

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2023**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	98,749,541	15,771,737	16.0	68,939,651	69.8	14,038,153	14.2
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

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**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2023—Continued**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications <sup>b</sup> (cont.)							
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
2012	2,888,237	513,775	17.8	2,120,521	73.4	253,941	8.8
2013	2,571,864	458,616	17.8	1,879,330	73.1	233,918	9.1
2014	2,329,811	427,515	18.3	1,686,579	72.4	215,717	9.3
2015	2,281,250	444,913	19.5	1,623,538	71.2	212,799	9.3
2016	2,101,257	410,578	19.5	1,488,121	70.8	202,558	9.6
2017	2,006,446	391,879	19.5	1,405,664	70.1	208,903	10.4
2018	1,852,616	374,552	20.2	1,297,173	70.0	180,891	9.8
2019	1,845,437	363,807	19.7	1,304,381	70.7	177,249	9.6
2020	1,573,189	302,222	19.2	1,136,805	72.3	134,162	8.5
2021	1,484,728	272,666	18.4	1,019,125	68.6	192,937	13.0
2022	1,540,279	319,506	20.7	993,734	64.5	227,039	14.7
2023	1,686,875	381,957	22.6	1,083,276	64.2	221,642	13.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 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.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2015–2023**

Characteristic	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	444,913	410,578	391,879	374,552	363,807	302,222	272,666	319,506	381,957
Age									
Under 5	151,538	141,991	136,120	131,098	132,498	115,970	107,857	124,101	143,576
5–12	214,973	197,147	187,425	179,058	169,381	133,060	116,092	141,722	173,995
13–17	78,402	71,440	68,334	64,396	61,928	53,192	48,717	53,683	64,386
Sex									
Male	278,166	256,638	245,344	235,417	228,501	189,476	170,386	201,819	241,475
Female	166,747	153,940	146,535	139,135	135,306	112,746	102,280	117,687	140,482
Citizenship status									
Citizen	442,111	407,773	389,116	372,571	362,081	300,895	271,378	317,832	379,331
Noncitizen	2,802	2,805	2,763	1,981	1,726	1,327	1,288	1,674	2,626
SSA administrative region									
Boston	15,637	13,769	13,221	12,351	12,421	9,457	8,532	10,362	11,988
New York	36,576	33,445	32,008	29,295	27,401	21,710	20,828	25,416	29,528
Philadelphia	48,840	43,552	42,217	38,511	38,492	29,361	26,205	32,482	38,687
Atlanta	121,463	113,786	109,532	105,400	103,908	88,168	80,886	89,451	104,133
Chicago	66,620	60,128	57,414	58,126	53,441	46,214	41,915	48,252	60,295
Dallas	77,067	73,344	69,081	65,021	62,095	52,991	44,052	56,149	68,972
Kansas City	14,851	14,409	13,619	13,743	12,971	11,893	11,667	11,664	12,860
Denver	6,960	6,679	6,324	5,956	5,949	5,003	4,292	4,846	5,783
San Francisco	45,006	40,802	38,268	36,157	37,183	29,249	27,305	33,678	41,517
Seattle	11,836	10,384	9,784	9,661	9,651	7,849	6,600	6,793	7,826
Unknown	57	280	411	331	295	327	384	413	368

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 59.**  
**Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2015–2023**

