

APPLICATIONS



Table 57.
All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2017

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	88,766,417	13,757,027	15.5	62,105,157	70.0	12,904,233	14.5
State conversions ^a	3,402,474	3,939	0.1	1,419,041	41.7	1,979,494	58.2
Federal applications ^b							
1973	282,472	5,007	1.8	82,993	29.4	194,472	68.8
1974	2,069,452	125,028	6.0	1,098,373	53.1	846,051	40.9
1975	1,468,610	99,996	6.8	977,209	66.5	391,405	26.7
1976	1,207,448	83,960	7.0	865,790	71.7	257,698	21.3
1977	1,268,462	95,314	7.5	903,618	71.2	269,530	21.2
1978	1,265,436	99,610	7.9	902,756	71.3	263,070	20.8
1979	1,323,113	106,828	8.1	949,087	71.7	267,198	20.2
1980	1,408,034	114,508	8.1	1,013,221	72.0	280,305	19.9
1981	1,148,844	94,246	8.2	864,481	75.2	190,117	16.5
1982	1,015,848	93,872	9.2	775,491	76.3	146,485	14.4
1983	1,131,890	101,087	8.9	834,190	73.7	196,613	17.4
1984	1,264,820	104,748	8.3	868,375	68.7	291,697	23.1
1985	1,399,869	119,021	8.5	1,049,758	75.0	231,090	16.5
1986	1,467,326	124,938	8.5	1,098,832	74.9	243,556	16.6
1987	1,435,024	126,575	8.8	1,069,285	74.5	239,164	16.7
1988	1,365,117	125,953	9.2	1,013,316	74.2	225,848	16.5
1989	1,388,545	130,307	9.4	1,015,483	73.1	242,755	17.5
1990	1,547,230	166,416	10.8	1,133,564	73.3	247,250	16.0
1991	1,807,821	248,325	13.7	1,315,918	72.8	243,578	13.5
1992	2,087,788	378,808	18.1	1,465,039	70.2	243,941	11.7
1993	2,310,005	503,486	21.8	1,571,203	68.0	235,316	10.2
1994	2,260,271	540,124	23.9	1,517,140	67.1	203,007	9.0
1995	2,055,907	500,333	24.3	1,375,696	66.9	179,878	8.7
1996	1,922,472	465,685	24.2	1,289,985	67.1	166,802	8.7
1997	1,601,970	336,074	21.0	1,133,623	70.8	132,273	8.3
1998	1,629,223	339,243	20.8	1,139,825	70.0	150,155	9.2
1999	1,661,448	350,382	21.1	1,153,450	69.4	157,616	9.5
2000	1,744,386	360,329	20.7	1,224,826	70.2	159,231	9.1
2001	1,861,123	376,002	20.2	1,324,057	71.1	161,064	8.7
2002	2,084,828	414,068	19.9	1,490,731	71.5	180,029	8.6
2003	2,224,739	437,492	19.7	1,608,391	72.3	178,856	8.0
2004	2,418,096	458,236	19.0	1,771,003	73.2	188,857	7.8
2005	2,545,079	458,588	18.0	1,850,002	72.7	236,489	9.3
2006	2,648,570	459,805	17.4	1,923,288	72.6	265,477	10.0
2007	2,703,004	460,925	17.1	1,945,464	72.0	296,615	11.0
2008	2,827,541	476,251	16.8	2,030,774	71.8	320,516	11.3
2009	3,143,078	545,619	17.4	2,285,852	72.7	311,607	9.9

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Table 57.
All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2017—Continued

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications ^b (cont.)							
2010	3,148,689	546,407	17.4	2,314,739	73.5	287,543	9.1
2011	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0
2012	2,888,237	513,775	17.8	2,120,521	73.4	253,941	8.8
2013	2,571,864	458,616	17.8	1,879,330	73.1	233,918	9.1
2014	2,329,811	427,515	18.3	1,686,579	72.4	215,717	9.3
2015	2,281,250	444,913	19.5	1,623,538	71.2	212,799	9.3
2016	2,101,257	410,578	19.5	1,488,121	70.8	202,558	9.6
2017	2,006,446	391,879	19.5	1,405,664	70.1	208,903	10.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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Table 58.
Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2009–2017

