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## Notes

In December 2015, approximately 514,000 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 age 65 (for individuals born before December 20, 1950) or full retirement age (for individuals born on or after December 20, 1950); or the month the other benefits stop; whichever comes first.

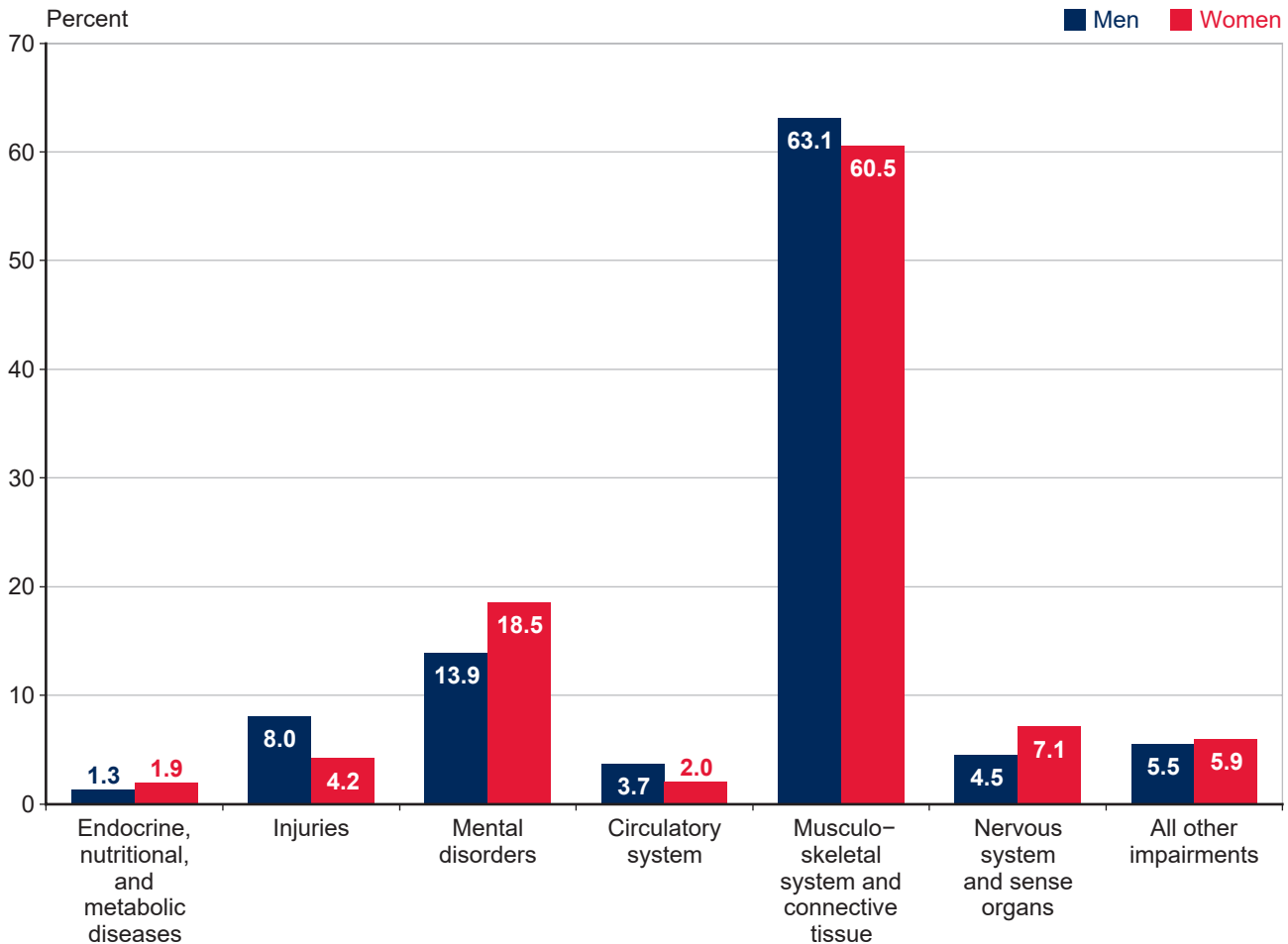
### Example

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 2015

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 2015. 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 2015**

