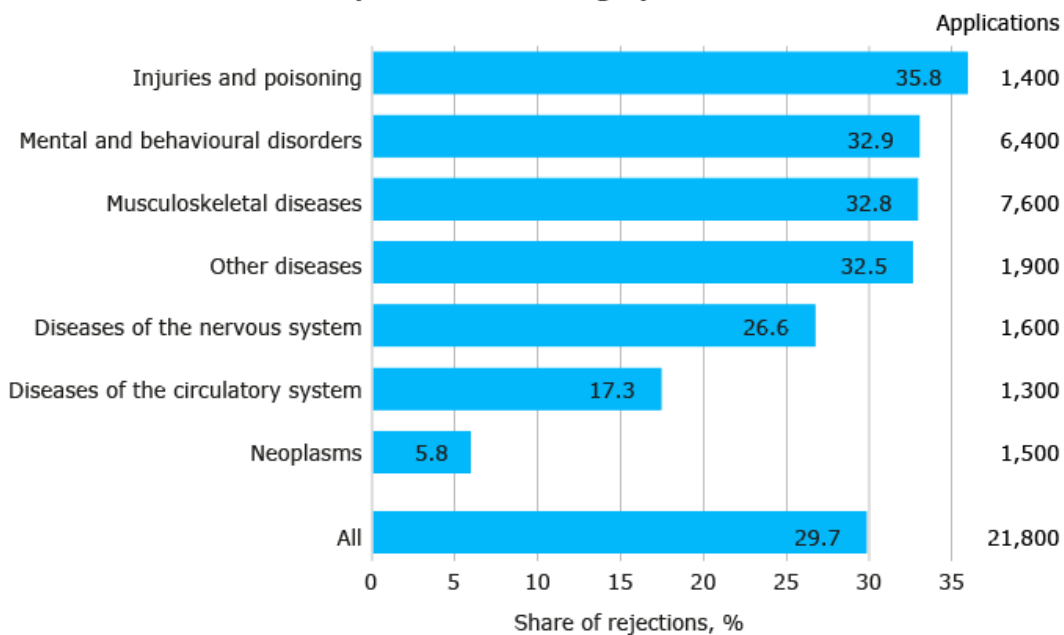


# Pension applications 2017

## Disability pension decisions in 2017

**Rejection rate of disability pension applications in earnings-related pension system by main disease category in 2017**

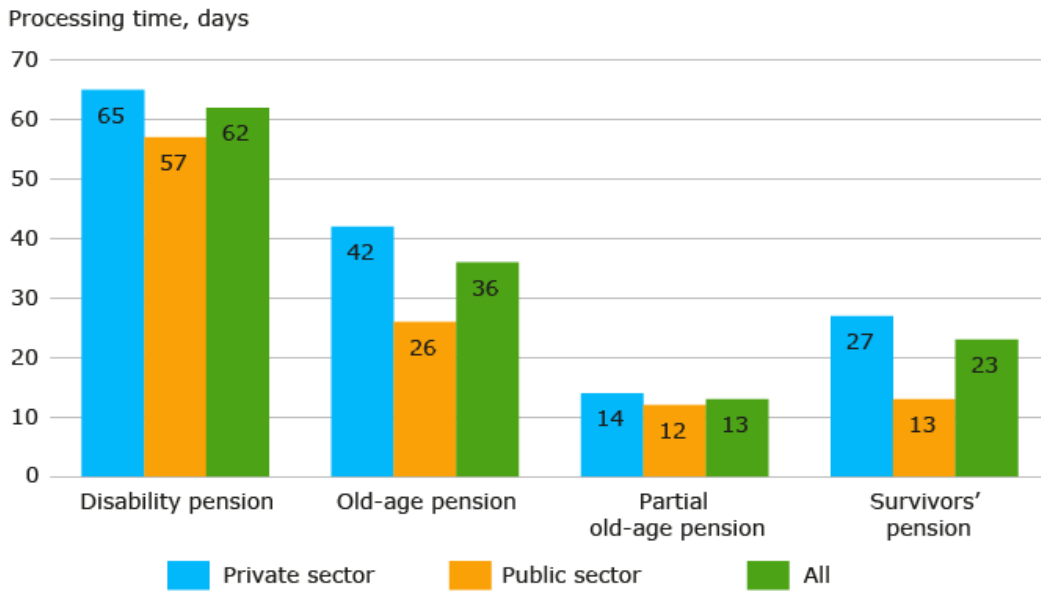


Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

Around 30 per cent of the total number (21,800) of new disability pension applications within the earnings-related pension system in 2017 were rejected. Most disability pension applications were based either on diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissues (7,600) or mental problems (6,400). In both these disease categories, one third of the applications were rejected. Applications for a disability pension based on neoplasms (1,500) had the lowest rejection rate, only 6 per cent.

## Average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications in 2017

**Average total processing time for earnings-related pension applications  
by pension providers in 2017, according to pension type**



Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

In 2017, it took pension providers an average of 62 days to process an application for a disability pension. The processing time was 36 days for old-age pensions and 23 days for survivors' pensions. The partial old-age pension was introduced in 2017. The average processing time for applications for such a pension was 13 days. On average, the processing time of pension applications was shorter at public sector pension providers than at private sector pension 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.