

# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2021**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	95,522,387	15,070,274	15.8	66,862,641	70.0	13,589,472	14.2
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

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**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2021—Continued**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications <sup>b</sup> (cont.)							
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
2013	2,571,864	458,616	17.8	1,879,330	73.1	233,918	9.1
2014	2,329,811	427,515	18.3	1,686,579	72.4	215,717	9.3
2015	2,281,250	444,913	19.5	1,623,538	71.2	212,799	9.3
2016	2,101,257	410,578	19.5	1,488,121	70.8	202,558	9.6
2017	2,006,446	391,879	19.5	1,405,664	70.1	208,903	10.4
2018	1,852,616	374,552	20.2	1,297,173	70.0	180,891	9.8
2019	1,845,437	363,807	19.7	1,304,381	70.7	177,249	9.6
2020	1,573,189	302,222	19.2	1,136,805	72.3	134,162	8.5
2021	1,484,728	272,666	18.4	1,019,125	68.6	192,937	13.0

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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**Table 58.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2013–2021**

Characteristic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	458,616	427,515	444,913	410,578	391,879	374,552	363,807	302,222	272,666
Age									
Under 5	157,736	147,407	151,538	141,991	136,120	131,098	132,498	115,970	107,857
5–12	219,915	205,877	214,973	197,147	187,425	179,058	169,381	133,060	116,092
13–17	80,965	74,231	78,402	71,440	68,334	64,396	61,928	53,192	48,717
Sex									
Male	286,218	267,428	278,166	256,638	245,344	235,417	228,501	189,476	170,386
Female	172,398	160,087	166,747	153,940	146,535	139,135	135,306	112,746	102,280
Citizenship status									
Citizen	456,114	424,998	442,111	407,773	389,116	372,571	362,081	300,895	271,378
Noncitizen	2,502	2,517	2,802	2,805	2,763	1,981	1,726	1,327	1,288
SSA administrative region									
Boston	16,899	15,674	15,637	13,769	13,221	12,351	12,421	9,457	8,532
New York	35,442	32,997	36,576	33,445	32,008	29,295	27,401	21,710	20,828
Philadelphia	47,879	45,014	48,840	43,552	42,217	38,511	38,492	29,361	26,205
Atlanta	127,272	119,350	121,463	113,786	109,532	105,400	103,908	88,168	80,886
Chicago	71,254	65,153	66,620	60,128	57,414	58,126	53,441	46,214	41,915
Dallas	80,583	74,394	77,067	73,344	69,081	65,021	62,095	52,991	44,052
Kansas City	16,028	14,570	14,851	14,409	13,619	13,743	12,971	11,893	11,667
Denver	7,280	6,730	6,960	6,679	6,324	5,956	5,949	5,003	4,292
San Francisco	45,533	42,977	45,006	40,802	38,268	36,157	37,183	29,249	27,305
Seattle	10,415	10,613	11,836	10,384	9,784	9,661	9,651	7,849	6,600
Unknown	31	43	57	280	411	331	295	327	384

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, 2013–2021**

Characteristic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	1,879,330	1,686,579	1,623,538	1,488,121	1,405,664	1,297,173	1,304,381	1,136,805	1,019,125
Age									
18–21	134,823	117,236	117,597	108,078	108,922	102,855	104,980	93,499	86,199
22–25	109,576	96,124	94,951	84,783	83,058	73,116	71,328	64,871	58,178
26–29	110,090	97,695	97,225	90,156	90,567	82,838	81,952	72,247	62,834
30–39	314,498	282,717	277,395	256,280	243,644	224,143	225,775	195,172	174,185
40–49	451,106	395,171	369,711	332,630	301,956	274,580	274,906	238,401	215,019
50–59	598,354	553,194	526,697	485,092	452,314	420,373	421,409	363,160	317,440
60–64	160,883	144,442	139,962	131,102	125,203	119,268	124,031	109,455	105,270
Sex									
Men	944,852	847,039	818,135	754,617	715,141	661,593	669,486	587,724	522,985
Women	934,478	839,540	805,403	733,504	690,523	635,580	634,895	549,081	496,140
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,806,887	1,620,487	1,559,919	1,431,298	1,355,499	1,254,459	1,265,531	1,106,933	990,114
Noncitizen	72,443	66,092	63,619	56,823	50,165	42,714	38,850	29,872	29,011
SSA administrative region									
Boston	82,724	75,749	71,858	63,443	60,235	55,681	55,193	43,301	39,183
New York	131,051	120,728	124,285	113,600	107,499	96,066	93,083	78,531	70,080
Philadelphia	183,359	167,714	163,266	149,318	143,720	128,457	132,864	105,978	96,511
Atlanta	496,334	448,044	420,979	383,997	360,682	336,371	334,851	301,513	273,479
Chicago	305,230	270,402	254,500	229,128	211,870	195,077	199,194	174,743	160,539
Dallas	256,527	229,565	220,652	212,549	201,365	187,951	186,647	170,816	149,194
Kansas City	81,740	69,931	70,089	67,173	63,829	57,880	59,669	53,061	46,723
Denver	44,804	39,317	38,839	37,028	35,309	31,395	31,333	29,593	26,554
San Francisco	231,371	206,470	202,456	178,230	168,637	158,307	160,620	135,552	119,755
Seattle	66,088	58,550	56,368	52,128	50,801	47,965	48,850	41,858	35,373
Unknown	102	109	246	1,527	1,717	2,023	2,077	1,859	1,734

