

State-by-State Disability Backlog

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State	Applications ¹	Hearing Backlog ²		Hearing Office Average Processing Time (In Days) ³
		2015	2016	
California^	235,387	88,190	97,735	566
New York*	149,302	70,825	82,174	639
Florida	177,229	76,495	76,434	619
Pennsylvania*	126,034	58,965	65,487	593
Texas	206,016	53,879	52,557	492
Ohio	103,475	40,440	43,974	509
Tennessee	61,361	40,010	42,118	515
Michigan*	90,090	37,917	42,077	506
North Carolina	92,647	37,681	41,925	660
Alabama*	65,184	35,727	30,073	520
Georgia	86,321	39,579	38,779	608
Illinois	84,903	25,052	31,800	547
Missouri*	67,752	25,904	30,258	540
New Jersey	56,139	13,866	29,555	639
South Carolina	48,217	27,773	27,235	628
Indiana	57,955	24,311	26,600	523
Virginia	53,927	23,158	22,853	547
Kentucky	53,937	20,008	22,792	522
Louisiana*	54,398	16,759	21,505	421
Mississippi	43,576	18,260	19,696	531
Washington	48,804	27,062	19,468	528
West Virginia	23,066	12,940	18,153	588
National Hearing Centers	-	17,926	18,149	542
Arizona	48,814	16,438	18,069	548
Wisconsin	42,339	13,058	16,814	573
Oregon	29,954	13,476	15,186	544
Oklahoma	42,624	14,613	14,229	461
Colorado*	30,155	13,369	14,077	523
Minnesota	30,756	6,524	12,079	423

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Massachusetts	47,546	12,468	11,659	458
Arkansas	38,248	10,879	10,866	393
Puerto Rico (territory)	11,840	11,247	10,808	652
Kansas	12,148	5,859	9,602	498
Maryland	42,757	11,118	7,710	663
Nevada	18,737	5,516	7,451	491
Connecticut	25,616	7,008	7,124	528
District of Columbia	6,255	6,610	6,835	674
Iowa	21,398	5,000	6,405	532
New Mexico	19,044	6,977	5,990	554
Utah	13,823	4,907	5,675	548
Montana	7,846	4,407	5,500	472
Nebraska	10,815	3,728	4,802	516
North Dakota	3,786	2,185	3,930	450
Delaware	7,550	3,678	3,290	646
New Hampshire*	9,069	3,124	3,252	438
Rhode Island	9,540	3,545	2,710	383
Maine	11,030	4,091	2,529	517
Hawaii	6,876	1,477	1,918	437
Alaska*	4,286	756	708	473
Four other states ⁴	26,156	–	–	–
NATIONAL TOTAL⁵	2,564,728	1,024,785	1,119,615	543⁶

Idaho, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming⁴

1 Total applications, by state, 12-months through November 2016 - <https://www.ssa.gov/disability/data/ssa-sa-mowl.htm>

2 Total pending claims, hearing offices (HO), Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, <http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/publicusefiles.html>; FY2016 through 9/30/16.

3 Average processing times are based on the average of office wait times for hearing offices in that state. Some states have only one hearing office. http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/DataSets/02_HO_Workload_Data.html

4 Hearing-level appeals in these four states are routed through adjacent/nearby offices in other states. They are counted in those states' hearing totals. Note: Some states include claims from other states in their totals. For example, the Kansas City hearing office also receives claims from parts of Kansas and Nebraska; http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/ho_locator.html.

National Hearing Centers receive claims from across the U.S.; locations: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore; Chicago; Falls Church, Virginia; and St. Louis.

5 For total SSDI beneficiaries by state - http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/di_asr/.

6 For latest national average processing times - <https://www.ssa.gov/appeals/>.

^ Claims in three California branches skip the Reconsideration level and go directly to the hearing.

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