

Division of Disability Determination Services

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
Economic Services Administration

Program Description

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

Overview

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. DDDS has an annual budget of \$45,725,167 million federal dollars (FY2020). In 2020, DDDS served 57,486 individuals.

Program impact:

- Annual budget for FY 2021 total costs (47,829,546) total costs.
- In 2021, DDS served 51,827 individuals.
- Federal Fiscal Year information:
 - In federal fiscal year, DDS processed:
 - 20,664 Title II-SSDI disability decisions.
 - 20,261 Title XVI-Non Grant Medical Assistance (NGMA) disability decisions.
 - 9,874 Concurrent (Title II and Title XVI) disability workload decisions.
 - 1,028 Title XIX State Medical Assistance disability decisions.
 - 601 Continuing Disability Review Pre-hearing decisions.
 - 371 Disability hearing decisions.

As of August 2022:

- 172,174 Washingtonians receive an average of \$1,647 a month in Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, bringing \$283.6 million per month into communities throughout the state.
- 138,160 Washingtonians receive an average of \$603 a month in SSI benefits, bringing \$83.33 million per month into communities throughout the state.

More information:

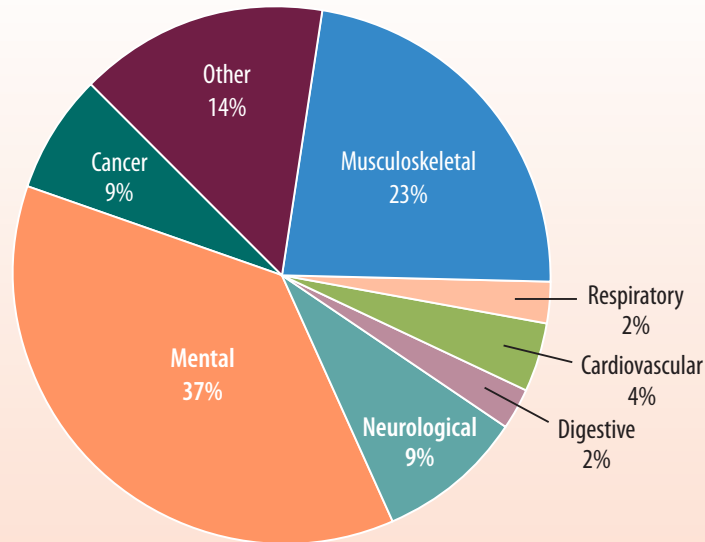
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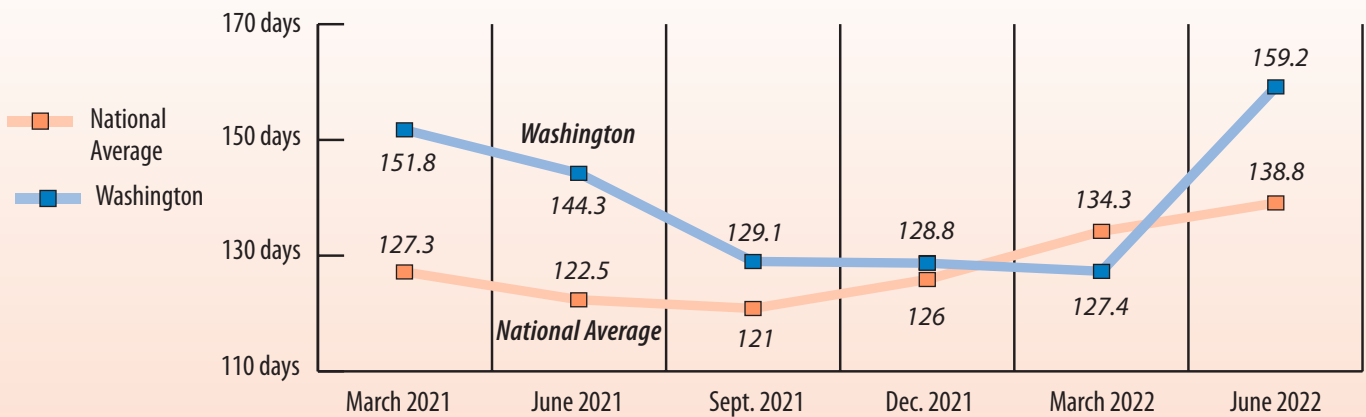
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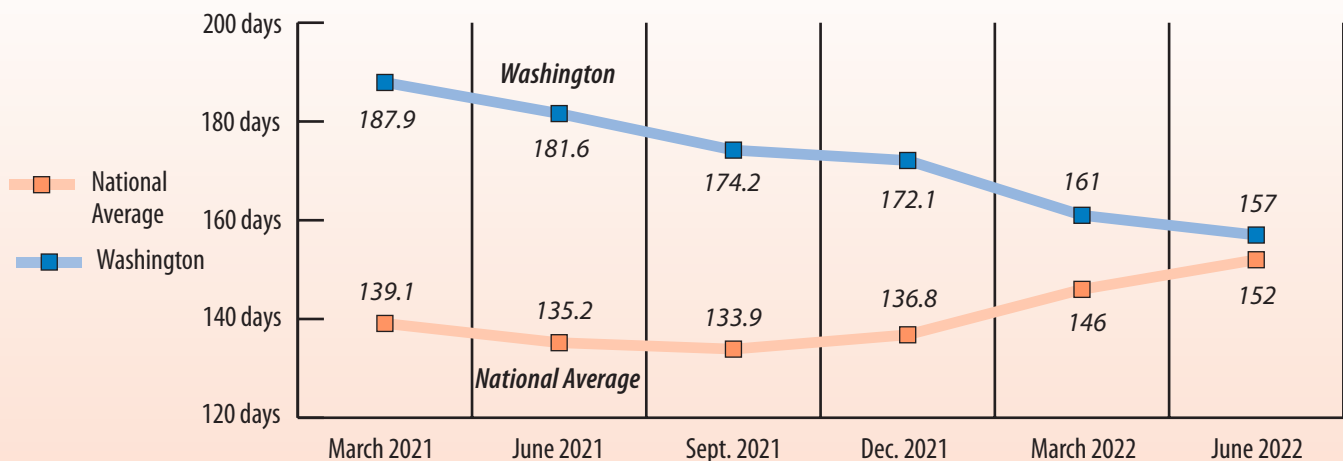
2021 Decisions by Body System



DDS Title II Processing Time (days)¹



DDS Title XVI Processing Time (days)¹



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.