

Disability Determination Services

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Disability Determination Services adjudicates medical eligibility for disability benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income rules and regulations and processes claims for DSHS non-grant medical assistance.

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The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Division of Disability Services (DDDS) makes determinations for individuals applying for Title II (T2) Social Security Disability, Title XVI (T16) Supplemental Security Income benefits and Title XIX (T19) State Medical Assistance claims. DDDS provides medical eligibility determination for claims filed to the Social Security Administration for disability benefits by the residents of Washington state. The division serves Washington residents of all ages who meet the requirements under Section 221 (b) of the Social Security Act.

Additional information, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available [here](#).

Highlights

- Annual budget for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 total costs of \$47,829,546
- In FFY 2021, DDDS made a medical disability determination on 51,827 claims
- In FFY 2021, DDDS processed:
 - 20,664 T2—SSDI disability decisions
 - 20,261 T16—SSI disability decisions
 - 1,028 Title T19—State Medical Assistance disability decisions
 - 9,874 concurrent workload decisions
- As of August 2022
 - 172,174 Washingtonians receive an average of \$1,647 a month in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits to help meet their foundational needs, bringing \$283.6 million a month into communities throughout the state.
 - 138,160 Washingtonians receive an average of \$603 a month in SSI benefits to help meet their foundational needs, bringing \$83.33 million a month into communities throughout the state.

TECHNICAL NOTES

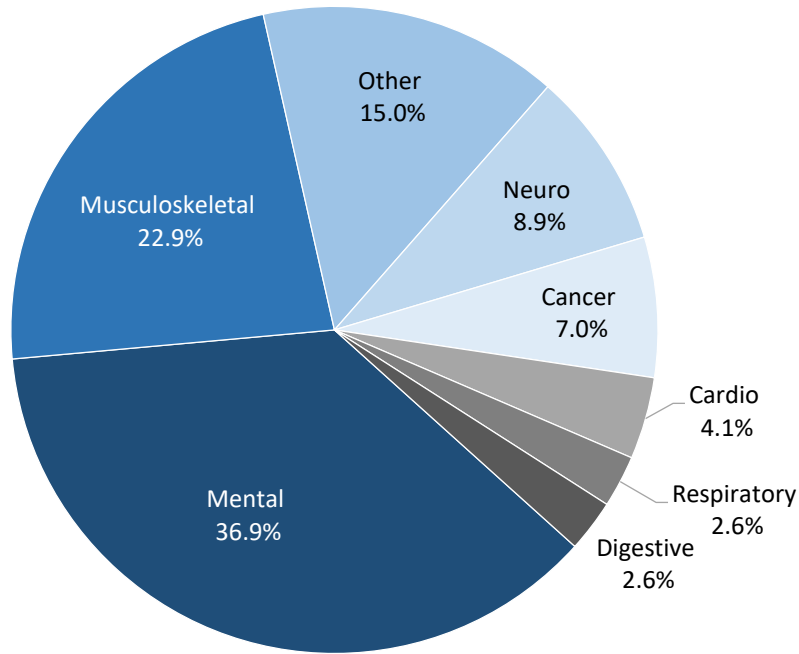
DATA SOURCES:

Data reported in this chapter is partly based on the Office of Disability Determinations (ODD) database maintained by the Social Security Administration as of October 2022.

DATA NOTE: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 covers the time period of October 2021 through September 2022

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FFY 2021 Decisions by Body System



DDS T2 and T16 Processing time (days)¹

T2 processing	National average	WA
Mar-2021	127.3	151.8
Jun-2021	122.5	144.3
Sep-2021	121.0	129.1
Dec-2021	126.0	128.8
Mar-2022	134.3	127.4
Jun-2022	138.8	159.2

T16 Processing	National average	WA
Mar-2021	139.1	187.9
Jun-2021	135.2	181.6
Sep-2021	133.9	174.2
Dec-2021	136.8	172.1
Mar-2022	146.0	161.0
Jun-2022	152.0	157.0

¹ More restrictive, life-saving measures in Washington state through the COVID-19 pandemic limited the DDDS's ability to obtain medical evidence and examinations in a timely manner. These limitations, in turn, created additional processing delays. Furthermore, Washington DDDS's resource focus on older claims resulted in a larger than average percentage of aged claims being closed, which impacted processing averages.