

2.F SSA Resources and Operations: Hearings and Appeals

Table 2.F8—Workload of SSA's Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), fiscal years 2019–2022

| Item | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of ALJs | 1,420 | 1,315 | 1,235 | 1,132 |
| Average monthly hearing dispositions per ALJ ^a | 47 | 37 | 30 | 26 |
| Average hearings pending per ALJ | 395 | 306 | 273 | 295 |

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. 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 2020–2022

| Program | Hearing level receipts | | | Hearing level dispositions | | | End-of-year pending cases | | |
|------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 ^a | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 ^a | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 ^a |
| Total | 428,810 | 382,870 | 349,329 | 585,918 | 451,046 | 352,899 | 418,313 | 350,137 | 346,567 |
| OASI | 552 | 1,073 | 1,676 | 779 | 1,054 | 942 | 862 | 881 | 1,615 |
| Disability | | | | | | | | | |
| DI | 164,730 | 153,600 | 147,767 | 219,149 | 176,288 | 144,882 | 149,239 | 126,264 | 128,909 |
| SSI | 118,863 | 102,132 | 90,755 | 168,080 | 123,436 | 94,238 | 132,785 | 111,367 | 107,783 |
| DI and SSI | 144,665 | 126,065 | 109,131 | 197,910 | 150,268 | 112,837 | 135,427 | 111,625 | 108,260 |

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.

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 2022 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 2022.

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Table 2.F11—Number of SSA Appeals Council cases, fiscal years 2019–2022

| Cases | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 ^a |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Beginning-of-year pending | 91,400 | 119,185 | 57,327 | 50,634 |
| Receipts | 171,978 | 129,876 | 111,722 | 84,935 |
| Dispositions | 144,193 | 191,734 | 118,415 | 88,635 |
| End-of-year pending | 119,185 | 57,327 | 50,634 | 46,934 |

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 2022 included such a week, and the values shown for fiscal year 2022 include the 1,299 receipts and 2,240 dispositions (and the resulting reduction in pending cases by 941) that occurred in that week.

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