

Disability Determination Services

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Within the Department of Social and Health Services' Economic Services Administration, the Division of Disability Determination Services (DDDS) makes determinations for individuals applying for the Title II Social Security Disability, Title XVI Supplemental Security Income benefit and Title XIX State Medical Assistance claims.

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The Division of Disability Services (DDDS) provides medical eligibility determinations for claims filed to the Social Security Administration for disability benefits by residents of Washington state. The division serves Washington residents of all ages who meet the requirements under Section 221 (b) of Social Security Act. DDDS had an annual budget for Federal Fiscal Year 23 (FFY23) of \$53,772,294 federal dollars. In FFY23, DDDS served 54,354 individuals.

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 \$53,772,294.
- In FFY 2023, DDDS served 54,354 individuals
- In FFY 2023, DDDS processed:
 - 21,247 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Title II claims
 - 19,091 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Title XVI claims
 - 9,739 Concurrent Title II/ Title XVI claims
 - 2,111 Non Grant Medical Assistance (NGMA) Title XIX claims
 - 415 Continuing Disability Review Pre-hearing decisions
 - 422 Disability hearing decisions
- As of September 2023
 - 160,391 Washingtonians receive an average of \$1,364 a month in Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, bringing \$893.9 million per year into communities throughout the state.
 - 134,315 Washingtonians receive an average of \$693 a month in SSI benefits, bringing \$347 million per year into communities throughout the state.

TECHNICAL NOTES

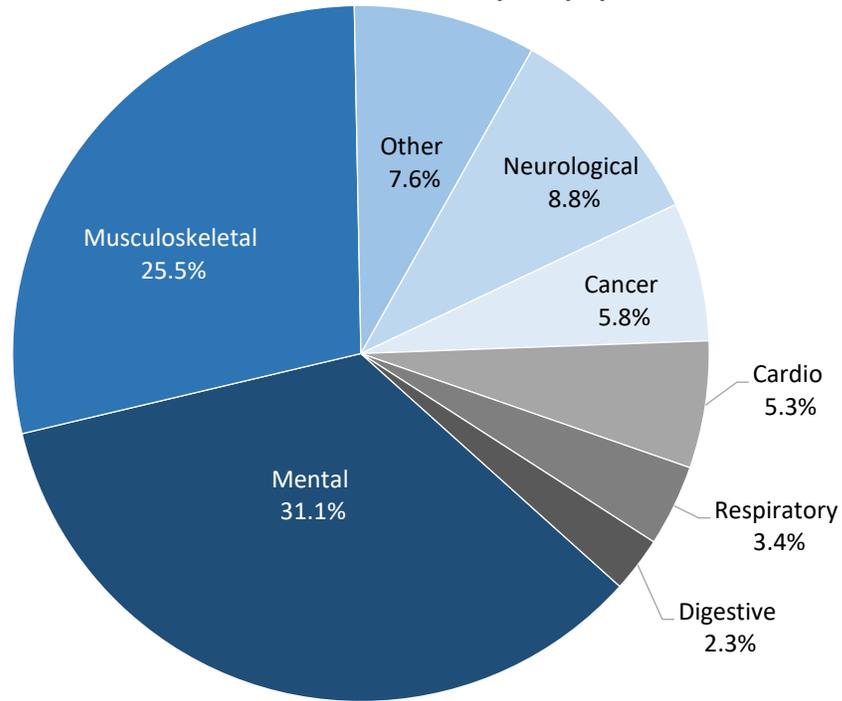
DATA SOURCES:

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 2023.

DATA NOTE: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 covers the time period of October 2022 through September 2023

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FFY 2023 T2 and T16 Initial Decisions by Body System



DDDS T2 and T16 Initial Processing Time Combined (Days)¹

| T2 & T16 processing | National average | Washington Average |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Sep-2022 | 153.5 | 167.0 |
| Dec-2022 | 159.7 | 138.0 |
| Mar-2023 | 169.0 | 143.5 |
| Jun-2023 | 172.4 | 146.8 |
| Sep-2023 | 173.8 | 169.6 |

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.