Characteristic	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total	545,619	546,407	532,216	513,775	458,616	427,515	444,913	410,578	391,879
Age									
Under 5	185,399	186,226	182,564	175,942	157,736	147,407	151,538	141,991	136,120
5–12	252,870	255,455	250,986	245,200	219,915	205,877	214,973	197,147	187,425
13–17	107,350	104,726	98,666	92,633	80,965	74,231	78,402	71,440	68,334
Sex									
Male	341,800	341,609	332,770	321,033	286,218	267,428	278,166	256,638	245,344
Female	203,819	204,798	199,446	192,742	172,398	160,087	166,747	153,940	146,535
Citizenship status									
Citizen	542,916	543,503	529,574	511,184	456,114	424,998	442,111	407,773	389,116
Noncitizen	2,703	2,904	2,642	2,591	2,502	2,517	2,802	2,805	2,763
SSA administrative region									
Boston	18,975	19,477	18,696	18,333	16,899	15,674	15,637	13,769	13,221
New York	40,593	40,531	40,386	39,646	35,442	32,997	36,576	33,445	32,008
Philadelphia	56,096	56,084	54,774	53,080	47,879	45,014	48,840	43,552	42,217
Atlanta	145,088	145,833	141,832	140,326	127,272	119,350	121,463	113,786	109,532
Chicago	92,024	89,299	84,603	81,569	71,254	65,153	66,620	60,128	57,414
Dallas	94,800	99,423	96,427	91,392	80,583	74,394	77,067	73,344	69,081
Kansas City	19,833	20,067	19,483	17,993	16,028	14,570	14,851	14,409	13,619
Denver	8,947	8,799	8,249	8,130	7,280	6,730	6,960	6,679	6,324
San Francisco	56,475	54,148	54,990	51,590	45,533	42,977	45,006	40,802	38,268
Seattle	12,739	12,687	12,730	11,661	10,415	10,613	11,836	10,384	9,784
Unknown	49	59	46	55	31	43	57	280	411

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 59.
Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2009–2017

Characteristic	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535	2,120,521	1,879,330	1,686,579	1,623,538	1,488,121	1,405,664
Age									
18–21	170,051	173,186	165,605	155,151	134,823	117,236	117,597	108,078	108,922
22–25	132,315	136,324	130,592	125,988	109,576	96,124	94,951	84,783	83,058
26–29	141,052	142,844	136,326	128,662	110,090	97,695	97,225	90,156	90,567
30–39	379,220	385,246	371,687	355,738	314,498	282,717	277,395	256,280	243,644
40–49	598,453	592,265	561,067	519,293	451,106	395,171	369,711	332,630	301,956
50–59	663,464	684,914	675,354	653,945	598,354	553,194	526,697	485,092	452,314
60–64	201,297	199,960	194,904	181,744	160,883	144,442	139,962	131,102	125,203
Sex									
Men	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684	1,071,639	944,852	847,039	818,135	754,617	715,141
Women	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851	1,048,882	934,478	839,540	805,403	733,504	690,523
Citizenship status									
Citizen	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681	2,041,159	1,806,887	1,620,487	1,559,919	1,431,298	1,355,499
Noncitizen	86,526	86,493	84,854	79,362	72,443	66,092	63,619	56,823	50,165
SSA administrative region									
Boston	104,362	104,581	97,911	95,269	82,724	75,749	71,858	63,443	60,235
New York	155,922	154,390	152,498	145,934	131,051	120,728	124,285	113,600	107,499
Philadelphia	222,686	221,624	221,565	212,280	183,359	167,714	163,266	149,318	143,720
Atlanta	572,336	589,233	567,763	546,566	496,334	448,044	420,979	383,997	360,682
Chicago	387,125	389,647	372,617	351,640	305,230	270,402	254,500	229,128	211,870
Dallas	311,466	323,607	304,432	287,228	256,527	229,565	220,652	212,549	201,365
Kansas City	102,177	105,926	99,127	90,974	81,740	69,931	70,089	67,173	63,829
Denver	54,751	55,522	53,522	50,636	44,804	39,317	38,839	37,028	35,309
San Francisco	295,963	289,485	285,539	265,184	231,371	206,470	202,456	178,230	168,637
Seattle	78,945	80,616	80,424	74,699	66,088	58,550	56,368	52,128	50,801
Unknown	119	108	137	111	102	109	246	1,527	1,717

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 60.
Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2009–2017

