

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	74,587,552	11,109,751	14.9	51,901,404	69.6	11,576,397	15.5
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,474	3,939	0.1	1,419,041	41.7	1,979,494	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
1973	282,472	5,007	1.8	82,993	29.4	194,472	68.8
1974	2,069,452	125,028	6.0	1,098,373	53.1	846,051	40.9
1975	1,468,610	99,996	6.8	977,209	66.5	391,405	26.7
1976	1,207,448	83,960	7.0	865,790	71.7	257,698	21.3
1977	1,268,462	95,314	7.5	903,618	71.2	269,530	21.2
1978	1,265,436	99,610	7.9	902,756	71.3	263,070	20.8
1979	1,323,113	106,828	8.1	949,087	71.7	267,198	20.2
1980	1,408,034	114,508	8.1	1,013,221	72.0	280,305	19.9
1981	1,148,844	94,246	8.2	864,481	75.2	190,117	16.5
1982	1,015,848	93,872	9.2	775,491	76.3	146,485	14.4
1983	1,131,890	101,087	8.9	834,190	73.7	196,613	17.4
1984	1,264,820	104,748	8.3	868,375	68.7	291,697	23.1
1985	1,399,869	119,021	8.5	1,049,758	75.0	231,090	16.5
1986	1,467,326	124,938	8.5	1,098,832	74.9	243,556	16.6
1987	1,435,024	126,575	8.8	1,069,285	74.5	239,164	16.7
1988	1,365,117	125,953	9.2	1,013,316	74.2	225,848	16.5
1989	1,388,545	130,307	9.4	1,015,483	73.1	242,755	17.5
1990	1,547,230	166,416	10.8	1,133,564	73.3	247,250	16.0
1991	1,807,821	248,325	13.7	1,315,918	72.8	243,578	13.5
1992	2,087,788	378,808	18.1	1,465,039	70.2	243,941	11.7
1993	2,310,005	503,486	21.8	1,571,203	68.0	235,316	10.2
1994	2,260,271	540,124	23.9	1,517,140	67.1	203,007	9.0
1995	2,055,907	500,333	24.3	1,375,696	66.9	179,878	8.7
1996	1,922,472	465,685	24.2	1,289,985	67.1	166,802	8.7
1997	1,601,970	336,074	21.0	1,133,623	70.8	132,273	8.3
1998	1,629,223	339,243	20.8	1,139,825	70.0	150,155	9.2
1999	1,661,448	350,382	21.1	1,153,450	69.4	157,616	9.5
2000	1,744,386	360,329	20.7	1,224,826	70.2	159,231	9.1
2001	1,861,123	376,002	20.2	1,324,057	71.1	161,064	8.7
2002	2,084,828	414,068	19.9	1,490,731	71.5	180,029	8.6
2003	2,224,739	437,492	19.7	1,608,391	72.3	178,856	8.0
2004	2,418,096	458,236	19.0	1,771,003	73.2	188,857	7.8
2005	2,545,079	458,588	18.0	1,850,002	72.7	236,489	9.3
2006	2,648,570	459,805	17.4	1,923,288	72.6	265,477	10.0
2007	2,703,004	460,925	17.1	1,945,464	72.0	296,615	11.0
2008	2,827,541	476,251	16.8	2,030,774	71.8	320,516	11.3
2009	3,143,078	545,619	17.4	2,285,852	72.7	311,607	9.9
2010	3,148,689	546,407	17.4	2,314,739	73.5	287,543	9.1
2011	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.

