

State-by-State Disability Backlog

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State	Applications ¹	Hearing Backlog ²	Hearing Office Average Processing Time (In Days) ³
California*	195,621	35,297	402
Texas	200,020	26,068	318
Florida	159,458	20,998	282
Pennsylvania*	95,428	16,869	261
New York*	122,370	16,569	288
Georgia	69,011	12,550	341
North Carolina	75,711	12,348	291
Ohio	89,587	12,240	261
Alabama*	64,893	10,960	307
Michigan*	70,067	10,435	252
Missouri*	60,415	10,047	333
Tennessee	47,710	10,018	271
Illinois	64,336	9,890	285
Louisiana*	48,495	9,446	321
Kentucky	45,295	9,386	297
Indiana	53,333	9,232	292
Oklahoma	40,296	8,370	314
New Jersey	45,712	7,630	306
Washington	40,636	7,369	439
Oregon	22,886	7,040	368
Virginia	51,045	6,822	288
South Carolina	46,201	6,696	277
Arizona	38,435	6,452	380
Mississippi	35,612	6,001	274
Colorado*	26,035	5,998	411
Arkansas	31,961	5,909	337
West Virginia	17,788	5,818	313
Puerto Rico	9,812	5,582	377
Wisconsin	38,213	4,576	266
Massachusetts	37,035	4,467	283

State	Applications ¹	Hearing Backlog ²	Hearing Office Average Processing Time (In Days) ³
Minnesota	26,884	3,813	276
Maryland	47,344	3,719	337
Connecticut	22,089	3,051	280
Nevada	16,172	2,931	455
North Dakota	2,901	2,275	344
Utah	13,782	2,130	329
Iowa	21,026	2,022	296
DC	8,284	1,991	318
Montana	6,931	1,990	336
New Mexico	18,915	1,973	384
Maine	10,275	1,529	317
Nebraska	10,328	1,378	240
New Hampshire*	8,271	1,307	311
Rhode Island	6,856	1,265	288
Delaware	8,101	1,140	314
Hawaii	6,106	997	470
Kansas	19,190	761	356
Alaska*	2,934	1	0
Four other states ⁴	23,344	-	-
National Total⁵	2,223,150	355,356	314

¹ Total applications, by state, 12-months through December 2020 - <https://www.ssa.gov/disability/data/ssa-sa-mowl.htm>

² Pending claims at hearing offices (HO), Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, <http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/publicusefiles.html>; 9/26/2020 through 3/26/21

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: Idaho, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, 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

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

* Reconsideration, also known as the first appeal, returned in these states: Alabama, Alaska, California (two offices), Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York and Pennsylvania.

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