

APPLICATIONS



Table 57.
All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2015

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	84,658,714	12,954,570	15.3	59,211,372	69.9	12,492,772	14.8
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
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

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, 2007–2015

Characteristic	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	460,925	476,251	545,619	546,407	532,216	513,775	458,616	427,515	444,913
Age									
Under 5	160,139	166,884	185,399	186,226	182,564	175,942	157,736	147,407	151,538
5–12	208,760	215,910	252,870	255,455	250,986	245,200	219,915	205,877	214,973
13–17	92,026	93,457	107,350	104,726	98,666	92,633	80,965	74,231	78,402
Sex									
Male	288,647	297,772	341,800	341,609	332,770	321,033	286,218	267,428	278,166
Female	172,278	178,479	203,819	204,798	199,446	192,742	172,398	160,087	166,747
Citizenship status									
Citizen	458,831	473,818	542,916	543,503	529,574	511,184	456,114	424,998	442,111
Noncitizen	2,094	2,433	2,703	2,904	2,642	2,591	2,502	2,517	2,802
SSA administrative region									
Boston	16,190	16,361	18,975	19,477	18,696	18,333	16,899	15,674	15,637
New York	35,235	36,321	40,593	40,531	40,386	39,646	35,442	32,997	36,576
Philadelphia	48,125	49,485	56,096	56,084	54,774	53,080	47,879	45,014	48,840
Atlanta	120,292	126,618	145,088	145,833	141,832	140,326	127,272	119,350	121,463
Chicago	81,965	80,956	92,024	89,299	84,603	81,569	71,254	65,153	66,620
Dallas	77,603	80,612	94,800	99,423	96,427	91,392	80,583	74,394	77,067
Kansas City	17,398	17,174	19,833	20,067	19,483	17,993	16,028	14,570	14,851
Denver	8,257	8,050	8,947	8,799	8,249	8,130	7,280	6,730	6,960
San Francisco	44,989	49,742	56,475	54,148	54,990	51,590	45,533	42,977	45,006
Seattle	10,787	10,885	12,739	12,687	12,730	11,661	10,415	10,613	11,836
Unknown	84	47	49	59	46	55	31	43	57

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, 2007–2015

Characteristic	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535	2,120,521	1,879,330	1,686,579	1,623,538
Age									
18–21	128,726	141,178	170,051	173,186	165,605	155,151	134,823	117,236	117,597
22–25	100,221	108,551	132,315	136,324	130,592	125,988	109,576	96,124	94,951
26–29	108,339	118,370	141,052	142,844	136,326	128,662	110,090	97,695	97,225
30–39	315,755	329,440	379,220	385,246	371,687	355,738	314,498	282,717	277,395
40–49	533,815	542,381	598,453	592,265	561,067	519,293	451,106	395,171	369,711
50–59	570,836	592,045	663,464	684,914	675,354	653,945	598,354	553,194	526,697
60–64	187,772	198,809	201,297	199,960	194,904	181,744	160,883	144,442	139,962
Sex									
Men	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684	1,071,639	944,852	847,039	818,135
Women	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851	1,048,882	934,478	839,540	805,403
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681	2,041,159	1,806,887	1,620,487	1,559,919
Noncitizen	74,710	77,604	86,526	86,493	84,854	79,362	72,443	66,092	63,619
SSA administrative region									
Boston	90,794	92,883	104,362	104,581	97,911	95,269	82,724	75,749	71,858
New York	133,681	141,555	155,922	154,390	152,498	145,934	131,051	120,728	124,285
Philadelphia	193,004	201,323	222,686	221,624	221,565	212,280	183,359	167,714	163,266
Atlanta	465,054	494,647	572,336	589,233	567,763	546,566	496,334	448,044	420,979
Chicago	341,921	347,262	387,125	389,647	372,617	351,640	305,230	270,402	254,500
Dallas	260,301	269,794	311,466	323,607	304,432	287,228	256,527	229,565	220,652
Kansas City	88,390	88,711	102,177	105,926	99,127	90,974	81,740	69,931	70,089
Denver	45,649	46,784	54,751	55,522	53,522	50,636	44,804	39,317	38,839
San Francisco	256,798	277,235	295,963	289,485	285,539	265,184	231,371	206,470	202,456
Seattle	69,313	70,449	78,945	80,616	80,424	74,699	66,088	58,550	56,368
Unknown	559	131	119	108	137	111	102	109	246

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, 2007–2015

Characteristic	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	296,615	320,516	311,607	287,543	273,749	253,941	233,918	215,717	212,799
Age									
65–69	176,803	194,416	189,611	171,110	161,883	150,436	136,000	125,102	122,494
70–74	52,985	56,109	55,615	52,612	50,121	46,479	43,893	40,313	40,043
75 or older	66,827	69,991	66,381	63,821	61,745	57,026	54,025	50,302	50,262
Sex									
Men	126,424	138,916	135,022	122,505	114,190	105,376	94,857	87,645	86,333
Women	170,191	181,600	176,585	165,038	159,559	148,565	139,061	128,072	126,466
Citizenship status									
Citizen	223,117	247,209	234,979	211,442	198,347	182,617	166,821	149,908	146,969
Noncitizen	73,498	73,307	76,628	76,101	75,402	71,324	67,097	65,809	65,830
SSA administrative region									
Boston	24,758	26,093	26,376	24,428	22,567	20,838	16,381	14,336	12,258
New York	37,453	41,762	39,605	36,588	37,560	33,196	31,044	28,838	29,563
Philadelphia	13,975	16,950	16,395	14,632	14,259	13,236	12,408	10,749	10,643
Atlanta	47,682	50,474	45,972	47,117	45,749	42,674	42,549	41,286	41,720
Chicago	37,270	39,693	36,567	30,402	26,685	24,418	21,197	18,195	16,701
Dallas	28,023	32,069	32,661	33,595	31,245	29,388	27,402	25,459	24,242
Kansas City	5,638	4,896	5,961	4,779	4,338	4,042	3,403	3,014	2,961
Denver	5,254	5,269	5,171	5,462	5,038	3,774	3,179	3,153	3,323
San Francisco	88,139	95,190	94,645	83,655	79,270	75,939	70,309	65,280	65,930
Seattle	8,408	8,110	8,247	6,882	7,030	6,431	6,040	5,395	5,415
Unknown	15	10	7	3	8	5	6	12	43

