	89	(X)
Unknown	4,927	43	92	187	389	749	1,338	2,129

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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 2020—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)	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Injuries	6.2	14.6	11.9	9.1	7.8	6.5	5.9	5.7
Mental disorders								
Autism spectrum disorders	(L)	0.6	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	0.2	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	(X)	(X)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(X)
Intellectual disorders	0.7	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	7.5	10.3	9.0	8.5	9.2	8.5	7.3	7.1
Neurocognitive disorders	2.0	4.3	4.2	3.3	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.7
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	1.0	6.4	2.7	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
Other mental disorders	2.2	6.0	6.0	4.8	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.6
Neoplasms	1.2	3.8	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	2.9	1.8	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.2
Digestive system	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.6	3.2	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	65.2	28.2	44.1	53.4	58.6	62.8	66.5	67.6
Nervous system and sense organs	5.4	12.6	9.5	8.3	6.7	5.8	5.3	4.9
Respiratory system	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	(X)	(X)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(X)
Unknown	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0

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

NOTE: FRA = full retirement age; (L) = less than 0.05 percent; (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

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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 2020

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	441,160	100.0	267,650	100.0	173,510	100.0
Congenital anomalies	213	(L)	122	(L)	91	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	5,427	1.2	2,864	1.1	2,563	1.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,219	0.5	1,798	0.7	421	0.2
Injuries	27,417	6.2	20,538	7.7	6,879	4.0
Mental disorders						
Autism spectrum disorders	61	(L)	43	(L)	18	(L)
Developmental disorders	86	(L)	55	(L)	31	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	29	(L)	17	(L)	12	(L)
Intellectual disorders	2,938	0.7	2,209	0.8	729	0.4
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	33,251	7.5	15,303	5.7	17,948	10.3
Neurocognitive disorders	8,784	2.0	6,530	2.4	2,254	1.3
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	4,304	1.0	2,839	1.1	1,465	0.8
Other mental disorders	9,609	2.2	4,905	1.8	4,704	2.7
Neoplasms	5,467	1.2	2,865	1.1	2,602	1.5
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	322	0.1	168	0.1	154	0.1
Circulatory system	12,922	2.9	9,374	3.5	3,548	2.0
Digestive system	2,184	0.5	1,313	0.5	871	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,670	0.6	1,803	0.7	867	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	287,780	65.2	176,313	65.9	111,467	64.2
Nervous system and sense organs	23,946	5.4	12,143	4.5	11,803	6.8
Respiratory system	5,823	1.3	3,452	1.3	2,371	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	414	0.1	207	0.1	207	0.1
Other	367	0.1	165	0.1	202	0.1
Unknown	4,927	1.1	2,624	1.0	2,303	1.3

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