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

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**Table 60.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2013–2021**

Characteristic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	233,918	215,717	212,799	202,558	208,903	180,891	177,249	134,162	192,937
Age									
65–69	136,000	125,102	122,494	115,978	118,426	101,905	98,474	78,254	102,238
70–74	43,893	40,313	40,043	38,186	41,915	35,359	35,536	26,327	43,697
75 or older	54,025	50,302	50,262	48,394	48,562	43,627	43,239	29,581	47,002
Sex									
Men	94,857	87,645	86,333	81,706	83,900	72,834	71,615	54,694	80,559
Women	139,061	128,072	126,466	120,852	125,003	108,057	105,634	79,468	112,378
Citizenship status									
Citizen	166,821	149,908	146,969	139,860	152,174	131,087	131,225	101,413	145,416
Noncitizen	67,097	65,809	65,830	62,698	56,729	49,804	46,024	32,749	47,521
SSA administrative region									
Boston	16,381	14,336	12,258	11,113	10,024	8,089	7,001	5,193	7,801
New York	31,044	28,838	29,563	27,722	28,451	26,614	24,021	16,657	27,203
Philadelphia	12,408	10,749	10,643	10,234	11,747	9,528	9,913	7,836	13,126
Atlanta	42,549	41,286	41,720	40,205	42,925	35,065	34,278	28,183	38,888
Chicago	21,197	18,195	16,701	15,509	16,649	13,330	12,892	10,244	13,706
Dallas	27,402	25,459	24,242	22,962	24,260	20,669	19,719	14,724	20,739
Kansas City	3,403	3,014	2,961	2,848	3,154	2,636	2,630	2,090	2,748
Denver	3,179	3,153	3,323	3,585	3,816	3,156	2,954	2,421	3,286
San Francisco	70,309	65,280	65,930	62,899	62,270	57,016	58,691	42,964	60,845
Seattle	6,040	5,395	5,415	5,271	5,411	4,521	4,822	3,653	4,400
Unknown	6	12	43	210	196	267	328	197	195

