

Table 47.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2004

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>All ages^b</i>									
1992	280,751	189,656	67.6	128,789	79,307	61.6	151,962	110,349	72.6
1993	327,271	205,185	62.7	153,126	85,195	55.6	174,145	119,990	68.9
1994	333,329	196,756	59.0	156,584	80,594	51.5	176,745	116,162	65.7
1995	300,958	170,826	56.8	145,570	70,445	48.4	155,388	100,381	64.6
1996	271,976	159,109	58.5	128,712	64,405	50.0	143,264	94,704	66.1
1997	238,742	144,987	60.7	112,201	59,693	53.2	126,541	85,294	67.4
1998	222,560	137,154	61.6	106,678	57,889	54.3	115,882	79,265	68.4
1999	228,543	141,806	62.0	109,837	59,636	54.3	118,706	82,170	69.2
2000	246,066	150,625	61.2	117,141	61,968	52.9	128,925	88,657	68.8
2001	262,596	160,344	61.1	117,030	61,232	52.3	145,566	99,112	68.1
2002	268,640	167,807	62.5	111,943	59,188	52.9	156,697	108,619	69.3
2003	166,920	107,369	64.3	65,697	34,884	53.1	101,223	72,485	71.6
2004	32,489	22,488	69.2	13,068	7,145	54.7	19,421	15,343	79.0
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	19,988	7,729	38.7	17,979	6,890	38.3	2,009	839	41.8
1993	31,658	10,921	34.5	28,625	9,784	34.2	3,033	1,137	37.5
1994	38,751	13,222	34.1	34,869	11,860	34.0	3,882	1,362	35.1
1995	35,856	11,285	31.5	32,428	10,131	31.2	3,428	1,154	33.7
1996	28,105	9,150	32.6	25,589	8,292	32.4	2,516	858	34.1
1997	19,549	7,297	37.3	17,723	6,591	37.2	1,826	706	38.7
1998	18,735	7,237	38.6	17,049	6,541	38.4	1,686	696	41.3
1999	20,660	8,054	39.0	18,767	7,268	38.7	1,893	786	41.5
2000	24,158	9,113	37.7	21,975	8,204	37.3	2,183	909	41.6
2001	25,250	9,319	36.9	23,062	8,436	36.6	2,188	883	40.4
2002	25,685	9,459	36.8	23,464	8,570	36.5	2,221	889	40.0
2003	15,338	5,665	36.9	14,122	5,193	36.8	1,216	472	38.8
2004	2,826	1,295	45.8	2,635	1,205	45.7	191	90	47.1

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

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Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2004—*Continued*

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	260,727	181,899	69.8	110,785	72,398	65.4	149,942	109,501	73.0
1993	295,551	194,215	65.7	124,445	75,368	60.6	171,106	118,847	69.5
1994	294,441	183,449	62.3	121,584	68,654	56.5	172,857	114,795	66.4
1995	264,954	159,444	60.2	113,002	60,224	53.3	151,952	99,220	65.3
1996	243,063	149,246	61.4	102,414	55,494	54.2	140,649	93,752	66.7
1997	218,232	136,894	62.7	93,582	52,360	56.0	124,650	84,534	67.8
1998	202,865	129,155	63.7	88,718	50,630	57.1	114,147	78,525	68.8
1999	207,282	133,281	64.3	90,515	51,937	57.4	116,767	81,344	69.7
2000	221,323	141,080	63.7	94,631	53,373	56.4	126,692	87,707	69.2
2001	236,793	150,611	63.6	93,460	52,414	56.1	143,333	98,197	68.5
2002	242,315	157,903	65.2	87,882	50,205	57.1	154,433	107,698	69.7
2003	151,200	101,441	67.1	51,232	29,462	57.5	99,968	71,979	72.0
2004	29,521	21,063	71.3	10,309	5,827	56.5	19,212	15,236	79.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through July 2005.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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