Reason	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled beneficiaries and dependents	627,657	100.0	514,382	100.0	113,275	100.0
<b>With offset</b>						
Receipt of—						
Workers' compensation only						
Black Lung	461	0.1	328	0.1	133	0.1
Harbor Workers and Longshoremen	520	0.1	387	0.1	133	0.1
Federal employees	3,495	0.6	2,861	0.6	634	0.6
State	92,055	14.7	68,032	13.2	24,023	21.2
Public disability only						
Federal	1,076	0.2	961	0.2	115	0.1
State	7,875	1.3	6,787	1.3	1,088	1.0
Local	461	0.1	352	0.1	109	0.1
Workers' compensation and public disability	478	0.1	405	0.1	73	0.1
Social Security Disability Insurance (reverse offset)	50,562	8.1	41,588	8.1	8,974	7.9
<b>Without offset</b>						
High average current earnings	392,286	62.5	327,235	63.6	65,051	57.4
Entitlement to workers' compensation or public disability benefits is pending	78,388	12.5	65,446	12.7	12,942	11.4

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 2015**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All areas	627,657	100.0	514,382	100.0	113,275	100.0
Alabama	11,463	1.8	9,066	1.8	2,397	2.1
Alaska	426	0.1	366	0.1	60	0.1
Arizona	7,700	1.2	6,448	1.3	1,252	1.1
Arkansas	5,464	0.9	4,359	0.8	1,105	1.0
California	81,988	13.1	70,632	13.7	11,356	10.0
Colorado	7,324	1.2	6,162	1.2	1,162	1.0
Connecticut	5,362	0.9	4,383	0.9	979	0.9
Delaware	1,687	0.3	1,421	0.3	266	0.2
District of Columbia	305	(L)	268	0.1	37	(L)
Florida	32,663	5.2	27,095	5.3	5,568	4.9
Georgia	21,726	3.5	17,690	3.4	4,036	3.6
Hawaii	1,563	0.2	1,295	0.3	268	0.2
Idaho	2,160	0.3	1,748	0.3	412	0.4
Illinois	17,403	2.8	13,957	2.7	3,446	3.0
Indiana	4,581	0.7	3,666	0.7	915	0.8
Iowa	4,511	0.7	3,692	0.7	819	0.7
Kansas	3,305	0.5	2,712	0.5	593	0.5
Kentucky	16,163	2.6	12,969	2.5	3,194	2.8
Louisiana	9,354	1.5	7,310	1.4	2,044	1.8
Maine	5,391	0.9	4,506	0.9	885	0.8
Maryland	4,524	0.7	3,814	0.7	710	0.6
Massachusetts	16,461	2.6	13,074	2.5	3,387	3.0
Michigan	32,955	5.3	26,656	5.2	6,299	5.6
Minnesota	7,641	1.2	6,399	1.2	1,242	1.1
Mississippi	6,218	1.0	4,889	1.0	1,329	1.2
Missouri	10,822	1.7	8,949	1.7	1,873	1.7
Montana	2,147	0.3	1,830	0.4	317	0.3
Nebraska	1,833	0.3	1,481	0.3	352	0.3
Nevada	3,562	0.6	3,068	0.6	494	0.4
New Hampshire	3,920	0.6	3,128	0.6	792	0.7
New Jersey	15,130	2.4	11,991	2.3	3,139	2.8
New Mexico	3,402	0.5	2,843	0.6	559	0.5
New York	79,525	12.7	63,864	12.4	15,661	13.8
North Carolina	22,542	3.6	18,513	3.6	4,029	3.6
North Dakota	705	0.1	579	0.1	126	0.1
Ohio	14,485	2.3	12,290	2.4	2,195	1.9
Oklahoma	6,607	1.1	5,550	1.1	1,057	0.9
Oregon	6,136	1.0	5,181	1.0	955	0.8
Pennsylvania	38,259	6.1	30,779	6.0	7,480	6.6
Rhode Island	2,893	0.5	2,381	0.5	512	0.5

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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 2015—Continued**

State or area	Total		Workers		Spouses and children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	14,107	2.2	11,401	2.2	2,706	2.4
South Dakota	885	0.1	727	0.1	158	0.1
Tennessee	14,222	2.3	11,479	2.2	2,743	2.4
Texas	11,701	1.9	9,404	1.8	2,297	2.0
Utah	1,672	0.3	1,311	0.3	361	0.3
Vermont	1,069	0.2	878	0.2	191	0.2
Virginia	10,227	1.6	8,310	1.6	1,917	1.7
Washington	12,123	1.9	10,237	2.0	1,886	1.7
West Virginia	5,784	0.9	4,624	0.9	1,160	1.0
Wisconsin	7,330	1.2	5,952	1.2	1,378	1.2
Wyoming	522	0.1	417	0.1	105	0.1
Outlying areas						
Puerto Rico	26,442	4.2	21,702	4.2	4,740	4.2
Other <sup>a</sup>	129	(L)	91	(L)	38	(L)
Foreign countries	1,138	0.2	845	0.2	293	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 2015**

