
Notes

In December 2017, approximately 488,000 disabled workers on the Social Security Disability Insurance program had filed for workers' compensation or public disability benefits. Disability payments from private sources, such as private pension or insurance benefits, do not affect Social Security disability benefits, but workers' compensation and other public disability benefits may reduce them. Workers' compensation is paid to a worker because of a job-related injury or illness. It may be paid by federal or state workers' compensation agencies or employers or by insurance companies on behalf of employers.

Other public disability benefits that may affect Social Security disability benefits are those paid by a federal, state, or local government for disabling medical conditions that are not job related. Examples are civil service disability benefits, military disability benefits, state temporary disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits that are based on disability. Persons who receive Social Security disability benefits and one of the following types of public benefits will not have their Social Security disability benefit reduced:

- Veterans Administration benefits;
- State and local government benefits, if Social Security taxes were deducted from earnings; or
- Supplemental Security Income.

The total amount received from workers' compensation or other public disability benefits and Social Security disability benefits cannot exceed 80 percent of the worker's average current earnings before he or she became disabled. The monthly Social Security disability benefit includes benefits payable to family members. If the total amount of these benefits exceeds 80 percent of average current earnings, the excess amount is deducted from the Social Security benefit. The benefit is reduced until the month the worker reaches full retirement age or the month the other benefits stop, whichever comes first.

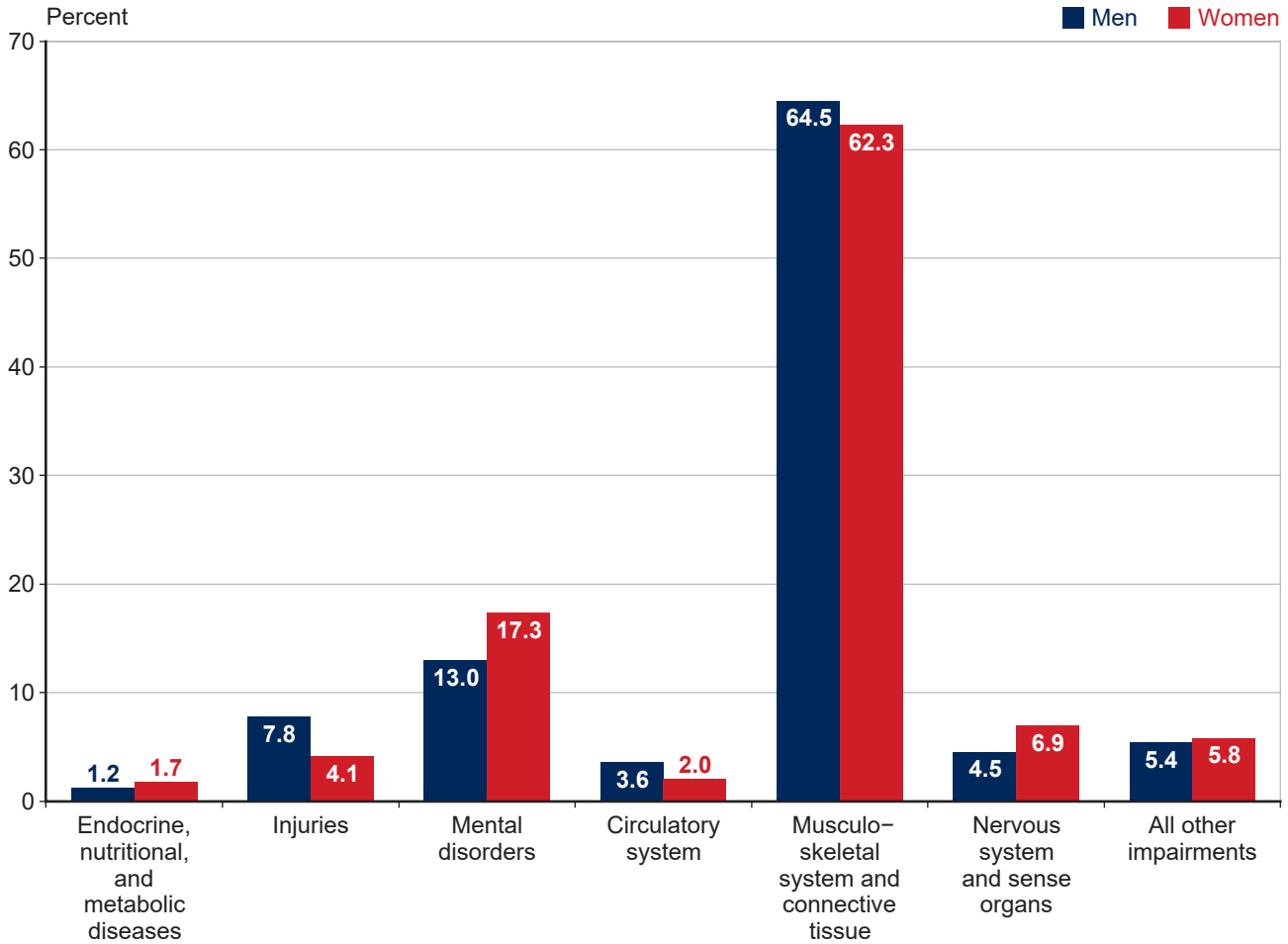
Example

Before becoming disabled, the worker's average current earnings were \$4,000 a month. The disabled worker, his or her spouse, and their two children would be eligible to receive a total of \$2,200 a month in Social Security disability benefits. However, the disabled worker also receives \$2,000 a month from workers' compensation. Because the total amount of benefits received (\$4,200) is more than \$3,200 (80 percent of average current earnings), the family's Social Security disability benefits will be reduced by \$1,000.