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, 2015

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	2,281,250	444,913	19.5	1,623,538	71.2	212,799	9.3
Alabama	48,935	9,942	20.3	37,741	77.1	1,252	2.6
Alaska	3,891	443	11.4	2,993	76.9	455	11.7
Arizona	39,323	6,161	15.7	28,983	73.7	4,179	10.6
Arkansas	34,935	9,285	26.6	24,853	71.1	797	2.3
California	250,441	35,134	14.0	156,706	62.6	58,601	23.4
Colorado	24,345	3,072	12.6	19,227	79.0	2,046	8.4
Connecticut	23,134	3,678	15.9	17,020	73.6	2,436	10.5
Delaware	5,905	1,428	24.2	4,169	70.6	308	5.2
District of Columbia	7,131	1,521	21.3	5,248	73.6	362	5.1
Florida	180,779	40,399	22.3	114,215	63.2	26,165	14.5
Georgia	88,486	18,993	21.5	64,558	73.0	4,935	5.6
Hawaii	6,021	508	8.4	4,511	74.9	1,002	16.6
Idaho	8,866	1,565	17.7	6,980	78.7	321	3.6
Illinois	70,411	14,148	20.1	50,572	71.8	5,691	8.1
Indiana	46,887	9,657	20.6	36,068	76.9	1,162	2.5
Iowa	16,454	2,848	17.3	12,927	78.6	679	4.1
Kansas	15,858	2,931	18.5	12,319	77.7	608	3.8
Kentucky	44,505	8,308	18.7	34,692	78.0	1,505	3.4
Louisiana	51,581	14,058	27.3	35,786	69.4	1,737	3.4
Maine	9,783	1,265	12.9	8,047	82.3	471	4.8
Maryland	44,103	6,997	15.9	34,618	78.5	2,488	5.6
Massachusetts	47,827	7,743	16.2	32,022	67.0	8,062	16.9
Michigan	72,839	14,744	20.2	55,069	75.6	3,026	4.2
Minnesota	24,672	4,118	16.7	18,699	75.8	1,855	7.5
Mississippi	41,442	9,758	23.5	30,552	73.7	1,132	2.7
Missouri	46,852	7,494	16.0	38,174	81.5	1,184	2.5
Montana	5,372	678	12.6	4,467	83.2	227	4.2
Nebraska	8,737	1,578	18.1	6,669	76.3	490	5.6
Nevada	17,398	3,136	18.0	12,149	69.8	2,113	12.1
New Hampshire	6,633	926	14.0	5,468	82.4	239	3.6
New Jersey	51,217	10,144	19.8	33,957	66.3	7,116	13.9
New Mexico	15,908	2,450	15.4	12,316	77.4	1,142	7.2
New York	139,207	26,432	19.0	90,328	64.9	22,447	16.1
North Carolina	82,504	16,029	19.4	63,024	76.4	3,451	4.2
North Dakota	2,536	399	15.7	1,880	74.1	257	10.1
Ohio	89,365	16,892	18.9	68,713	76.9	3,760	4.2
Oklahoma	30,330	5,787	19.1	23,436	77.3	1,107	3.6
Oregon	22,258	2,763	12.4	17,936	80.6	1,559	7.0
Pennsylvania	101,065	25,751	25.5	71,075	70.3	4,239	4.2
Rhode Island	8,150	1,523	18.7	5,980	73.4	647	7.9
South Carolina	42,736	8,895	20.8	32,335	75.7	1,506	3.5
South Dakota	4,582	774	16.9	3,575	78.0	233	5.1
Tennessee	54,775	9,139	16.7	43,862	80.1	1,774	3.2
Texas	189,207	45,487	24.0	124,261	65.7	19,459	10.3
Utah	9,792	1,749	17.9	7,555	77.2	488	5.0

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Table 61.

All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2015—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	4,226	502	11.9	3,321	78.6	403	9.5
Virginia	46,610	10,050	21.6	33,739	72.4	2,821	6.1
Washington	38,604	7,065	18.3	28,459	73.7	3,080	8.0
West Virginia	17,935	3,093	17.2	14,417	80.4	425	2.4
Wisconsin	33,647	7,061	21.0	25,379	75.4	1,207	3.6
Wyoming	2,495	288	11.5	2,135	85.6	72	2.9
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	209	67	32.1	107	51.2	35	16.7
Unknown	346	57	16.5	246	71.1	43	12.4

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, 1973–2015

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	54,962,009	9,868,113	18.0	36,002,633	65.5	9,091,263	16.5
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
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

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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