Diagnostic group	Total, all ages	Under 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-FRA
	<i>Number</i>							
Total	514,382	4,675	9,422	20,794	44,274	93,830	157,955	183,432
Congenital anomalies	235	3	11	12	23	49	61	76
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,045	51	84	235	579	1,368	2,426	3,302
Infectious and parasitic diseases	3,191	22	62	107	298	689	910	1,103
Injuries	33,576	656	969	1,759	3,286	6,132	9,657	11,117
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	45	8	4	5	6	9	9	4
Developmental disorders	93	(X)	(X)	5	13	30	17	23
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	73	6	3	6	7	17	14	20
Intellectual disability	4,221	71	95	188	535	916	1,193	1,223
Mood disorders	48,194	550	1,070	2,398	5,060	9,533	13,650	15,933
Organic mental disorders	11,012	222	364	652	1,213	2,128	2,999	3,434
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,828	165	208	349	712	1,180	1,621	1,593
Other	11,015	315	407	722	1,335	2,315	2,837	3,084
Neoplasms	5,669	114	142	257	467	970	1,677	2,042
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	345	13	13	22	36	58	95	108
Circulatory system	15,544	88	156	372	905	2,306	4,713	7,004
Digestive system	2,838	39	57	120	209	524	811	1,078
Genitourinary system	2,642	98	98	175	329	558	685	699
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	319,339	1,709	4,743	11,474	25,404	57,271	102,187	116,551
Nervous system and sense organs	28,292	439	719	1,403	2,795	5,366	8,130	9,440
Respiratory system	6,845	23	61	166	363	1,043	2,246	2,943
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	528	9	13	30	53	106	150	167
Other	493	4	11	19	52	82	151	174
Unknown	6,319	(X)	(X)	318	594	1,180	1,716	2,314

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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 2015—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)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(L)	(L)
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Injuries	6.5	14.0	10.3	8.5	7.4	6.5	6.1	6.1
Mental disorders								
Autistic disorders	(L)	0.2	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Developmental disorders	(L)	(X)	(X)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	(L)	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	0.8	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
Mood disorders	9.4	11.8	11.4	11.5	11.4	10.2	8.6	8.7
Organic mental disorders	2.1	4.7	3.9	3.1	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.9
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1.1	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.9
Other	2.1	6.7	4.3	3.5	3.0	2.5	1.8	1.7
Neoplasms	1.1	2.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Circulatory system	3.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.8
Digestive system	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Genitourinary system	0.5	2.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	62.1	36.6	50.3	55.2	57.4	61.0	64.7	63.5
Nervous system and sense organs	5.5	9.4	7.6	6.7	6.3	5.7	5.1	5.1
Respiratory system	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.6
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.1	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	(X)	(X)	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3

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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 2015**

Diagnostic group	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All disabled workers	514,382	100.0	313,043	100.0	201,339	100.0
Congenital anomalies	235	(L)	120	(L)	115	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,045	1.6	4,127	1.3	3,918	1.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	3,191	0.6	2,566	0.8	625	0.3
Injuries	33,576	6.5	25,187	8.0	8,389	4.2
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	45	(L)	35	(L)	10	(L)
Developmental disorders	93	(L)	59	(L)	34	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	73	(L)	46	(L)	27	(L)
Intellectual disability	4,221	0.8	3,199	1.0	1,022	0.5
Mood disorders	48,194	9.4	22,186	7.1	26,008	12.9
Organic mental disorders	11,012	2.1	8,204	2.6	2,808	1.4
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	5,828	1.1	3,832	1.2	1,996	1.0
Other	11,015	2.1	5,748	1.8	5,267	2.6
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Nervous system and sense organs	28,292	5.5	14,077	4.5	14,215	7.1
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Skin and subcutaneous tissue	528	0.1	277	0.1	251	0.1
Other	493	0.1	221	0.1	272	0.1
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