

**Table 55.**  
**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by year of application and program, 1992–2003**

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a,b</sup> (percent)
<b>All disabled beneficiaries</b>									
1999	398,176	61,143	15.4	210,349	34,724	16.5	187,827	26,419	14.1
2000	408,499	58,590	14.3	215,416	33,233	15.4	193,083	25,357	13.1
2001	435,072	58,417	13.4	222,192	32,590	14.7	212,880	25,827	12.1
2002	495,402	59,551	12.0	245,647	32,742	13.3	249,755	26,809	10.7
2003	454,458	45,945	10.1	218,012	25,115	11.5	236,446	20,830	8.8
<b>Workers</b>									
1992	419,798	53,881	12.8	190,594	25,352	13.3	229,204	28,529	12.4
1993	469,151	58,275	12.4	206,606	27,306	13.2	262,545	30,969	11.8
1994	489,731	62,757	12.8	226,013	31,468	13.9	263,718	31,289	11.9
1995	458,035	60,584	13.2	218,949	31,563	14.4	239,086	29,021	12.1
1996	464,580	65,466	14.1	226,331	33,596	14.8	238,249	31,870	13.4
1997	403,207	59,978	14.9	206,130	33,373	16.2	197,077	26,605	13.5
1998	384,976	61,742	16.0	199,271	34,043	17.1	185,705	27,699	14.9
1999	385,401	57,808	15.0	203,688	33,192	16.3	181,713	24,616	13.5
2000	397,004	55,762	14.0	209,119	31,946	15.3	187,885	23,816	12.7
2001	423,898	55,822	13.2	216,096	31,420	14.5	207,802	24,402	11.7
2002	483,286	57,351	11.9	239,310	31,746	13.3	243,976	25,605	10.5
2003	444,380	44,534	10.0	213,302	24,460	11.5	231,078	20,074	8.7
<b>Widow(er)s</b>									
1999	7,108	1,983	27.9	4,108	917	22.3	3,000	1,066	35.5
2000	6,353	1,574	24.8	3,854	738	19.1	2,499	836	33.5
2001	6,192	1,599	25.8	3,859	741	19.2	2,333	858	36.8
2002	6,248	1,250	20.0	3,883	613	15.8	2,365	637	26.9
2003	5,219	770	14.8	2,982	420	14.1	2,237	350	15.6
<b>Adult children</b>									
1999	5,667	1,352	23.9	2,553	615	24.1	3,114	737	23.7
2000	5,142	1,254	24.4	2,443	549	22.5	2,699	705	26.1
2001	4,982	996	20.0	2,237	429	19.2	2,745	567	20.7
2002	5,868	950	16.2	2,454	383	15.6	3,414	567	16.6
2003	4,859	641	13.2	1,728	235	13.6	3,131	406	13.0

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

NOTES: Data are current through June 2004.

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

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or be 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.

Data from 1992 to 1998 are available for disabled workers only.

SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

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

b. Rate for the Social Security portion only.

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