

2.F SSA Administrative Data: Hearings and Appeals

Table 2.F8—Workload of SSA's Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), fiscal years 2015–2018

Item	2015	2016 ^a	2017	2018
Number of ALJs	1,265	1,340	1,430	1,487
Average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ ^b	44	40	40	43
Average hearings pending per ALJ	708	723	661	534

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 2016–2018

Program	Hearing level receipts			Hearing level dispositions			End-of-year pending cases		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Total	712,853	620,164	567,911	652,241	685,657	765,554	1,121,519	1,056,026	858,383
OASI	1,342	1,269	1,235	1,392	1,228	1,375	1,481	1,525	1,382
Disability									
DI	255,434	224,385	204,366	223,434	244,708	278,596	402,498	381,411	306,589
SSI	209,312	185,603	172,757	185,281	195,747	223,878	327,670	317,409	266,167
DI and SSI	246,765	208,907	189,553	242,134	243,974	261,705	389,870	355,681	284,245

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 2015–2018

Cases	2015	2016 ^a	2017	2018
Beginning-of-year pending	150,383	149,147	127,134	94,471
Receipts	149,437	136,987	128,113	152,888
Dispositions	150,673	159,000	160,776	155,959
End-of-year pending	149,147	127,134	94,471	91,400

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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