

2.F SSA Administrative Data: Hearings and Appeals

Table 2.F8—Workload of SSA's Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), fiscal years 2013–2016

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016 ^a
Number of ALJs	1,356	1,311	1,265	1,340
Average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ ^b	48	43	44	40
Average hearings pending per ALJ	577	688	708	723

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. Actual data from the Key Workload Indicator Report.

NOTE: Number of ALJs and average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ based on fiscal year average ALJ availability; average hearings pending per ALJ based on ALJs on duty. Data exclude Regional Chief ALJs.

- a. Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. Although September 2016 included such a week, data for that week are not available. Values shown are as of the end of the 52nd week of fiscal year 2016.
- b. Calculation excludes Attorney Adjudicator decisions.

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Table 2.F9—Number of hearing level receipts, dispositions, and end-of-year pending cases, fiscal years 2014–2016

Program	Hearing level receipts			Hearing level dispositions			End-of-year pending cases		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Total	810,715	746,300	712,853	680,963	663,129	652,241	977,736	1,060,907	1,121,519
OASI	2,018	1,632	1,342	1,818	1,575	1,392	1,471	1,530	1,481
Disability									
DI	275,384	265,638	255,434	211,270	216,541	223,434	323,749	371,793	402,498
SSI	229,830	210,565	209,312	200,983	190,020	185,281	283,589	303,889	327,670
DI and SSI	303,483	268,465	246,765	266,892	254,993	242,134	368,927	383,695	389,870

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. Actual data from the Case Processing and Management System and Key Workload Indicator Report.

NOTES: Some claims are reclassified from one program to another during their processing cycle. End-of-year adjustments account for those reclassifications.

Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. September 2016 included such a week, and the values shown for fiscal year 2016 include the activity for that week, as follows: for OASI, 31 receipts, 30 dispositions, and 1 additional pending case; for DI, 5,285 receipts, 5,118 dispositions and a reduction of 58 pending cases; for SSI, 4,314 receipts, 4,211 dispositions, and 53 additional pending cases; and for both DI and SSI, 4,644 receipts, 5,410 dispositions, and a reduction of 491 pending cases. In total, that week saw 14,274 receipts, 14,769 dispositions, and a reduction of 495 pending cases. Reclassifications (noted above) account for apparent discrepancies.

OASI = Old-Age and Survivors Insurance; DI = Disability Insurance; SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

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Table 2.F11—Number of SSA Appeals Council cases, fiscal years 2013–2016

Cases	2013	2014	2015	2016 ^a
Beginning-of-year pending	161,070	157,311	150,383	149,147
Receipts	172,492	155,352	149,437	136,987
Dispositions	176,251	162,280	150,673	159,000
End-of-year pending	157,311	150,383	149,147	127,134

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. Actual data from the Appeals Review Processing System and Key Workload Indicator Report.

a. Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. September 2016 included such a week, and the values shown for fiscal year 2016 include the 3,147 receipts and 4,598 dispositions (and the resulting reduction in pending cases by 1,451) that occurred in that week.

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