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## Applications

**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	437,492	458,236	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251	545,619	546,407	532,216
Age									
Under 5	145,506	150,283	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884	185,399	186,226	182,564
5–12	208,354	217,010	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910	252,870	255,455	250,986
13–17	83,632	90,943	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457	107,350	104,726	98,666
Sex									
Male	274,605	287,629	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772	341,800	341,609	332,770
Female	162,887	170,607	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479	203,819	204,798	199,446
Citizenship status									
Citizen	435,385	456,020	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818	542,916	543,503	529,574
Noncitizen	2,107	2,216	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433	2,703	2,904	2,642
SSA administrative region									
Boston	13,651	14,300	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361	18,975	19,477	18,696
New York	35,721	38,223	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321	40,593	40,531	40,386
Philadelphia	43,289	45,582	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485	56,096	56,084	54,774
Atlanta	120,265	122,287	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618	145,088	145,833	141,832
Chicago	82,158	84,100	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956	92,024	89,299	84,603
Dallas	67,139	74,880	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612	94,800	99,423	96,427
Kansas City	16,695	17,332	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174	19,833	20,067	19,483
Denver	7,188	7,542	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050	8,947	8,799	8,249
San Francisco	41,385	43,201	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742	56,475	54,148	54,990
Seattle	9,925	10,721	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885	12,739	12,687	12,730
Unknown	76	68	75	64	84	47	49	59	46

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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**Table 59.**  
**Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	1,608,391	1,771,003	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535
Age									
18–21	116,569	124,284	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178	170,051	173,186	165,605
22–25	93,414	101,306	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551	132,315	136,324	130,592
26–29	88,573	97,685	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370	141,052	142,844	136,326
30–39	314,586	330,160	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440	379,220	385,246	371,687
40–49	472,602	519,999	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381	598,453	592,265	561,067
50–59	412,175	470,120	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045	663,464	684,914	675,354
60–64	110,472	127,449	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809	201,297	199,960	194,904
Sex									
Men	793,711	869,693	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684
Women	814,680	901,310	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,534,995	1,694,842	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681
Noncitizen	73,396	76,161	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604	86,526	86,493	84,854
SSA administrative region									
Boston	64,098	70,315	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883	104,362	104,581	97,911
New York	121,097	128,341	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555	155,922	154,390	152,498
Philadelphia	154,770	170,232	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323	222,686	221,624	221,565
Atlanta	396,605	426,469	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647	572,336	589,233	567,763
Chicago	269,757	300,502	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262	387,125	389,647	372,617
Dallas	227,721	256,360	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794	311,466	323,607	304,432
Kansas City	75,766	84,259	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711	102,177	105,926	99,127
Denver	35,896	43,112	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784	54,751	55,522	53,522
San Francisco	206,089	226,244	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235	295,963	289,485	285,539
Seattle	55,533	63,950	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449	78,945	80,616	80,424
Unknown	1,059	1,219	1,167	1,135	559	131	119	108	137

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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## Applications

**Table 60.**

**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	178,856	188,857	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516	311,607	287,543	273,749
Age									
65–69	96,301	100,905	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416	189,611	171,110	161,883
70–74	38,142	40,849	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109	55,615	52,612	50,121
75 or older	44,413	47,103	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991	66,381	63,821	61,745
Sex									
Men	69,664	74,377	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916	135,022	122,505	114,190
Women	109,192	114,480	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600	176,585	165,038	159,559
Citizenship status									
Citizen	119,793	126,554	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209	234,979	211,442	198,347
Noncitizen	59,063	62,303	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307	76,628	76,101	75,402
SSA administrative region									
Boston	6,764	7,083	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093	26,376	24,428	22,567
New York	24,676	26,164	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762	39,605	36,588	37,560
Philadelphia	11,029	11,137	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950	16,395	14,632	14,259
Atlanta	33,119	34,616	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474	45,972	47,117	45,749
Chicago	12,855	13,932	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693	36,567	30,402	26,685
Dallas	22,919	24,108	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069	32,661	33,595	31,245
Kansas City	2,854	2,976	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896	5,961	4,779	4,338
Denver	2,831	3,088	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269	5,171	5,462	5,038
San Francisco	56,935	61,107	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190	94,645	83,655	79,270
Seattle	4,867	4,641	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110	8,247	6,882	7,030
Unknown	7	5	15	13	15	10	7	3	8

