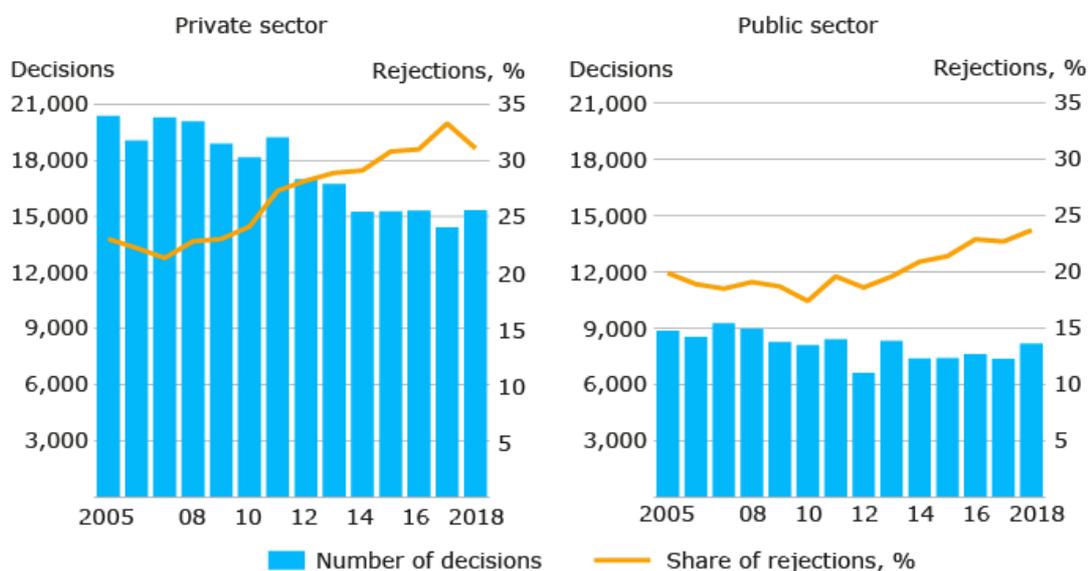# Pension applications 2018

Disability pension decisions in 2018

Number of disability pension decisions* in the earnings-related pension scheme and share of rejections according to sector, 2005–2018

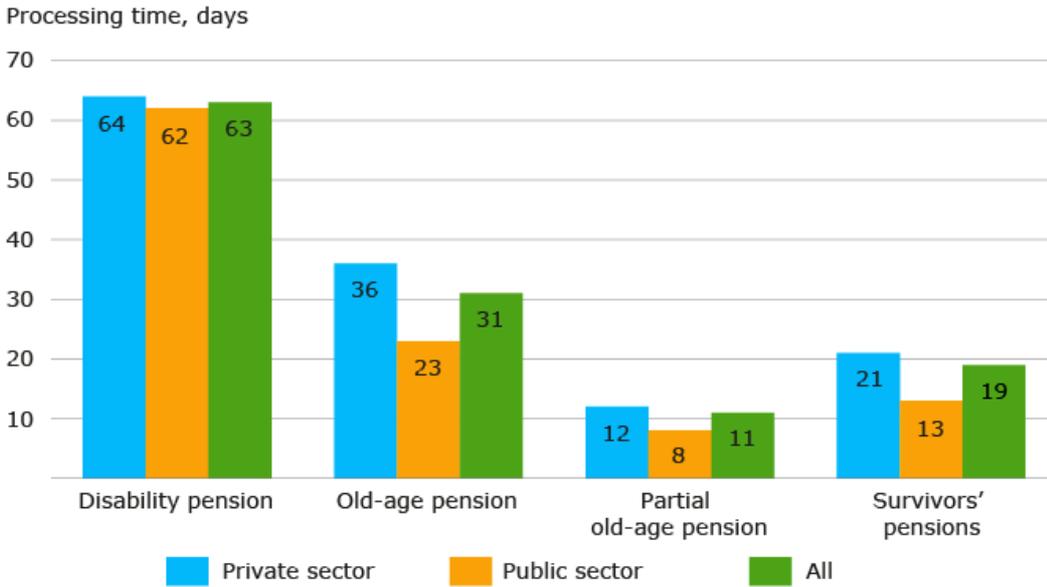
*Decisions on new applications

Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

In 2018, a total of 23,500 new disability pension decisions were issued within the earnings-related pension system. This was 1,700 more than in 2017. Of all disability pension applications, 29 per cent were rejected. This was a decrease of 1 percentage point compared to the year 2017 (30%).

