Table 3.21—Fiscal Year 2018 Disability Decision Data* Allow Deny Initial Level 1/ 2,231,974 35% Allow Deny Reconsiderations 13% 530.365 Administrative Allow Dismiss Deny 35% Law Judge 45% 21% Hearing Appeals Allow Dismiss Remand Deny 85% Council 4% 10% 106,575 Federal Court Decisions 2/

FY 2018 DISABILITY DECISION DATA

*Includes Title II, Title XVI, and concurrent initial disability determinations and appeals decisions issued in FY 2018, regardless of the year in which the initial claim was filed, and regardless of whether the claimant ever received benefits (in a small number of cases with a favorable disability decision benefits ares ubsequently denied because the claimant does not meet other eligibility requirements.) Does not include claims where an eligibility determination was reached without a determination of disability. If a determination or appeals decision was made on Title II and Title XVI claims for the same person, the results are treated as one concurrent decision.

Dismiss

Remand

Deny

42%

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Allow

2%

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Data Sources:

1. Initial and Reconsideration Data: SSA State Agency Operations Report

¹About 22% of initial level denials are issued in States that use the Disability Prototype process, which eliminates the reconsideration step of the appeals process. The first level of appeal for these cases is a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

² Federal Court data includes appeals of Continuing Disability Reviews.