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2011**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0
Alabama	64,443	12,948	20.1	49,894	77.4	1,601	2.5
Alaska	5,461	590	10.8	4,296	78.7	575	10.5
Arizona	46,246	7,418	16.0	35,606	77.0	3,222	7.0
Arkansas	47,204	12,022	25.5	34,000	72.0	1,182	2.5
California	342,477	43,158	12.6	226,871	66.2	72,448	21.2
Colorado	31,761	3,762	11.8	26,043	82.0	1,956	6.2
Connecticut	29,596	4,176	14.1	20,206	68.3	5,214	17.6
Delaware	8,546	1,833	21.4	6,255	73.2	458	5.4
District of Columbia	8,257	1,616	19.6	6,281	76.1	360	4.4
Florida	221,454	42,629	19.2	152,923	69.1	25,902	11.7
Georgia	116,309	22,258	19.1	88,548	76.1	5,503	4.7
Hawaii	8,515	728	8.5	6,475	76.0	1,312	15.4
Idaho	12,005	1,831	15.3	9,756	81.3	418	3.5
Illinois	101,006	19,203	19.0	72,495	71.8	9,308	9.2
Indiana	62,118	11,767	18.9	48,436	78.0	1,915	3.1
Iowa	22,735	3,616	15.9	18,052	79.4	1,067	4.7
Kansas	22,510	4,086	18.2	17,640	78.4	784	3.5
Kentucky	63,788	10,380	16.3	51,180	80.2	2,228	3.5
Louisiana	68,334	17,360	25.4	48,186	70.5	2,788	4.1
Maine	15,188	1,496	9.8	11,931	78.6	1,761	11.6
Maryland	54,160	7,758	14.3	43,727	80.7	2,675	4.9
Massachusetts	67,234	9,584	14.3	45,154	67.2	12,496	18.6
Michigan	109,590	18,366	16.8	87,461	79.8	3,763	3.4
Minnesota	33,300	5,415	16.3	25,767	77.4	2,118	6.4
Mississippi	54,866	12,240	22.3	40,697	74.2	1,929	3.5
Missouri	64,735	9,806	15.1	53,481	82.6	1,448	2.2
Montana	7,779	871	11.2	6,650	85.5	258	3.3
Nebraska	12,968	1,975	15.2	9,954	76.8	1,039	8.0
Nevada	22,205	3,565	16.1	16,429	74.0	2,211	10.0
New Hampshire	9,386	1,071	11.4	7,830	83.4	485	5.2
New Jersey	59,471	11,150	18.7	40,252	67.7	8,069	13.6
New Mexico	21,416	3,081	14.4	16,344	76.3	1,991	9.3
New York	170,973	29,236	17.1	112,246	65.7	29,491	17.2
North Carolina	104,273	19,029	18.2	81,016	77.7	4,228	4.1
North Dakota	4,307	500	11.6	3,041	70.6	766	17.8
Ohio	131,050	21,307	16.3	102,099	77.9	7,644	5.8
Oklahoma	40,707	7,316	18.0	31,931	78.4	1,460	3.6
Oregon	30,685	3,408	11.1	25,397	82.8	1,880	6.1
Pennsylvania	136,313	29,380	21.6	100,715	73.9	6,218	4.6
Rhode Island	11,695	1,720	14.7	8,208	70.2	1,767	15.1
South Carolina	55,716	10,435	18.7	43,038	77.2	2,243	4.0
South Dakota	6,487	851	13.1	4,693	72.3	943	14.5
Tennessee	74,495	11,913	16.0	60,467	81.2	2,115	2.8
Texas	254,443	56,648	22.3	173,971	68.4	23,824	9.4
Utah	12,951	1,917	14.8	10,137	78.3	897	6.9

