

Table 56.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2002

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	333,326	196,666	59.0	156,581	80,556	51.4	176,745	116,110	65.7
1995	300,958	170,638	56.7	145,570	70,360	48.3	155,388	100,278	64.5
1996	269,327	158,784	59.0	127,583	64,262	50.4	141,744	94,522	66.7
1997	235,716	144,413	61.3	110,852	59,444	53.6	124,864	84,969	68.0
1998	220,143	136,015	61.8	105,430	57,333	54.4	114,713	78,682	68.6
1999	223,424	139,577	62.5	107,237	58,587	54.6	116,187	80,990	69.7
2000	228,103	143,005	62.7	107,900	58,249	54.0	120,203	84,756	70.5
2001	186,360	117,631	63.1	86,124	46,075	53.5	100,236	71,556	71.4
2002	62,024	39,748	64.1	28,918	15,447	53.4	33,106	24,301	73.4
<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	13,217	34.1	34,869	11,855	34.0	3,882	1,362	35.1
1995	35,856	11,276	31.4	32,428	10,123	31.2	3,428	1,153	33.6
1996	27,908	9,136	32.7	25,411	8,279	32.6	2,497	857	34.3
1997	19,361	7,272	37.6	17,547	6,568	37.4	1,814	704	38.8
1998	18,590	7,184	38.6	16,915	6,491	38.4	1,675	693	41.4
1999	20,336	7,943	39.1	18,476	7,169	38.8	1,860	774	41.6
2000	22,594	8,656	38.3	20,557	7,789	37.9	2,037	867	42.6
2001	17,685	6,747	38.2	16,251	6,164	37.9	1,434	583	40.7
2002	5,670	2,233	39.4	5,256	2,060	39.2	414	173	41.8

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 56.

Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2002—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)
Aged 18–64									
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	294,438	183,364	62.3	121,581	68,621	56.4	172,857	114,743	66.4
1995	264,954	159,265	60.1	113,002	60,147	53.2	151,952	99,118	65.2
1996	240,615	148,935	61.9	101,466	55,364	54.6	139,149	93,571	67.2
1997	215,400	136,345	63.3	92,415	52,134	56.4	122,985	84,211	68.5
1998	200,596	128,070	63.8	87,607	50,125	57.2	112,989	77,945	69.0
1999	202,492	131,165	64.8	88,210	50,989	57.8	114,282	80,176	70.2
2000	204,940	133,924	65.3	86,822	50,075	57.7	118,118	83,849	71.0
2001	168,208	110,529	65.7	69,447	39,586	57.0	98,761	70,943	71.8
2002	56,072	37,290	66.5	23,401	13,179	56.3	32,671	24,111	73.8

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

NOTES: Data are current through September 2003.

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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