

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2012**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	77,475,789	11,623,526	15.0	54,021,925	69.7	11,830,338	15.3
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
2012	2,888,237	513,775	17.8	2,120,521	73.4	253,941	8.8

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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## Applications

**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2004–2012**

Characteristic	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	458,236	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251	545,619	546,407	532,216	513,775
Age									
Under 5	150,283	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884	185,399	186,226	182,564	175,942
5–12	217,010	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910	252,870	255,455	250,986	245,200
13–17	90,943	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457	107,350	104,726	98,666	92,633
Sex									
Male	287,629	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772	341,800	341,609	332,770	321,033
Female	170,607	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479	203,819	204,798	199,446	192,742
Citizenship status									
Citizen	456,020	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818	542,916	543,503	529,574	511,184
Noncitizen	2,216	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433	2,703	2,904	2,642	2,591
SSA administrative region									
Boston	14,300	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361	18,975	19,477	18,696	18,333
New York	38,223	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321	40,593	40,531	40,386	39,646
Philadelphia	45,582	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485	56,096	56,084	54,774	53,080
Atlanta	122,287	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618	145,088	145,833	141,832	140,326
Chicago	84,100	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956	92,024	89,299	84,603	81,569
Dallas	74,880	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612	94,800	99,423	96,427	91,392
Kansas City	17,332	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174	19,833	20,067	19,483	17,993
Denver	7,542	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050	8,947	8,799	8,249	8,130
San Francisco	43,201	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742	56,475	54,148	54,990	51,590
Seattle	10,721	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885	12,739	12,687	12,730	11,661
Unknown	68	75	64	84	47	49	59	46	55

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, 2004–2012**

Characteristic	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	1,771,003	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535	2,120,521
Age									
18–21	124,284	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178	170,051	173,186	165,605	155,151
22–25	101,306	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551	132,315	136,324	130,592	125,988
26–29	97,685	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370	141,052	142,844	136,326	128,662
30–39	330,160	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440	379,220	385,246	371,687	355,738
40–49	519,999	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381	598,453	592,265	561,067	519,293
50–59	470,120	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045	663,464	684,914	675,354	653,945
60–64	127,449	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809	201,297	199,960	194,904	181,744
Sex									
Men	869,693	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684	1,071,639
Women	901,310	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851	1,048,882
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,694,842	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681	2,041,159
Noncitizen	76,161	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604	86,526	86,493	84,854	79,362
SSA administrative region									
Boston	70,315	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883	104,362	104,581	97,911	95,269
New York	128,341	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555	155,922	154,390	152,498	145,934
Philadelphia	170,232	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323	222,686	221,624	221,565	212,280
Atlanta	426,469	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647	572,336	589,233	567,763	546,566
Chicago	300,502	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262	387,125	389,647	372,617	351,640
Dallas	256,360	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794	311,466	323,607	304,432	287,228
Kansas City	84,259	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711	102,177	105,926	99,127	90,974
Denver	43,112	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784	54,751	55,522	53,522	50,636
San Francisco	226,244	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235	295,963	289,485	285,539	265,184
Seattle	63,950	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449	78,945	80,616	80,424	74,699
Unknown	1,219	1,167	1,135	559	131	119	108	137	111

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

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## Applications

**Table 60.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2004–2012**

Characteristic	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	188,857	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516	311,607	287,543	273,749	253,941
Age									
65–69	100,905	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416	189,611	171,110	161,883	150,436
70–74	40,849	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109	55,615	52,612	50,121	46,479
75 or older	47,103	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991	66,381	63,821	61,745	57,026
Sex									
Men	74,377	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916	135,022	122,505	114,190	105,376
Women	114,480	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600	176,585	165,038	159,559	148,565
Citizenship status									
Citizen	126,554	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209	234,979	211,442	198,347	182,617
Noncitizen	62,303	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307	76,628	76,101	75,402	71,324
SSA administrative region									
Boston	7,083	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093	26,376	24,428	22,567	20,838
New York	26,164	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762	39,605	36,588	37,560	33,196
Philadelphia	11,137	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950	16,395	14,632	14,259	13,236
Atlanta	34,616	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474	45,972	47,117	45,749	42,674
Chicago	13,932	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693	36,567	30,402	26,685	24,418
Dallas	24,108	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069	32,661	33,595	31,245	29,388
Kansas City	2,976	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896	5,961	4,779	4,338	4,042
Denver	3,088	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269	5,171	5,462	5,038	3,774
San Francisco	61,107	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190	94,645	83,655	79,270	75,939
Seattle	4,641	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110	8,247	6,882	7,030	6,431
Unknown	5	15	13	15	10	7	3	8	5