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## Applications

**Table 61.**

**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	6,075	649	10.7	4,582	75.4	844	13.9
Virginia	58,537	11,050	18.9	44,169	75.5	3,318	5.7
Washington	52,033	6,901	13.3	40,975	78.7	4,157	8.0
West Virginia	24,785	3,137	12.7	20,418	82.4	1,230	5.0
Wisconsin	46,841	8,545	18.2	36,359	77.6	1,937	4.1
Wyoming	3,524	348	9.9	2,958	83.9	218	6.2
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	356	121	34.0	158	44.4	77	21.6
Unknown	191	46	24.1	137	71.7	8	4.2

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	49,371,701	8,553,007	17.3	32,257,386	65.3	8,561,308	17.3
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,447	3,939	0.1	1,419,029	41.7	1,979,479	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
1973	279,923	4,921	1.8	81,976	29.3	193,026	69.0
1974	2,007,786	122,958	6.1	1,064,223	53.0	820,605	40.9
1975	1,303,896	93,684	7.2	859,790	65.9	350,422	26.9
1976	971,621	75,158	7.7	686,086	70.6	210,377	21.7
1977	943,084	81,750	8.7	661,112	70.1	200,222	21.2
1978	899,731	84,845	9.4	629,784	70.0	185,102	20.6
1979	912,850	89,054	9.8	637,521	69.8	186,275	20.4
1980	936,442	93,059	9.9	652,690	69.7	190,693	20.4
1981	721,999	74,306	10.3	529,231	73.3	118,462	16.4
1982	604,008	72,480	12.0	448,905	74.3	82,623	13.7
1983	645,244	78,616	12.2	467,151	72.4	99,477	15.4
1984	736,509	81,634	11.1	486,922	66.1	167,953	22.8
1985	857,757	91,242	10.6	628,241	73.2	138,274	16.1
1986	933,045	97,656	10.5	689,437	73.9	145,952	15.6
1987	892,945	98,174	11.0	653,728	73.2	141,043	15.8
1988	839,066	96,325	11.5	608,131	72.5	134,610	16.0
1989	852,453	98,931	11.6	605,939	71.1	147,583	17.3
1990	978,993	129,266	13.2	695,281	71.0	154,446	15.8
1991	1,198,677	208,822	17.4	835,058	69.7	154,797	12.9
1992	1,451,391	336,632	23.2	955,060	65.8	159,699	11.0
1993	1,624,332	440,585	27.1	1,030,912	63.5	152,835	9.4
1994	1,571,525	459,531	29.2	982,275	62.5	129,719	8.3
1995	1,381,111	406,498	29.4	860,162	62.3	114,451	8.3
1996	1,246,066	361,211	29.0	780,058	62.6	104,797	8.4
1997	981,841	256,888	26.2	644,982	65.7	79,971	8.1
1998	984,062	251,074	25.5	640,585	65.1	92,403	9.4
1999	996,186	256,120	25.7	641,973	64.4	98,093	9.8
2000	1,038,677	259,137	24.9	680,397	65.5	99,143	9.5
2001	1,127,672	272,977	24.2	753,650	66.8	101,045	9.0
2002	1,278,653	302,682	23.7	862,899	67.5	113,072	8.8
2003	1,367,391	320,201	23.4	938,352	68.6	108,838	8.0
2004	1,489,330	336,735	22.6	1,038,077	69.7	114,518	7.7
2005	1,559,272	335,539	21.5	1,079,252	69.2	144,481	9.3
2006	1,611,484	333,436	20.7	1,107,658	68.7	170,390	10.6
2007	1,635,005	333,377	20.4	1,100,954	67.3	200,674	12.3
2008	1,683,238	343,118	20.4	1,123,307	66.7	216,813	12.9
2009	1,847,784	392,481	21.2	1,247,597	67.5	207,706	11.2
2010	1,831,983	394,599	21.5	1,254,710	68.5	182,674	10.0
2011	1,746,222	383,366	22.0	1,194,291	68.4	168,565	9.7

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