

Applicants for Account Numbers, 1960*

From the beginning of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program to the end of 1960, more than 135 million social security account numbers have been issued (table 1). Slightly more than 3.4 million of these accounts were established in 1960—about the same as the number in the preceding year (table 2).

TABLE 1.—Number of applicants for account numbers and cumulative number at the end of each period, by sex and by year, 1950-60

[In thousands]

Period	Total		Male		Female	
	Total during period	Cumulative total at end of period	Total during period	Cumulative total at end of period	Total during period	Cumulative total at end of period
1950.....	2,891	97,526	1,405	57,382	1,485	40,142
1951.....	4,927	102,453	2,420	59,802	2,507	42,649
1952.....	4,363	106,816	2,202	62,094	2,071	44,720
1953.....	3,464	110,280	1,664	63,758	1,800	46,520
1954.....	2,743	113,023	1,299	65,057	1,444	47,964
1955.....	4,323	117,346	2,304	67,361	2,019	49,983
1956.....	4,376	121,722	2,391	69,752	1,985	51,968
1957.....	3,639	125,361	1,793	71,545	1,845	53,813
1958.....	2,920	128,281	1,384	72,929	1,536	55,349
1959.....	3,388	131,669	1,645	74,574	1,742	57,091
1960.....	3,415	135,084	1,663	76,237	1,752	58,843

In each of the first 3 quarters of 1960 the number of accounts established was larger than in the corresponding quarter of 1959, and in the third quarter the increase was a substantial 8 percent. The increases, however, were almost entirely offset by a fourth-quarter decline of more than 12 percent. Applicants in October-December

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1960 numbered only 344,000; except for 1949, this was the lowest fourth-quarter total on record. Nevertheless, the total number of accounts established in 1960 exceeded the number established in either 1958 or 1959.

In 1960, women again formed a majority (51 percent) of all applicants. Except in the years (1952, 1955, and 1956) when coverage was extended to include occupations filled largely by men, women have outnumbered male applicants each year since 1941. The 1.8 million accounts established for women in 1960 brought the total number of such accounts to 58.8 million or 44 percent of all accounts established. As a proportion of the total number, the accounts established for women have continued to rise because of the relatively large reserve of women still without account numbers and the increasing number entering the labor market each year since 1941.

The 2.7 million accounts established in 1960 for youths under age 20 represented 79 percent of all applications in that year—the highest proportion on record. The number itself was one of the largest in the history of the program; it was exceeded only in the initial period of registration, 1936 and 1937, and the period of abnormally high labor demand, 1941-43. The increase from 1959 in the number of applications received from youths was 1.2 percent. This rise is comparable with the estimated year-to-year growth in the reserve of persons under age 20 without account numbers and thus indicates that the level of employment opportunities for youths was about the same in both years.

Applicants aged 20 and over numbered 711,000 in 1960, representing a decrease of 0.7 percent

TABLE 2.—Applicants for account numbers, by sex and age, 1960 and 1959

Age group	Total			Male			Female		
	1960	1959	Percentage change	1960	1959	Percentage change	1960	1959	Percentage change
Total ¹	3,415,195	3,387,891	+0.8	1,663,203	1,645,433	+1.1	1,751,992	1,742,458	+0.5
Under 20.....	2,703,892	2,671,392	+1.2	1,433,333	1,420,312	+0.9	1,270,559	1,251,080	+1.6
20-24.....	193,464	182,617	+5.9	74,268	69,494	+6.9	119,196	113,123	+5.4
25-29.....	84,993	80,692	+5.3	36,468	32,812	+11.1	48,525	47,880	+1.3
30-34.....	64,010	59,017	+8.5	25,758	22,308	+15.5	38,252	36,709	+4.2
35-39.....	57,667	56,181	+2.6	19,238	16,602	+15.9	38,429	39,579	-2.9
40-44.....	56,184	55,878	+0.5	13,332	11,332	+17.6	48,852	44,546	-3.8
45-49.....	63,223	65,388	-3.3	11,945	11,523	+3.7	51,278	53,865	-4.8
50-54.....	59,068	59,569	-0.8	10,805	10,625	+1.7	48,263	48,944	-1.4
55-59.....	48,319	52,027	-7.1	9,748	11,190	-12.9	38,571	40,837	-5.5
60 and over.....	83,662	104,135	-19.7	27,819	38,586	-27.9	55,843	65,549	-14.8
60-64.....	37,132	42,826	-13.3	9,724	12,436	-21.8	27,408	30,390	-9.8
65-69.....	21,994	26,900	-18.2	7,923	10,155	-22.0	14,071	16,745	-16.0
70 and over.....	24,536	34,409	-28.7	10,172	15,995	-36.4	14,364	18,414	-22.0

¹ Includes 713 applicants in 1960 (489 men and 224 women) and 995 applicants in 1959 (649 men and 346 women) whose ages were not reported.

TABLE 3.—Applicants for account numbers, by sex, race, and age group, 1960

Age group	Total			Male			Female		
	Total	White ¹	Negro	Total	White ¹	Negro	Total	White ¹	Negro
Total.....	3,415,195	3,013,409	401,786	1,663,203	1,471,721	191,482	1,751,992	1,541,688	210,304
Under 15.....	220,645	193,175	27,470	149,316	129,523	19,793	71,329	63,652	7,677
15-19.....	2,483,247	2,216,716	266,531	1,284,017	1,141,077	142,940	1,199,230	1,075,639	123,591
20-39.....	400,134	326,230	73,904	155,732	135,644	20,088	244,402	190,586	53,816
40-59.....	226,794	203,043	23,751	45,830	41,172	4,658	180,964	161,871	19,093
60-64.....	37,132	32,863	4,269	9,724	8,550	1,174	27,408	24,313	3,095
65-69.....	21,994	19,023	2,971	7,923	6,578	1,345	14,071	12,445	1,626
70 and over.....	24,536	21,889	2,647	10,172	8,836	1,336	14,364	13,053	1,311
Age not reported.....	713	470	243	489	341	148	224	129	95

¹ Represents all races other than Negro.

from the number for this age group in 1959. The decline is a continuation of the downward trend in the total number of accounts established for persons aged 20 and over, caused by the depletion of the reserve of persons in the group who do not have account numbers.

Applications for account numbers received from Negroes in 1960 totaled 402,000, or 5.5 percent more than in 1959 (table 3). Negro applicants also formed a larger proportion of all applicants in 1960 (12 percent) than in 1959 (11 percent).

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