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, 2012**

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	2,888,237	513,775	17.8	2,120,521	73.4	253,941	8.8
Alabama	63,274	12,660	20.0	49,143	77.7	1,471	2.3
Alaska	4,985	498	10.0	3,896	78.2	591	11.9
Arizona	43,815	6,942	15.8	33,884	77.3	2,989	6.8
Arkansas	46,283	11,805	25.5	33,383	72.1	1,095	2.4
California	319,631	40,413	12.6	209,855	65.7	69,363	21.7
Colorado	31,009	3,709	12.0	25,456	82.1	1,844	5.9
Connecticut	28,264	4,087	14.5	19,664	69.6	4,513	16.0
Delaware	7,979	1,685	21.1	5,973	74.9	321	4.0
District of Columbia	8,026	1,620	20.2	6,078	75.7	328	4.1
Florida	212,547	42,582	20.0	145,656	68.5	24,309	11.4
Georgia	114,369	22,128	19.3	86,904	76.0	5,337	4.7
Hawaii	7,736	644	8.3	5,745	74.3	1,347	17.4
Idaho	11,689	1,811	15.5	9,520	81.4	358	3.1
Illinois	97,072	18,358	18.9	69,939	72.0	8,775	9.0
Indiana	58,928	11,251	19.1	46,116	78.3	1,561	2.6
Iowa	21,017	3,389	16.1	16,674	79.3	954	4.5
Kansas	20,422	3,699	18.1	16,018	78.4	705	3.5
Kentucky	60,962	10,533	17.3	48,421	79.4	2,008	3.3
Louisiana	64,118	16,486	25.7	45,193	70.5	2,439	3.8
Maine	14,396	1,542	10.7	11,525	80.1	1,329	9.2
Maryland	53,424	7,567	14.2	43,314	81.1	2,543	4.8
Massachusetts	65,552	9,269	14.1	44,514	67.9	11,769	18.0
Michigan	103,639	17,666	17.0	82,090	79.2	3,883	3.7
Minnesota	31,937	5,349	16.7	24,674	77.3	1,914	6.0
Mississippi	51,923	11,707	22.5	38,575	74.3	1,641	3.2
Missouri	59,539	9,054	15.2	49,201	82.6	1,284	2.2
Montana	6,550	804	12.3	5,550	84.7	196	3.0
Nebraska	12,031	1,851	15.4	9,081	75.5	1,099	9.1
Nevada	21,218	3,479	16.4	15,566	73.4	2,173	10.2
New Hampshire	8,737	1,098	12.6	7,149	81.8	490	5.6
New Jersey	58,350	10,891	18.7	40,123	68.8	7,336	12.6
New Mexico	20,059	2,935	14.6	15,562	77.6	1,562	7.8
New York	160,426	28,755	17.9	105,811	66.0	25,860	16.1
North Carolina	99,680	18,703	18.8	77,163	77.4	3,814	3.8
North Dakota	3,822	460	12.0	2,824	73.9	538	14.1
Ohio	121,662	20,614	16.9	94,548	77.7	6,500	5.3
Oklahoma	37,089	6,537	17.6	29,223	78.8	1,329	3.6
Oregon	28,710	3,136	10.9	23,778	82.8	1,796	6.3
Pennsylvania	129,515	28,287	21.8	95,275	73.6	5,953	4.6
Rhode Island	11,884	1,789	15.1	8,221	69.2	1,874	15.8
South Carolina	54,234	10,246	18.9	41,902	77.3	2,086	3.8
South Dakota	5,617	918	16.3	4,246	75.6	453	8.1
Tennessee	72,577	11,767	16.2	58,802	81.0	2,008	2.8
Texas	240,459	53,629	22.3	163,867	68.1	22,963	9.5
Utah	12,406	1,909	15.4	9,848	79.4	649	5.2

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## Applications

**Table 61.**

**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2012—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	5,607	548	9.8	4,196	74.8	863	15.4
Virginia	57,117	10,902	19.1	43,038	75.4	3,177	5.6
Washington	47,407	6,216	13.1	37,505	79.1	3,686	7.8
West Virginia	22,535	3,019	13.4	18,602	82.5	914	4.1
Wisconsin	44,389	8,331	18.8	34,273	77.2	1,785	4.0
Wyoming	3,136	330	10.5	2,712	86.5	94	3.0
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	313	112	35.8	134	42.8	67	21.4
Unknown	171	55	32.2	111	64.9	5	2.9

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, 1973–2012**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	51,007,336	8,919,937	17.5	33,374,869	65.4	8,712,530	17.1
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
2012	1,635,635	366,930	22.4	1,117,483	68.3	151,222	9.2

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- 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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