
Notes

In December 2021, approximately 414,000 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.

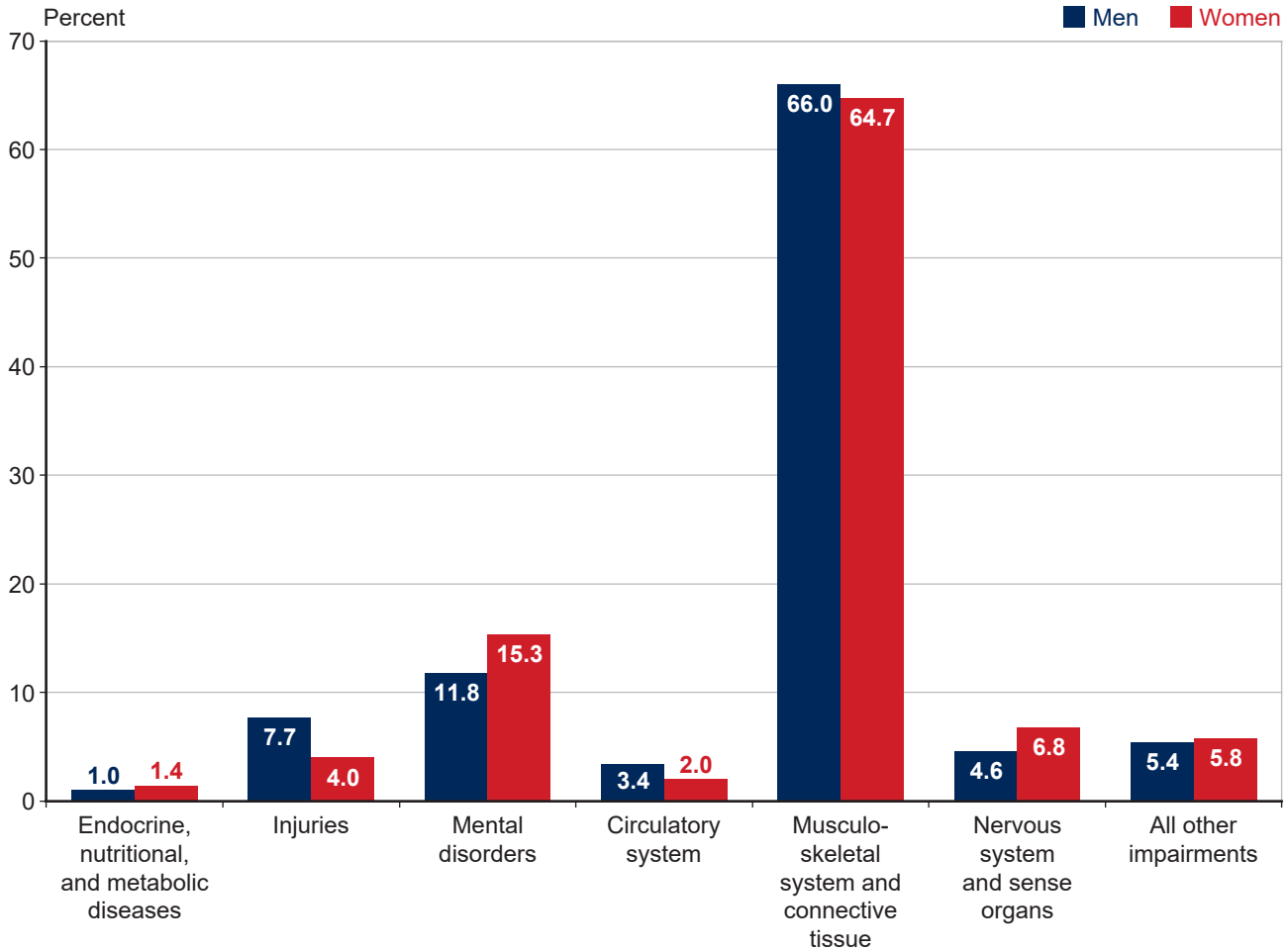
Example

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 2021

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 2021. 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 2021