Characteristic	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total	311,607	287,543	273,749	253,941	233,918	215,717	212,799	202,558	208,903
Age									
65–69	189,611	171,110	161,883	150,436	136,000	125,102	122,494	115,978	118,426
70–74	55,615	52,612	50,121	46,479	43,893	40,313	40,043	38,186	41,915
75 or older	66,381	63,821	61,745	57,026	54,025	50,302	50,262	48,394	48,562
Sex									
Men	135,022	122,505	114,190	105,376	94,857	87,645	86,333	81,706	83,900
Women	176,585	165,038	159,559	148,565	139,061	128,072	126,466	120,852	125,003
Citizenship status									
Citizen	234,979	211,442	198,347	182,617	166,821	149,908	146,969	139,860	152,174
Noncitizen	76,628	76,101	75,402	71,324	67,097	65,809	65,830	62,698	56,729
SSA administrative region									
Boston	26,376	24,428	22,567	20,838	16,381	14,336	12,258	11,113	10,024
New York	39,605	36,588	37,560	33,196	31,044	28,838	29,563	27,722	28,451
Philadelphia	16,395	14,632	14,259	13,236	12,408	10,749	10,643	10,234	11,747
Atlanta	45,972	47,117	45,749	42,674	42,549	41,286	41,720	40,205	42,925
Chicago	36,567	30,402	26,685	24,418	21,197	18,195	16,701	15,509	16,649
Dallas	32,661	33,595	31,245	29,388	27,402	25,459	24,242	22,962	24,260
Kansas City	5,961	4,779	4,338	4,042	3,403	3,014	2,961	2,848	3,154
Denver	5,171	5,462	5,038	3,774	3,179	3,153	3,323	3,585	3,816
San Francisco	94,645	83,655	79,270	75,939	70,309	65,280	65,930	62,899	62,270
Seattle	8,247	6,882	7,030	6,431	6,040	5,395	5,415	5,271	5,411
Unknown	7	3	8	5	6	12	43	210	196

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 61.
All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2017

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	2,006,446	391,879	19.5	1,405,664	70.1	208,903	10.4
Alabama	42,566	9,048	21.3	31,772	74.6	1,746	4.1
Alaska	3,478	351	10.1	2,632	75.7	495	14.2
Arizona	34,902	5,428	15.6	25,538	73.2	3,936	11.3
Arkansas	28,856	8,410	29.1	19,615	68.0	831	2.9
California	213,301	29,603	13.9	128,223	60.1	55,475	26.0
Colorado	21,489	2,508	11.7	16,548	77.0	2,433	11.3
Connecticut	19,862	3,292	16.6	14,594	73.5	1,976	9.9
Delaware	5,736	1,438	25.1	4,001	69.8	297	5.2
District of Columbia	6,227	1,327	21.3	4,459	71.6	441	7.1
Florida	159,175	35,518	22.3	98,974	62.2	24,683	15.5
Georgia	81,059	18,768	23.2	56,804	70.1	5,487	6.8
Hawaii	5,192	421	8.1	3,685	71.0	1,086	20.9
Idaho	7,902	1,322	16.7	6,243	79.0	337	4.3
Illinois	62,230	12,357	19.9	44,133	70.9	5,740	9.2
Indiana	39,159	8,440	21.6	29,303	74.8	1,416	3.6
Iowa	15,686	3,171	20.2	11,855	75.6	660	4.2
Kansas	14,546	2,546	17.5	11,399	78.4	601	4.1
Kentucky	39,079	7,768	19.9	29,248	74.8	2,063	5.3
Louisiana	47,850	12,383	25.9	33,444	69.9	2,023	4.2
Maine	8,139	1,176	14.4	6,587	80.9	376	4.6
Maryland	40,780	6,170	15.1	31,895	78.2	2,715	6.7
Massachusetts	40,084	6,504	16.2	27,008	67.4	6,572	16.4
Michigan	60,837	11,913	19.6	45,546	74.9	3,378	5.6
Minnesota	21,350	3,700	17.3	15,917	74.6	1,733	8.1
Mississippi	36,576	8,531	23.3	26,500	72.5	1,545	4.2
Missouri	41,738	6,418	15.4	33,930	81.3	1,390	3.3
Montana	5,147	632	12.3	4,206	81.7	309	6.0
Nebraska	8,632	1,484	17.2	6,645	77.0	503	5.8
Nevada	15,564	2,746	17.6	11,082	71.2	1,736	11.2
New Hampshire	5,282	638	12.1	4,395	83.2	249	4.7
New Jersey	44,584	9,092	20.4	28,640	64.2	6,852	15.4
New Mexico	13,857	2,079	15.0	10,595	76.5	1,183	8.5
New York	123,374	22,916	18.6	78,859	63.9	21,599	17.5
North Carolina	68,873	13,680	19.9	51,824	75.2	3,369	4.9
North Dakota	2,787	428	15.4	2,143	76.9	216	7.8
Ohio	74,354	14,925	20.1	56,204	75.6	3,225	4.3
Oklahoma	28,073	5,092	18.1	21,704	77.3	1,277	4.5
Oregon	19,995	2,652	13.3	15,751	78.8	1,592	8.0
Pennsylvania	87,891	22,360	25.4	60,631	69.0	4,900	5.6
Rhode Island	7,068	1,234	17.5	5,134	72.6	700	9.9
South Carolina	38,557	8,070	20.9	28,720	74.5	1,767	4.6
South Dakota	4,390	722	16.4	3,428	78.1	240	5.5
Tennessee	47,254	8,149	17.2	36,840	78.0	2,265	4.8
Texas	176,070	41,117	23.4	116,007	65.9	18,946	10.8
Utah	9,230	1,751	19.0	6,956	75.4	523	5.7

