

Disability Benefit Specialist Program 2006 Summary Data

Opened/Closed Cases

(each client may have more than one case)
1793 new cases; 1508 closed cases

Information Only Contacts

(no case opened; contact < 30 minutes)
2512 contacts

Client Characteristics

Data represents *new* clients during calendar year 2006. DBSs continued to serve 453 cases opened previous to January 1, 2006.

Age

39% of new clients between 50-59
29% of new clients between 40-49
14% of new clients between 30-39
9% of new clients 21-29
4% of new clients 18-20
6% no age data available

Disability Group

48% of new clients Physically Disabled (PD) only
23% of new clients PD and Mental Illness (MI)
14% of new clients MI only
4% of new clients Developmentally Disabled (DD) only
4% of new clients DD and MI
3% of new clients PD and/or DD, and MI
3% of new clients PD and DD

Income Status

61% of new clients were at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level
14% of new clients were at or above 100% of Federal Poverty Level
26% of new clients had an unknown income status
(In 2006, family unit of 1 = \$9,800; family unit of 2 = \$13,200; family unit of 3 = \$16,600)

Monetary Impact

In 2006, financial impact of the assistance of Disability Benefit Specialists totaled **\$4,789,240**.

- 75.7% (\$3,624,346) from federal funds
- 18.5% (\$883,827) from state funds
- 6% (\$281,066) 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	28.9	19.6
SSI/SSDI/MA/Medicare Eligibility	16.3	17
Medicare Coverage, including Medicare Part D	12	9
General Assistance	5	5
Indigent drug programs	3	< 3
Food stamps	5	3
MAPP	2	4