Chart 7.

Distribution of workers, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2017

Among disabled workers who are also receiving workers' compensation or public disability benefits, a disease of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue was the primary diagnosis in December 2017. Mental disorders were the second leading disabling condition. A disorder of the nervous system and sense organs was the third most common disability for women. Injuries were the third most common disability for men. All other impairments were fairly evenly split between men and women.



SOURCE: Table 34.

Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 31.
Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by reason for having or not having an offset,
December 2017

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	582,914	100.0	487,524	100.0	95,390	100.0
With offset						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	501	0.1	365	0.1	136	0.1
Harbor Workers and Longshoremen	402	0.1	308	0.1	94	0.1
Federal employees	4,554	0.8	3,791	0.8	763	0.8
State	76,407	13.1	57,670	11.8	18,737	19.6
Public disability only						
Federal	669	0.1	608	0.1	61	0.1
State	7,749	1.3	6,456	1.3	1,293	1.4
Local	416	0.1	325	0.1	91	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	451	0.1	374	0.1	77	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	45,219	7.8	37,872	7.8	7,347	7.7
Without offset						
High average current earnings	379,843	65.2	323,449	66.3	56,394	59.1
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	66,703	11.4	56,306	11.5	10,397	10.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 32.

Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence, December 2017

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	582,914	100.0	487,524	100.0	95,390	100.0
Alabama	10,563	1.8	8,535	1.8	2,028	2.1
Alaska	399	0.1	340	0.1	59	0.1
Arizona	7,244	1.2	6,158	1.3	1,086	1.1
Arkansas	4,946	0.8	4,040	0.8	906	0.9
California	74,280	12.7	64,695	13.3	9,585	10.0
Colorado	6,836	1.2	5,885	1.2	951	1.0
Connecticut	5,173	0.9	4,281	0.9	892	0.9
Delaware	1,761	0.3	1,512	0.3	249	0.3
District of Columbia	275	(L)	255	0.1	20	(L)
Florida	30,528	5.2	25,766	5.3	4,762	5.0
Georgia	20,854	3.6	17,315	3.6	3,539	3.7
Hawaii	1,536	0.3	1,289	0.3	247	0.3
Idaho	2,120	0.4	1,737	0.4	383	0.4
Illinois	16,823	2.9	13,826	2.8	2,997	3.1
Indiana	4,352	0.7	3,571	0.7	781	0.8
Iowa	4,334	0.7	3,661	0.8	673	0.7
Kansas	2,966	0.5	2,451	0.5	515	0.5
Kentucky	14,735	2.5	12,003	2.5	2,732	2.9
Louisiana	8,554	1.5	6,819	1.4	1,735	1.8
Maine	5,092	0.9	4,328	0.9	764	0.8
Maryland	4,319	0.7	3,735	0.8	584	0.6
Massachusetts	16,195	2.8	13,237	2.7	2,958	3.1
Michigan	29,903	5.1	24,718	5.1	5,185	5.4
Minnesota	7,366	1.3	6,301	1.3	1,065	1.1
Mississippi	5,745	1.0	4,653	1.0	1,092	1.1
Missouri	9,909	1.7	8,376	1.7	1,533	1.6
Montana	1,901	0.3	1,644	0.3	257	0.3
Nebraska	1,643	0.3	1,337	0.3	306	0.3
Nevada	3,426	0.6	2,970	0.6	456	0.5
New Hampshire	3,777	0.6	3,090	0.6	687	0.7
New Jersey	13,728	2.4	11,203	2.3	2,525	2.6
New Mexico	3,148	0.5	2,672	0.5	476	0.5
New York	73,792	12.7	60,815	12.5	12,977	13.6
North Carolina	21,748	3.7	18,295	3.8	3,453	3.6
North Dakota	626	0.1	530	0.1	96	0.1
Ohio	13,435	2.3	11,560	2.4	1,875	2.0
Oklahoma	6,071	1.0	5,170	1.1	901	0.9
Oregon	5,826	1.0	5,009	1.0	817	0.9
Pennsylvania	36,893	6.3	30,494	6.3	6,399	6.7
Rhode Island	2,959	0.5	2,483	0.5	476	0.5

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Table 32.
Distribution of workers and dependents who have filed, by state or other area of residence,
December 2017—Continued

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	13,551	2.3	11,214	2.3	2,337	2.4
South Dakota	816	0.1	689	0.1	127	0.1
Tennessee	13,148	2.3	10,864	2.2	2,284	2.4
Texas	10,983	1.9	8,915	1.8	2,068	2.2
Utah	1,459	0.3	1,170	0.2	289	0.3
Vermont	1,018	0.2	869	0.2	149	0.2
Virginia	9,762	1.7	8,131	1.7	1,631	1.7
Washington	11,170	1.9	9,563	2.0	1,607	1.7
West Virginia	5,103	0.9	4,095	0.8	1,008	1.1
Wisconsin	7,536	1.3	6,284	1.3	1,252	1.3
Wyoming	456	0.1	393	0.1	63	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	20,983	3.6	17,733	3.6	3,250	3.4
Other ^a	124	(L)	84	(L)	40	(L)
Foreign countries	1,024	0.2	761	0.2	263	0.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Distribution is by state or other area of residence, not by the state paying benefits.

