Table 27. Allowance rates, fiscal years 1980–2000

Fiscal year	Initial level	Reconsideration level	Hearing level ^a
1980	33	15	56
1985	36	14	51
1990	39	17	63
1991	42	17	66
1992	43	17	68
1993	39	14	67
1994	34	13	67
1995	31	13	65
1996	31	13	59
1997	32	15	56
1998	35	15	53
1999	37	16	55
2000	38	16	57

SOURCES: Office of Disability, State Agency Operating Report (initial and reconsideration levels); Office of Hearings and Appeals, Case Control System (hearing level).

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a. Includes cases reaching the hearing level, including those involving Social Security retirement and SSI aged issues, but not Medicare. The vast majority involve disability issues.