

**Table 72.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2006**

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings <sup>a</sup>	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other <sup>a,b</sup>
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
<i>All ages <sup>c</sup></i>								
1992	951,118	100.0	36.6	1.5	1.3	7.5	18.6	34.4
1993	968,374	100.0	36.5	1.5	1.6	5.5	17.4	37.6
1994	848,211	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	745,348	100.0	35.8	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.2
1996	733,450	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.4	37.2
1997	666,943	100.0	37.6	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.3
1998	719,352	100.0	38.2	1.9	4.8	4.2	20.0	30.8
1999	729,430	100.0	36.6	2.0	5.3	3.9	20.8	31.3
2000	762,021	100.0	35.1	1.9	6.1	4.2	21.4	31.3
2001	813,546	100.0	34.8	1.8	7.0	4.2	22.2	30.1
2002	861,549	100.0	33.2	1.7	7.9	3.7	21.7	31.9
2003	887,557	100.0	32.3	1.7	8.8	3.6	22.0	31.6
2004	877,976	100.0	32.2	1.5	9.6	3.7	23.1	29.9
2005	775,728	100.0	34.2	1.6	10.7	3.8	25.3	24.5
2006	652,207	100.0	38.3	1.7	13.0	4.1	26.9	16.0
<i>Under age 18</i>								
1992	211,793	100.0	48.3	6.9	5.9	...	...	38.9
1993	241,085	100.0	44.9	5.9	6.4	...	...	42.7
1994	202,357	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,884	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,174	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,270	100.0	55.8	9.2	22.1	...	...	12.9
1998	145,018	100.0	55.6	9.6	23.6	...	...	11.2
1999	150,674	100.0	53.2	9.8	25.8	...	...	11.3
2000	159,953	100.0	50.1	9.2	28.9	...	...	11.7
2001	174,908	100.0	48.2	8.2	32.4	...	...	11.1
2002	189,449	100.0	45.2	7.6	35.9	...	...	11.2
2003	197,692	100.0	43.6	7.4	39.4	...	...	9.6
2004	197,830	100.0	42.3	6.7	42.6	...	...	8.4
2005	182,245	100.0	41.0	6.6	45.4	...	...	6.9
2006	174,108	100.0	40.0	6.2	48.8	...	...	5.0

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## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 72.**

**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2006—Continued**

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings <sup>a</sup>	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other <sup>a,b</sup>
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
<b>Aged 18–64</b>								
1992	738,836	100.0	33.3	...	...	9.7	23.9	33.2
1993	726,766	100.0	33.7	...	...	7.3	23.1	35.9
1994	644,866	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	573,381	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.0	37.2
1996	541,704	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.1
1997	513,855	100.0	34.5	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.9
1998	537,738	100.0	35.6	...	...	5.5	23.9	35.1
1999	543,245	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.3	25.1	35.7
2000	569,738	100.0	32.6	...	...	5.5	26.3	35.6
2001	608,181	100.0	32.4	...	...	5.6	27.7	34.3
2002	638,323	100.0	31.1	...	...	5.0	27.4	36.5
2003	662,760	100.0	30.1	...	...	4.8	28.2	36.8
2004	654,434	100.0	30.3	...	...	4.9	30.1	34.7
2005	563,753	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.2	33.7	27.4
2006	452,933	100.0	39.7	...	...	5.9	37.8	16.6

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through August 2007. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2007.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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