(L) = less than 0.05 percent.

a. Includes American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 33.
Distribution of workers who have filed, by diagnostic group and age, December 2017

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-FRA
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	487,524	3,643	7,452	16,110	36,284	78,088	146,582	199,365
Congenital anomalies	233	(X)	(X)	15	23	42	76	70
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,910	38	80	161	415	1,091	1,995	3,130
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,792	21	45	77	193	496	818	1,142
Injuries	30,965	487	778	1,376	2,659	5,000	8,857	11,808
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	54	10	7	3	9	6	11	8
Developmental disorders	92	(X)	(X)	8	8	28	22	17
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	87	8	4	10	12	13	20	20
Intellectual disability	3,683	64	82	131	372	711	1,061	1,262
Mood disorders	41,759	432	765	1,707	3,792	7,440	11,511	16,112
Organic mental disorders	10,156	187	270	521	1,016	1,757	2,788	3,617
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,126	170	179	276	533	899	1,419	1,650
Other	10,402	267	410	625	1,205	1,973	2,702	3,220
Neoplasms	5,494	117	141	225	428	851	1,509	2,223
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	321	13	11	27	29	50	77	114
Circulatory system	14,455	62	131	287	816	1,887	4,239	7,033
Digestive system	2,603	38	57	100	204	390	760	1,054
Genitourinary system	2,639	98	106	164	291	512	685	783
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	310,277	1,135	3,575	8,746	21,053	48,419	96,768	130,581
Nervous system and sense organs	26,484	394	614	1,253	2,303	4,559	7,471	9,890
Respiratory system	6,384	28	42	121	313	866	1,972	3,042
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	478	11	15	23	36	67	154	172
Other	455	4	10	13	51	72	126	179
Unknown	5,675	52	121	241	523	959	1,541	2,238

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 33.

Distribution of workers who have filed, by diagnostic group and age, December 2017—Continued

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–FRA
<i>Percent</i>								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	(L)	(X)	(X)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Injuries	6.4	13.4	10.4	8.5	7.3	6.4	6.0	5.9
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	(L)	0.3	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	(X)	(X)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	0.2	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
Mood disorders	8.6	11.9	10.3	10.6	10.5	9.5	7.9	8.1
Organic mental disorders	2.1	5.1	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.8
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1.1	4.7	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
Other	2.1	7.3	5.5	3.9	3.3	2.5	1.8	1.6
Neoplasms	1.1	3.2	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	3.0	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.9	3.5
Digestive system	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Genitourinary system	0.5	2.7	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	63.6	31.2	48.0	54.3	58.0	62.0	66.0	65.5
Nervous system and sense organs	5.4	10.8	8.2	7.8	6.3	5.8	5.1	5.0
Respiratory system	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation and Public Disability Benefit file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: FRA = full retirement age; (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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Beneficiaries Who Have Filed for Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits

Table 34.
Distribution of workers who have filed, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2017

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	487,524	100.0	296,264	100.0	191,260	100.0
Congenital anomalies	233	(L)	127	(L)	106	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,910	1.4	3,621	1.2	3,289	1.7
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,792	0.6	2,249	0.8	543	0.3
Injuries	30,965	6.4	23,161	7.8	7,804	4.1
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	54	(L)	39	(L)	15	(L)
Developmental disorders	92	(L)	62	(L)	30	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	87	(L)	52	(L)	35	(L)
Intellectual disability	3,683	0.8	2,779	0.9	904	0.5
Mood disorders	41,759	8.6	19,150	6.5	22,609	11.8
Organic mental disorders	10,156	2.1	7,531	2.5	2,625	1.4
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,126	1.1	3,380	1.1	1,746	0.9
Other	10,402	2.1	5,371	1.8	5,031	2.6
Neoplasms	5,494	1.1	2,882	1.0	2,612	1.4
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	321	0.1	165	0.1	156	0.1
Circulatory system	14,455	3.0	10,615	3.6	3,840	2.0
Digestive system	2,603	0.5	1,604	0.5	999	0.5
Genitourinary system	2,639	0.5	1,797	0.6	842	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	310,277	63.6	191,154	64.5	119,123	62.3
Nervous system and sense organs	26,484	5.4	13,330	4.5	13,154	6.9
Respiratory system	6,384	1.3	3,701	1.2	2,683	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	478	0.1	240	0.1	238	0.1
Other	455	0.1	202	0.1	253	0.1
Unknown	5,675	1.2	3,052	1.0	2,623	1.4

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