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

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## Applications

**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2021**

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	1,484,728	272,666	18.4	1,019,125	68.6	192,937	13.0
Alabama	30,279	5,523	18.2	23,429	77.4	1,327	4.4
Alaska	2,404	206	8.6	1,789	74.4	409	17.0
Arizona	27,594	4,570	16.6	19,543	70.8	3,481	12.6
Arkansas	20,645	4,868	23.6	15,135	73.3	642	3.1
California	166,003	20,559	12.4	90,660	54.6	54,784	33.0
Colorado	16,131	1,734	10.7	12,211	75.7	2,186	13.6
Connecticut	14,045	2,125	15.1	10,034	71.4	1,886	13.4
Delaware	3,776	889	23.5	2,585	68.5	302	8.0
District of Columbia	4,819	965	20.0	3,329	69.1	525	10.9
Florida	128,200	27,480	21.4	76,560	59.7	24,160	18.8
Georgia	61,908	14,417	23.3	42,873	69.3	4,618	7.5
Hawaii	4,609	299	6.5	3,432	74.5	878	19.0
Idaho	5,545	941	17.0	4,316	77.8	288	5.2
Illinois	47,905	9,411	19.6	33,645	70.2	4,849	10.1
Indiana	30,574	5,812	19.0	23,781	77.8	981	3.2
Iowa	12,228	2,670	21.8	9,113	74.5	445	3.6
Kansas	12,138	2,616	21.6	8,975	73.9	547	4.5
Kentucky	29,733	5,567	18.7	22,895	77.0	1,271	4.3
Louisiana	33,218	7,995	24.1	23,646	71.2	1,577	4.7
Maine	6,158	800	13.0	4,982	80.9	376	6.1
Maryland	25,755	3,751	14.6	18,744	72.8	3,260	12.7
Massachusetts	24,466	4,236	17.3	15,809	64.6	4,421	18.1
Michigan	43,053	9,249	21.5	30,849	71.7	2,955	6.9
Minnesota	15,982	2,169	13.6	12,342	77.2	1,471	9.2
Mississippi	26,818	5,041	18.8	20,655	77.0	1,122	4.2
Missouri	29,811	5,000	16.8	23,483	78.8	1,328	4.5
Montana	3,545	382	10.8	2,891	81.6	272	7.7
Nebraska	6,961	1,381	19.8	5,152	74.0	428	6.1
Nevada	9,570	1,822	19.0	6,067	63.4	1,681	17.6
New Hampshire	4,010	411	10.2	3,372	84.1	227	5.7
New Jersey	30,312	6,152	20.3	17,914	59.1	6,246	20.6
New Mexico	9,924	1,486	15.0	7,575	76.3	863	8.7
New York	87,799	14,676	16.7	52,166	59.4	20,957	23.9
North Carolina	47,508	8,526	17.9	35,823	75.4	3,159	6.6
North Dakota	1,941	282	14.5	1,559	80.3	100	5.2
Ohio	57,657	11,324	19.6	43,826	76.0	2,507	4.3
Oklahoma	19,344	2,981	15.4	15,251	78.8	1,112	5.7
Oregon	14,167	1,665	11.8	11,414	80.6	1,088	7.7
Pennsylvania	58,985	13,567	23.0	39,900	67.6	5,518	9.4
Rhode Island	4,623	728	15.7	3,146	68.1	749	16.2
South Carolina	29,112	6,137	21.1	21,578	74.1	1,397	4.8
South Dakota	3,235	525	16.2	2,541	78.5	169	5.2
Tennessee	39,695	8,195	20.6	29,666	74.7	1,834	4.6
Texas	130,854	26,722	20.4	87,587	66.9	16,545	12.6
Utah	7,318	1,172	16.0	5,683	77.7	463	6.3

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2021—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	2,214	232	10.5	1,840	83.1	142	6.4
Virginia	32,269	5,671	17.6	23,491	72.8	3,107	9.6
Washington	24,257	3,788	15.6	17,854	73.6	2,615	10.8
West Virginia	10,238	1,362	13.3	8,462	82.7	414	4.0
Wisconsin	20,989	3,950	18.8	16,096	76.7	943	4.5
Wyoming	1,962	197	10.0	1,669	85.1	96	4.9
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	129	55	42.6	53	41.1	21	16.3
Unknown	2,313	384	16.6	1,734	75.0	195	8.4

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, 1973–2021**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	60,794,336	11,385,841	18.7	39,721,826	65.3	9,686,669	15.9
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

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2021—Continued**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Federal applications <sup>b</sup> (cont.)							
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
2013	1,428,090	326,148	22.8	966,650	67.7	135,292	9.5
2014	1,279,917	304,340	23.8	852,445	66.6	123,132	9.6
2015	1,246,666	317,688	25.5	808,669	64.9	120,309	9.7
2016	1,133,857	291,557	25.7	730,091	64.4	112,209	9.9
2017	1,087,051	277,638	25.5	694,053	63.8	115,360	10.6
2018	992,004	266,790	26.9	628,454	63.4	96,760	9.8
2019	977,697	260,610	26.7	624,152	63.8	92,935	9.5
2020	833,895	219,347	26.3	542,280	65.0	72,268	8.7
2021	807,823	201,786	25.0	500,163	61.9	105,874	13.1

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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