

## 2.F SSA Administrative Data: Hearings and Appeals

**Table 2.F8—Workload of SSA's Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), fiscal years 2016–2019**

Item	2016 <sup>a</sup>	2017	2018	2019
Number of ALJs	1,340	1,430	1,487	1,420
Average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ <sup>b</sup>	40	40	43	47
Average hearings pending per ALJ	723	661	534	395

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 2017–2019**

Program	Hearing level receipts			Hearing level dispositions			End-of-year pending cases		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Total	620,164	567,911	510,901	685,657	765,554	793,863	1,056,026	858,383	575,421
OASI	1,269	1,235	1,155	1,228	1,375	1,459	1,525	1,382	1,083
Disability									
DI	224,385	204,366	186,531	244,708	278,596	288,621	381,411	306,589	204,041
SSI	185,603	172,757	154,163	195,747	223,878	238,052	317,409	266,167	182,133
DI and SSI	208,907	189,553	169,052	243,974	261,705	265,731	355,681	284,245	188,164

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.

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 2016–2019**

Cases	2016 <sup>a</sup>	2017	2018	2019
Beginning-of-year pending	149,147	127,134	94,471	91,400
Receipts	136,987	128,113	152,888	171,978
Dispositions	159,000	160,776	155,959	144,193
End-of-year pending	127,134	94,471	91,400	119,185

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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