

Social Security Disability Benefits Are Hard to Obtain

10 Questions About SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS

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Q What is Social Security Disability (SSD)?

Federally-funded program created to financially help injured or sick workers who have not reached retirement age. Also sometimes referred to as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), these benefits are designed for injured workers who cannot work for at least 12 months due to a workplace injury.



Q How Many People Receive Social Security Disability Benefits?

In September 2018, more than 7.8 million people under 65 years old received SSD benefits. That's 13.1 percent of all social security recipients and 2.3 percent of the entire population of the United States, which has 325.7 million residents.

4.5%
OF POPULATION

Q How Many Disabled Workers Received Social Security Disability Insurance?

More than 8.5 million people in September 2018.

8.9
MILLION

Q How Much Money do Social Security Disability Recipients Receive?

Social Security Disability recipients received an average of \$1,301 a month in September 2018.



Q How Are Social Security Disability Benefits Determined?

A person's lifetime earnings, projected future earnings and other factors including Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) and Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) all play a role in determining someone's SSD benefits.



Q Mistakes People Make When Applying for Social Security Disability Benefits?

Common mistakes include applicants providing:

1. Incomplete medical records
2. Income figures that don't match tax forms
3. Incomplete information on application
4. Incorrect information on application



Q How Many People Apply for Social Security Disability Benefits?

More than 2.8 million people every year apply for SSD benefits.



Q How Many Applications for Social Security Disability Benefits are Denied?

More than half of all SSD applications are denied.

MORE THAN 1/2

Q Can You Appeal a Denied Social Security Disability Application?

Yes. Administrative Law Judges rule on denied SSD applications.



Q Should I Hire a Social Security Disability Lawyer if My Application is Denied?

Yes. Experienced Social Security Disability lawyers in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and other states understand the complicated rules and regulations governing SSD benefits.

Application for SSD benefits denied?

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