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	483,532	100.0	414,311	100.0	69,221	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	396	0.1	292	0.1	104	0.2
Harbor Workers and Longshoremens	239	(L)	187	(L)	52	0.1
Federal employees	3,572	0.7	3,076	0.7	496	0.7
State	58,359	12.1	45,247	10.9	13,112	18.9
Public disability only						
Federal	330	0.1	310	0.1	20	(L)
State	7,320	1.5	6,280	1.5	1,040	1.5
Local	429	0.1	354	0.1	75	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	369	0.1	325	0.1	44	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	35,036	7.2	30,007	7.2	5,029	7.3
Without offset						
High average current earnings	326,155	67.5	283,148	68.3	43,007	62.1
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	51,327	10.6	45,085	10.9	6,242	9.0

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 2021

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	483,532	100.0	414,311	100.0	69,221	100.0
Alabama	8,803	1.8	7,243	1.7	1,560	2.3
Alaska	333	0.1	287	0.1	46	0.1
Arizona	6,104	1.3	5,298	1.3	806	1.2
Arkansas	4,010	0.8	3,376	0.8	634	0.9
California	56,839	11.8	50,338	12.1	6,501	9.4
Colorado	5,094	1.1	4,484	1.1	610	0.9
Connecticut	4,630	1.0	3,942	1.0	688	1.0
Delaware	1,577	0.3	1,385	0.3	192	0.3
District of Columbia	201	(L)	187	(L)	14	(L)
Florida	25,713	5.3	22,256	5.4	3,457	5.0
Georgia	17,795	3.7	15,237	3.7	2,558	3.7
Hawaii	1,355	0.3	1,135	0.3	220	0.3
Idaho	1,912	0.4	1,631	0.4	281	0.4
Illinois	13,994	2.9	11,890	2.9	2,104	3.0
Indiana	3,866	0.8	3,281	0.8	585	0.8
Iowa	3,960	0.8	3,399	0.8	561	0.8
Kansas	2,266	0.5	1,920	0.5	346	0.5
Kentucky	11,679	2.4	9,750	2.4	1,929	2.8
Louisiana	7,107	1.5	5,827	1.4	1,280	1.8
Maine	4,139	0.9	3,635	0.9	504	0.7
Maryland	3,586	0.7	3,144	0.8	442	0.6
Massachusetts	14,425	3.0	12,208	2.9	2,217	3.2
Michigan	23,318	4.8	19,629	4.7	3,689	5.3
Minnesota	6,635	1.4	5,761	1.4	874	1.3
Mississippi	4,797	1.0	3,975	1.0	822	1.2
Missouri	8,041	1.7	6,993	1.7	1,048	1.5
Montana	1,446	0.3	1,255	0.3	191	0.3
Nebraska	1,345	0.3	1,128	0.3	217	0.3
Nevada	2,696	0.6	2,410	0.6	286	0.4
New Hampshire	3,360	0.7	2,838	0.7	522	0.8
New Jersey	11,382	2.4	9,611	2.3	1,771	2.6
New Mexico	2,372	0.5	2,076	0.5	296	0.4
New York	63,413	13.1	53,683	13.0	9,730	14.1
North Carolina	19,524	4.0	16,787	4.1	2,737	4.0
North Dakota	492	0.1	434	0.1	58	0.1
Ohio	10,997	2.3	9,631	2.3	1,366	2.0
Oklahoma	4,979	1.0	4,349	1.0	630	0.9
Oregon	4,667	1.0	4,126	1.0	541	0.8
Pennsylvania	33,328	6.9	28,360	6.8	4,968	7.2
Rhode Island	2,631	0.5	2,249	0.5	382	0.6

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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 2021—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	12,065	2.5	10,260	2.5	1,805	2.6
South Dakota	691	0.1	597	0.1	94	0.1
Tennessee	10,828	2.2	9,220	2.2	1,608	2.3
Texas	8,803	1.8	7,334	1.8	1,469	2.1
Utah	1,172	0.2	974	0.2	198	0.3
Vermont	963	0.2	820	0.2	143	0.2
Virginia	8,431	1.7	7,148	1.7	1,283	1.9
Washington	8,868	1.8	7,673	1.9	1,195	1.7
West Virginia	3,680	0.8	2,969	0.7	711	1.0
Wisconsin	6,724	1.4	5,793	1.4	931	1.3
Wyoming	496	0.1	414	0.1	82	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	15,105	3.1	13,293	3.2	1,812	2.6
Other ^a	95	(L)	73	(L)	22	(L)
Foreign countries	800	0.2	595	0.1	205	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 2021

