

2.F SSA Administrative Data: Hearings and Appeals

Table 2.F8—Workload of SSA's Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), fiscal years 2014–2017

Item	2014	2015	2016 ^a	2017
Number of ALJs	1,311	1,265	1,340	1,430
Average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ ^b	43	44	40	40
Average hearings pending per ALJ	688	708	723	661

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings Operations. Actual data from Case Processing Management System (CPMS) Management Information.

NOTE: Number of ALJs and average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ based on fiscal year average ALJ availability; average hearings pending per ALJ based on ALJs on duty. Data exclude Regional Chief ALJs.

a. Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. Although September 2016 included such a week, data for that week are not available. Values shown are as of the end of the 52nd week of fiscal year 2016.

b. Calculation excludes Attorney Adjudicator decisions.

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Table 2.F9—Number of hearing level receipts, dispositions, and end-of-year pending cases, fiscal years 2015–2017

Program	Hearing level receipts			Hearing level dispositions			End-of-year pending cases		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Total	746,300	712,853	620,164	663,129	652,241	685,657	1,060,907	1,121,519	1,056,026
OASI	1,632	1,342	1,269	1,575	1,392	1,228	1,530	1,481	1,525
Disability									
DI	265,638	255,434	224,385	216,541	223,434	244,708	371,793	402,498	381,411
SSI	210,565	209,312	185,603	190,020	185,281	195,747	303,889	327,670	317,409
DI and SSI	268,465	246,765	208,907	254,993	242,134	243,974	383,695	389,870	355,681

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings Operations. Actual data from Case Processing Management System (CPMS) Management Information.

NOTES: Some claims are reclassified from one program to another during their processing cycle. End-of-year adjustments account for those reclassifications.

Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. September 2016 included such a week, and the values shown for fiscal year 2016 include the activity for that week, as follows: for OASI, 31 receipts, 30 dispositions, and 1 additional pending case; for DI, 5,285 receipts, 5,118 dispositions and a reduction of 58 pending cases; for SSI, 4,314 receipts, 4,211 dispositions, and 53 additional pending cases; and for both DI and SSI, 4,644 receipts, 5,410 dispositions, and a reduction of 491 pending cases. In total, that week saw 14,274 receipts, 14,769 dispositions, and a reduction of 495 pending cases. Reclassifications (noted above) account for apparent discrepancies.

OASI = Old-Age and Survivors Insurance; DI = Disability Insurance; SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

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Table 2.F11—Number of SSA Appeals Council cases, fiscal years 2014–2017

Cases	2014	2015	2016 ^a	2017
Beginning-of-year pending	157,311	150,383	149,147	127,134
Receipts	155,352	149,437	136,987	128,113
Dispositions	162,280	150,673	159,000	160,776
End-of-year pending	150,383	149,147	127,134	94,471

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings Operations. Actual data from the Appeals Review Processing System (ARPS) Management Information.

a. Because of calendar variations and agency budgeting and accounting rules, one week occasionally falls between the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. September 2016 included such a week, and the values shown for fiscal year 2016 include the 3,147 receipts and 4,598 dispositions (and the resulting reduction in pending cases by 1,451) that occurred in that week.

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