

# State-by-State Disability Backlog

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State	Applications <sup>1</sup>	Hearing Backlog <sup>2</sup>	Hearing Office Average Processing Time (In Days) <sup>3</sup>
	2017	2018	
California^	220,744	82,882	625
Florida	172,527	59,505	634
New York*	138,484	57,805	697
Pennsylvania*	117,314	43,526	653
Texas	202,590	41,862	502
Michigan*	81,603	35,919	573
Ohio	95,901	34,424	610
North Carolina	86,564	31,984	666
Alabama*	61,777	31,110	615
Georgia	79,627	30,384	613
Tennessee	58,065	29,944	537
National Hearing Centers	-	26,250	738
Missouri*	62,522	26,049	610
Illinois	79,929	25,505	567
New Jersey	53,119	21,758	709
Indiana	54,244	21,479	593
Kentucky	48,520	18,576	606
South Carolina	45,623	18,374	634
Louisiana*	52,688	18,173	486
Arizona	43,241	16,405	657
Washington	53,687	15,384	559
Virginia	55,112	15,150	592
Mississippi	40,250	14,525	534
Oklahoma	43,211	13,953	509
West Virginia	22,209	13,410	649
Colorado*	28,741	11,594	570
Arkansas	35,016	9,911	476
Wisconsin	38,776	9,687	638
Massachusetts	46,098	9,311	454

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Oregon	27,111	9,273	604
Minnesota	29,662	8,752	693
Nevada	18,568	7,848	609
Maryland	44,648	7,255	517
Kansas	9,607	5,939	602
New Mexico	17,315	5,531	506
Utah	15,036	5,252	664
Connecticut	24,612	5,203	452
Iowa	21,820	4,938	606
Montana	6,673	4,618	540
Puerto Rico (territory)	8,841	4,613	765
District of Columbia	6,368	4,010	652
North Dakota	3,352	3,477	501
Nebraska	10,906	3,278	579
New Hampshire*	8,086	3,133	370
Delaware	6,631	2,511	610
Rhode Island	8,822	2,094	321
Hawaii	6,460	1,693	548
Maine	10,965	1,303	388
Alaska*	4,131	745	508
Four other states <sup>4</sup>	24,733	-	-
<b>NATIONAL TOTAL<sup>5,6,6</sup></b>	<b>2,432,529</b>	<b>925,793</b>	<b>598</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total applications, by state, 12-months through December 2017 - <https://www.ssa.gov/disability/data/ssa-sa-mowl.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Pending claims at hearing offices (HO), Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, <http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/publicusefiles.html>; FY2018 through Aug. 31, 2018

<sup>3</sup> Average processing times are based on the average of office wait times for hearing offices in that state. Some states have only one hearing office. [http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/DataSets/02\\_HO\\_Workload\\_Data.html](http://www.ssa.gov/appeals/DataSets/02_HO_Workload_Data.html)

<sup>4</sup> Hearing-level appeals in these four states: Idaho, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, are routed through adjacent/nearby offices in other states. They are counted in those states' hearing totals.

National Hearing Centers receive claims from across the U.S. Locations: Albuquerque, N.M.; Baltimore, Chicago, Falls Church, Va., and St. Louis.

<sup>5</sup> For total SSDI beneficiaries by state - [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/di\\_asr/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/di_asr/).

<sup>6</sup> Latest total pending hearings and average processing times - <https://www.ssa.gov/appeals/>

^ Claims in three California branches skip the Reconsideration level and go directly to the hearing.

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