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Table 61.
All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2017—Continued

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	3,045	377	12.4	2,517	82.7	151	5.0
Virginia	41,273	8,314	20.1	30,099	72.9	2,860	6.9
Washington	34,621	5,459	15.8	26,175	75.6	2,987	8.6
West Virginia	15,777	2,608	16.5	12,635	80.1	534	3.4
Wisconsin	28,003	6,079	21.7	20,767	74.2	1,157	4.1
Wyoming	2,406	283	11.8	2,028	84.3	95	3.9
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	216	70	32.4	109	50.5	37	17.1
Unknown	2,324	411	17.7	1,717	73.9	196	8.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 62.
All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2017

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	57,182,917	10,437,308	18.3	37,426,777	65.5	9,318,832	16.3
State conversions ^a	3,402,447	3,939	0.1	1,419,029	41.7	1,979,479	58.2
Federal applications ^b							
1973	279,923	4,921	1.8	81,976	29.3	193,026	69.0
1974	2,007,786	122,958	6.1	1,064,223	53.0	820,605	40.9
1975	1,303,896	93,684	7.2	859,790	65.9	350,422	26.9
1976	971,621	75,158	7.7	686,086	70.6	210,377	21.7
1977	943,084	81,750	8.7	661,112	70.1	200,222	21.2
1978	899,731	84,845	9.4	629,784	70.0	185,102	20.6
1979	912,850	89,054	9.8	637,521	69.8	186,275	20.4
1980	936,442	93,059	9.9	652,690	69.7	190,693	20.4
1981	721,999	74,306	10.3	529,231	73.3	118,462	16.4
1982	604,008	72,480	12.0	448,905	74.3	82,623	13.7
1983	645,244	78,616	12.2	467,151	72.4	99,477	15.4
1984	736,509	81,634	11.1	486,922	66.1	167,953	22.8
1985	857,757	91,242	10.6	628,241	73.2	138,274	16.1
1986	933,045	97,656	10.5	689,437	73.9	145,952	15.6
1987	892,945	98,174	11.0	653,728	73.2	141,043	15.8
1988	839,066	96,325	11.5	608,131	72.5	134,610	16.0
1989	852,453	98,931	11.6	605,939	71.1	147,583	17.3
1990	978,993	129,266	13.2	695,281	71.0	154,446	15.8
1991	1,198,677	208,822	17.4	835,058	69.7	154,797	12.9
1992	1,451,391	336,632	23.2	955,060	65.8	159,699	11.0
1993	1,624,332	440,585	27.1	1,030,912	63.5	152,835	9.4
1994	1,571,525	459,531	29.2	982,275	62.5	129,719	8.3
1995	1,381,111	406,498	29.4	860,162	62.3	114,451	8.3
1996	1,246,066	361,211	29.0	780,058	62.6	104,797	8.4
1997	981,841	256,888	26.2	644,982	65.7	79,971	8.1
1998	984,062	251,074	25.5	640,585	65.1	92,403	9.4
1999	996,186	256,120	25.7	641,973	64.4	98,093	9.8
2000	1,038,677	259,137	24.9	680,397	65.5	99,143	9.5
2001	1,127,672	272,977	24.2	753,650	66.8	101,045	9.0
2002	1,278,653	302,682	23.7	862,899	67.5	113,072	8.8
2003	1,367,391	320,201	23.4	938,352	68.6	108,838	8.0
2004	1,489,330	336,735	22.6	1,038,077	69.7	114,518	7.7
2005	1,559,272	335,539	21.5	1,079,252	69.2	144,481	9.3
2006	1,611,484	333,436	20.7	1,107,658	68.7	170,390	10.6
2007	1,635,005	333,377	20.4	1,100,954	67.3	200,674	12.3
2008	1,683,238	343,118	20.4	1,123,307	66.7	216,813	12.9
2009	1,847,784	392,481	21.2	1,247,597	67.5	207,706	11.2

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Table 62.
All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2017—Continued

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications ^b (cont.)							
2010	1,831,983	394,599	21.5	1,254,710	68.5	182,674	10.0
2011	1,746,222	383,366	22.0	1,194,291	68.4	168,565	9.7
2012	1,635,635	366,930	22.4	1,117,483	68.3	151,222	9.2
2013	1,428,090	326,148	22.8	966,650	67.7	135,292	9.5
2014	1,279,917	304,340	23.8	852,445	66.6	123,132	9.6
2015	1,246,666	317,688	25.5	808,669	64.9	120,309	9.7
2016	1,133,857	291,557	25.7	730,091	64.4	112,209	9.9
2017	1,087,051	277,638	25.5	694,053	63.8	115,360	10.6

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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