

Disability Benefit Specialist Program 2005 Summary Data

Opened/Closed Cases

(each client may have more than one case)
883 new cases; 655 closed cases

Information Only Contacts

(no case opened; contact < 30 minutes)
612 contacts

Client Characteristics

Data represents *new* clients during calendar year 2005. DBSs continued to serve 200 cases opened previous to January 1, 2005.

Age

34% of new clients between 50-59
27% of new clients between 40-49
15% of new clients between 30-39
14% of new clients between 21-29
3% of new clients between 18-20

Disability Group

48% of new clients Physically Disabled (PD) only
22% of new clients PD and Mentally Ill (MI)
11% of new clients MI only
7% of new clients Developmentally Disabled (DD) only
5% of new clients PD and/or DD, and MI
4% of new clients PD and DD
3% of new clients DD and MI

Income Status

64% of new clients were at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level
13% of new clients were at or above 100% of Federal Poverty Level
22% of new clients had an unknown income status
(In 2005, family unit of 1 = \$9,570; family unit of 2 = \$12,830; family unit of 3 = \$16,090)

Monetary Impact

In 2005, financial impact of the assistance of Disability Benefit Specialists totaled **\$2,345,156**.

- 79% (\$1,859,871) from federal funds
- 12% (\$291,707) from state funds
- 8% (\$192,577) from other sources (e.g., donations)

Financial impact tracks one-time and 12 months of recurring benefits (cash benefits and the value of medical insurance benefits) obtained. Client-specific data are used whenever possible and averages are used when client-specific data are not available. Monetary impact is tracked when the case is closed.

Type of Cases

Case type or issue is tracked at closing for cases that were opened, and at contact for Info Only contacts. Each client may have multiple issue codes assigned to their cases.

	% Closed Cases	% Info Only
SSI/SSDI/MA Disability Determination Process	35.5	11.4
SSI/SSDI/MA/Medicare Eligibility	16.6	12.3
Medicare Coverage, including Medicare Part D	4	16.2
General Assistance	6	21
Indigent drug programs	5	< 3
Food stamps	5	3.7
MAPP	5	< 3