Characteristic	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,623,538	1,488,121	1,405,664	1,297,173	1,304,381	1,136,805	1,019,125	993,734	1,083,276
Age									
18–21	117,597	108,078	108,922	102,855	104,980	93,499	86,199	83,375	94,377
22–25	94,951	84,783	83,058	73,116	71,328	64,871	58,178	55,622	64,578
26–29	97,225	90,156	90,567	82,838	81,952	72,247	62,834	58,457	64,905
30–39	277,395	256,280	243,644	224,143	225,775	195,172	174,185	172,325	191,033
40–49	369,711	332,630	301,956	274,580	274,906	238,401	215,019	209,908	225,907
50–59	526,697	485,092	452,314	420,373	421,409	363,160	317,440	305,640	324,077
60–64	139,962	131,102	125,203	119,268	124,031	109,455	105,270	108,407	118,399
Sex									
Men	818,135	754,617	715,141	661,593	669,486	587,724	522,985	512,126	559,966
Women	805,403	733,504	690,523	635,580	634,895	549,081	496,140	481,608	523,310
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,559,919	1,431,298	1,355,499	1,254,459	1,265,531	1,106,933	990,114	963,374	1,049,054
Noncitizen	63,619	56,823	50,165	42,714	38,850	29,872	29,011	30,360	34,222
SSA administrative region									
Boston	71,858	63,443	60,235	55,681	55,193	43,301	39,183	38,801	44,016
New York	124,285	113,600	107,499	96,066	93,083	78,531	70,080	73,511	77,167
Philadelphia	163,266	149,318	143,720	128,457	132,864	105,978	96,511	98,194	104,146
Atlanta	420,979	383,997	360,682	336,371	334,851	301,513	273,479	247,455	270,858
Chicago	254,500	229,128	211,870	195,077	199,194	174,743	160,539	155,450	172,359
Dallas	220,652	212,549	201,365	187,951	186,647	170,816	149,194	146,002	159,198
Kansas City	70,089	67,173	63,829	57,880	59,669	53,061	46,723	42,668	43,380
Denver	38,839	37,028	35,309	31,395	31,333	29,593	26,554	25,209	28,746
San Francisco	202,456	178,230	168,637	158,307	160,620	135,552	119,755	130,473	143,407
Seattle	56,368	52,128	50,801	47,965	48,850	41,858	35,373	34,347	38,772
Unknown	246	1,527	1,717	2,023	2,077	1,859	1,734	1,624	1,227

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 60.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2015–2023**

Characteristic	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	212,799	202,558	208,903	180,891	177,249	134,162	192,937	227,039	221,642
Age									
65–69	122,494	115,978	118,426	101,905	98,474	78,254	102,238	120,095	116,540
70–74	40,043	38,186	41,915	35,359	35,536	26,327	43,697	52,160	50,281
75 or older	50,262	48,394	48,562	43,627	43,239	29,581	47,002	54,784	54,821
Sex									
Men	86,333	81,706	83,900	72,834	71,615	54,694	80,559	97,932	91,738
Women	126,466	120,852	125,003	108,057	105,634	79,468	112,378	129,107	129,904
Citizenship status									
Citizen	146,969	139,860	152,174	131,087	131,225	101,413	145,416	176,226	161,537
Noncitizen	65,830	62,698	56,729	49,804	46,024	32,749	47,521	50,813	60,105
SSA administrative region									
Boston	12,258	11,113	10,024	8,089	7,001	5,193	7,801	7,441	9,180
New York	29,563	27,722	28,451	26,614	24,021	16,657	27,203	27,090	26,725
Philadelphia	10,643	10,234	11,747	9,528	9,913	7,836	13,126	14,282	13,167
Atlanta	41,720	40,205	42,925	35,065	34,278	28,183	38,888	51,226	47,922
Chicago	16,701	15,509	16,649	13,330	12,892	10,244	13,706	19,473	19,027
Dallas	24,242	22,962	24,260	20,669	19,719	14,724	20,739	26,593	26,506
Kansas City	2,961	2,848	3,154	2,636	2,630	2,090	2,748	3,285	2,948
Denver	3,323	3,585	3,816	3,156	2,954	2,421	3,286	3,585	3,635
San Francisco	65,930	62,899	62,270	57,016	58,691	42,964	60,845	68,597	66,513
Seattle	5,415	5,271	5,411	4,521	4,822	3,653	4,400	5,325	5,908
Unknown	43	210	196	267	328	197	195	142	111