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–FRA
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	414,311	2,376	4,552	10,843	22,267	52,839	113,490	207,944
Congenital anomalies	203	4	4	8	20	38	49	80
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	4,871	30	45	97	242	615	1,332	2,510
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,982	13	20	56	91	243	565	994
Injuries	25,866	351	543	1,058	1,759	3,601	6,687	11,867
Mental disorders								
Autism spectrum disorders	59	16	5	6	3	5	8	16
Developmental disorders	83	8	5	3	7	11	25	24
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	29	(X)	3	4	8	(X)	6	3
Intellectual disorders	2,659	31	49	88	143	411	753	1,184
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	30,338	230	393	864	2,036	4,250	8,266	14,299
Neurocognitive disorders	8,258	96	214	375	624	1,211	2,144	3,594
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	3,929	140	132	203	287	590	959	1,618
Other mental disorders	9,101	155	288	562	816	1,524	2,374	3,382
Neoplasms	5,142	102	113	179	293	644	1,333	2,478
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	285	9	9	17	24	37	72	117
Circulatory system	11,963	44	101	244	494	1,344	3,174	6,562
Digestive system	2,039	29	47	91	118	275	526	953
Genitourinary system	2,560	85	92	132	242	446	660	903
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	271,387	655	1,916	5,664	12,895	33,089	75,631	141,537
Nervous system and sense organs	22,678	301	452	922	1,570	3,134	6,052	10,247
Respiratory system	5,596	23	32	81	201	580	1,510	3,169
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	390	6	12	20	29	48	90	185
Other	332	(X)	5	13	17	(X)	75	166
Unknown	4,561	42	72	156	348	688	1,199	2,056

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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 2021—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)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Injuries	6.2	14.8	11.9	9.8	7.9	6.8	5.9	5.7
Mental disorders								
Autism spectrum disorders	(L)	0.7	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	0.3	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	(X)	0.1	(L)	(L)	(X)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disorders	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	7.3	9.7	8.6	8.0	9.1	8.0	7.3	6.9
Neurocognitive disorders	2.0	4.0	4.7	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.7
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	0.9	5.9	2.9	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.8
Other mental disorders	2.2	6.5	6.3	5.2	3.7	2.9	2.1	1.6
Neoplasms	1.2	4.3	2.5	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	2.9	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.2
Digestive system	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.6	3.6	2.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	65.5	27.6	42.1	52.2	57.9	62.6	66.6	68.1
Nervous system and sense organs	5.5	12.7	9.9	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.3	4.9
Respiratory system	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	(X)	0.1	0.1	0.1	(X)	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.6	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 2021

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	414,311	100.0	251,365	100.0	162,946	100.0
Congenital anomalies	203	(L)	115	(L)	88	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	4,871	1.2	2,592	1.0	2,279	1.4
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,982	0.5	1,588	0.6	394	0.2
Injuries	25,866	6.2	19,365	7.7	6,501	4.0
Mental disorders						
Autism spectrum disorders	59	(L)	43	(L)	16	(L)
Developmental disorders	83	(L)	50	(L)	33	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	29	(L)	19	(L)	10	(L)
Intellectual disorders	2,659	0.6	2,011	0.8	648	0.4
Depressive, bipolar, and related disorders	30,338	7.3	14,058	5.6	16,280	10.0
Neurocognitive disorders	8,258	2.0	6,123	2.4	2,135	1.3
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	3,929	0.9	2,598	1.0	1,331	0.8
Other mental disorders	9,101	2.2	4,675	1.9	4,426	2.7
Neoplasms	5,142	1.2	2,687	1.1	2,455	1.5
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	285	0.1	151	0.1	134	0.1
Circulatory system	11,963	2.9	8,661	3.4	3,302	2.0
Digestive system	2,039	0.5	1,241	0.5	798	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,560	0.6	1,710	0.7	850	0.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	271,387	65.5	166,010	66.0	105,377	64.7
Nervous system and sense organs	22,678	5.5	11,543	4.6	11,135	6.8
Respiratory system	5,596	1.4	3,333	1.3	2,263	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	390	0.1	193	0.1	197	0.1
Other	332	0.1	155	0.1	177	0.1
Unknown	4,561	1.1	2,444	1.0	2,117	1.3

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