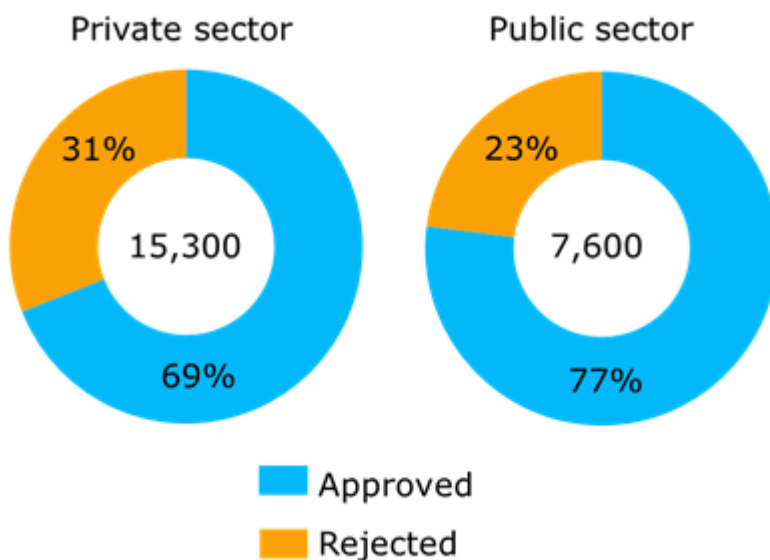# Pension applications 2016

Disability pension decisions in 2016

**Decisions on new disability pension applications
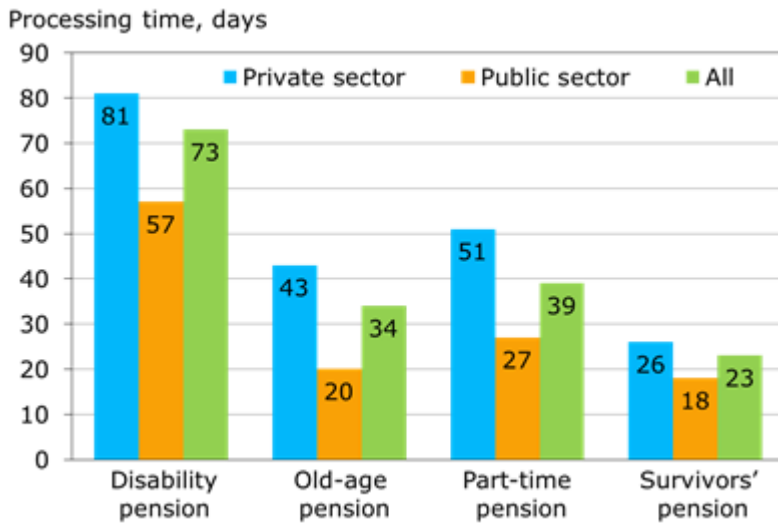within the earnings-related pension scheme in 2016**

A total of 22,900 new applications for disability pension were processed in 2016. Of these, 16,400 were approved (72%) and 6,500 were rejected (28%).

Two thirds of all cases were solved by earnings-related pension providers in the private sector, where just under a third of all applications were rejected (31%). In the public sector, the share of rejections was 23 per cent.

Average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications in 2016

**Average total processing time for earnings-related
pension applications by pension providers in 2016,
according to pension type**

Processing time, days

In 2016 it took pension providers an average of 73 days to process a disability pension application. The processing time was 39 days for part-time pension and 34 days for old-age pension. The shortest average processing time was for survivors' pension applications: 23 days. Public-sector pension providers had shorter processing times than private-sector providers

Pension applications

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Description

The statistic contains data on earnings-related pension providers' average processing times for earnings-related pension applications, as well as data on disability pension application decisions.

Data content

The statistic contains data on the average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications, according to type of pension. The statistic also presents pension type-specific data on the share of applications processed in less than three months.

Regarding disability pension decisions, the statistic presents numerical data on applications granted and rejected as well as the percentage rate of rejected applications. Decisions are also reviewed based on main disease classifications.

Classifications

Data on processing times has been classified according to sector and pension type.
Disability pension decisions have been classified according to sector, gender and age. Data from the decisions are presented also according to main disease classification.

Methods of data collection and source

Data on processing times and disability pension decisions comes from the registers of The Finnish Centre for Pensions.

Update frequency

The data is updated once a year.

Time of completion or release

The data is released in February and March of the year following the statistical year. For a more detailed schedule, consult the Release Calendar. [https://www.etk.fi/en/statistics-2/statistics/release-calendar/]

Time series

The first earnings-related pension application data is from the year 2005.

Key words

social insurance, earnings-related pension application, processing time, disability pension decision, rejection rate

Concepts and Definitions

The total processing time

The total processing time is the time beginning from the date on which the applicant hands in the pension application and ending on the date on which the pension provider issues a pension application decision.

Processing times concern national pension applications.

Processing times for disability pensions do not include applications for continued pension.

Disability pension decisions

Disability pension decisions concern so-called new applications. This means that the applicant has not, prior to this application, had any disability pension periods for the four preceding years and has not previously had a pension application be rejected.

Private-sector pension providers include earnings-related pension insurance companies, industry-wide and company pension funds.

Keva manages a majority of all pension matters of the public sector.

The main disease category classification followed when settling disability pension applications is the IDC-10 classification of diseases.