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2023**

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	1,686,875	381,957	22.6	1,083,276	64.2	221,642	13.1
Alabama	31,733	7,259	22.9	22,783	71.8	1,691	5.3
Alaska	2,111	219	10.4	1,526	72.3	366	17.3
Arizona	30,960	6,949	22.4	20,708	66.9	3,303	10.7
Arkansas	23,460	6,980	29.8	15,656	66.7	824	3.5
California	202,922	31,310	15.4	111,114	54.8	60,498	29.8
Colorado	17,599	2,500	14.2	12,735	72.4	2,364	13.4
Connecticut	15,270	3,177	20.8	10,211	66.9	1,882	12.3
Delaware	4,145	1,199	28.9	2,605	62.8	341	8.2
District of Columbia	4,893	1,142	23.3	3,285	67.1	466	9.5
Florida	133,472	31,869	23.9	72,198	54.1	29,405	22.0
Georgia	68,066	18,549	27.3	43,435	63.8	6,082	8.9
Hawaii	4,714	475	10.1	3,380	71.7	859	18.2
Idaho	6,071	1,087	17.9	4,667	76.9	317	5.2
Illinois	54,904	13,937	25.4	34,407	62.7	6,560	11.9
Indiana	34,474	8,184	23.7	24,778	71.9	1,512	4.4
Iowa	11,638	2,830	24.3	8,270	71.1	538	4.6
Kansas	11,612	2,749	23.7	8,261	71.1	602	5.2
Kentucky	34,840	8,652	24.8	24,309	69.8	1,879	5.4
Louisiana	38,932	12,522	32.2	24,203	62.2	2,207	5.7
Maine	6,416	1,006	15.7	5,074	79.1	336	5.2
Maryland	27,878	5,593	20.1	19,295	69.2	2,990	10.7
Massachusetts	31,066	5,520	17.8	19,612	63.1	5,934	19.1
Michigan	52,259	12,754	24.4	35,595	68.1	3,910	7.5
Minnesota	20,447	3,444	16.8	14,786	72.3	2,217	10.8
Mississippi	28,231	6,958	24.6	20,067	71.1	1,206	4.3
Missouri	28,895	5,478	19.0	22,057	76.3	1,360	4.7
Montana	3,878	495	12.8	3,110	80.2	273	7.0
Nebraska	7,043	1,803	25.6	4,792	68.0	448	6.4
Nevada	12,587	2,694	21.4	8,111	64.4	1,782	14.2
New Hampshire	4,366	613	14.0	3,530	80.9	223	5.1
New Jersey	37,793	9,250	24.5	21,581	57.1	6,962	18.4
New Mexico	10,871	2,155	19.8	7,692	70.8	1,024	9.4
New York	95,627	20,278	21.2	55,586	58.1	19,763	20.7
North Carolina	54,628	13,650	25.0	37,356	68.4	3,622	6.6
North Dakota	2,629	466	17.7	2,065	78.5	98	3.7
Ohio	67,763	16,940	25.0	47,216	69.7	3,607	5.3
Oklahoma	24,599	4,940	20.1	18,514	75.3	1,145	4.7
Oregon	15,813	2,242	14.2	12,121	76.7	1,450	9.2
Pennsylvania	71,856	20,591	28.7	45,584	63.4	5,681	7.9
Rhode Island	5,567	1,307	23.5	3,599	64.6	661	11.9
South Carolina	30,745	7,666	24.9	21,185	68.9	1,894	6.2
South Dakota	3,831	659	17.2	2,902	75.8	270	7.0
Tennessee	41,198	9,530	23.1	29,525	71.7	2,143	5.2
Texas	156,814	42,375	27.0	93,133	59.4	21,306	13.6
Utah	8,276	1,430	17.3	6,295	76.1	551	6.7

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2023—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	2,499	365	14.6	1,990	79.6	144	5.8
Virginia	35,432	8,122	22.9	24,085	68.0	3,225	9.1
Washington	28,511	4,278	15.0	20,458	71.8	3,775	13.2
West Virginia	11,796	2,040	17.3	9,292	78.8	464	3.9
Wisconsin	21,834	5,036	23.1	15,577	71.3	1,221	5.6
Wyoming	1,951	233	11.9	1,639	84.0	79	4.0
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	254	89	35.0	94	37.0	71	28.0
Unknown	1,706	368	21.6	1,227	71.9	111	6.5

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2023**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	62,634,537	11,927,162	19.0	40,766,564	65.1	9,940,811	15.9
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

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2023—Continued**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications <sup>b</sup> (cont.)							
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
2012	1,635,635	366,930	22.4	1,117,483	68.3	151,222	9.2
2013	1,428,090	326,148	22.8	966,650	67.7	135,292	9.5
2014	1,279,917	304,340	23.8	852,445	66.6	123,132	9.6
2015	1,246,666	317,688	25.5	808,669	64.9	120,309	9.7
2016	1,133,857	291,557	25.7	730,091	64.4	112,209	9.9
2017	1,087,051	277,638	25.5	694,053	63.8	115,360	10.6
2018	992,004	266,790	26.9	628,454	63.4	96,760	9.8
2019	977,697	260,610	26.7	624,152	63.8	92,935	9.5
2020	833,895	219,347	26.3	542,280	65.0	72,268	8.7
2021	807,823	201,786	25.0	500,163	61.9	105,874	13.1
2022	867,682	243,895	28.1	496,785	57.3	127,002	14.6
2023	972,519	297,426	30.6	547,953	56.3	127,140	13.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 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.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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