The decrease occurred in decisions issued within the private sector, which counted for two thirds (15,300) of all rejected decisions. The share of rejections in the private sector was 31 per cent in 2018 (33% in 2017). In the public sector, on the other hand, the share of rejections rose by one percentage point, from 23 per cent in 2017 to 24 per cent in 2018.

Average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications in 2018

Average total processing time for earnings-related pension applications by pension providers in 2018, according to pension benefit

Processing time, days

Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

In 2018, it took pension providers an average of 63 days to process an application for a disability pension. The processing time was 31 days for old-age pensions and 11 days for partial old-age pensions. The processing time for survivors' pensions was around 19 days. On average, the processing time of public sector pension applications was shorter than that of private sector applications.

Pension applications

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Description

The statistics contain data on earnings-related pension providers' average processing times for earnings-related pension applications. They also includes data on disability pension application decisions.

Data content

The statistics contain data on the average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications, by pension benefit. They also include data on the share of applications processed in less than three months.

Regarding disability pension decisions, the statistics present numerical data on granted and rejected applications, as well as onthe share of rejected applications.

Classifications

The data on processing times have been classified according to sector of work and pension benefit.

Disability pension decisions have been classified according to gender, age and main disease.

Methods of data collection and source

The statistics is based on the registers of the earnings-related pension system.

Update frequency

The data is updated once a year.

Time of completion or release

The data is released at the beginning of the year following the statistical year. For a more detailed schedule, consult the Release Calendar.

Time series

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

Key words

earnings-related pensions, disability pensions, earnings-related pension applications, processing time

Concepts and Definitions

The total processing time

The total processing time is the time that begins on the date on which the application has been received and ends on the date on which the pension provider has issued its decision.

The processing times are for national pension applications.

The processing times for disability pensions do not include applications for continued pension.

Disability pension decisions

The disability pension decisions are for new applications. This means that the applicant has neither received a disability pension nor a rejected or a preliminary pension decision in four years before this application.

Private-sector pension providers include earnings-related pension insurance companies, industry-wide and company pension funds. Keva manages the majority of all public sector pension matters.

The main disease category classification used in disability pension decisions is the IDC-10 classification of diseases.

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Quality description: Pension applications 2018

The statistics Pension applications is published by the Finnish Centre for Pensions.

The Act on the Finnish Centre for Pensions states that the responsibilities of the institution include, for example, the compiling of statistics in its field of operation. The production of the statistics at the Finnish Centre for Pensions is the responsibility of the Planning Department.

The statistics Pension applications is financed by the Finnish Centre for Pensions.

Relevance of statistical information

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Average total processing times
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The data on processing times have been classified according to sector of work and pension benefit. The processing time unit is a day. Data on the share of applications processed in less than three months of all applications is presented separately.

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The concepts and definitions used in the statistics have been presented at the homepage of the statistics at www.etk.fi/en > Statistics > Pension Applications.

Correctness and accuracy of data

The statistics are based on the registers of the earnings-related pension scheme.

The Finnish Centre for Pensions is responsible for the content of the central registers of the earnings-related pension scheme. It manages and develops the notifications and register services relating to the registers. The registrar tasks of the Finnish Centre for Pensions are regulated in the Act on the Finnish Centre for Pensions.

The statistics Pension applications makes use of data in the application and pension registers. Together with Arke Oy and the pension providers, the Finnish Centre for Pensions maintains these registers.

The total processing time of a pension application is the date on which the claim is instigated (stored in the pension application register) and the date on which the pension decision is issued (stored in the pension decision register).

Data of the pension registers are used when compiling the statistics of disability pension decisions.

The datasets used consist of total material.

Errors discovered in the statistics are corrected without delay online. A separate bulletin is published in case of significant errors.

Timeliness and promptness of published data

The data in the statistics is released once a year at the beginning of the year following the statistical year. The release date is presented in the Release Calendar on the website of the Finnish Centre for Pensions. The data in the statistics is final.

Coherence and comparability of data

The statistics has been compiled since 2017. The time series has been produced in retrospect as of the statistical year 2005.

Availability and clarity of data

The statistical data is released annually on the homepage of the statistics and in the statistical database of the Finnish Centre for Pensions at http://tilastot.etk.fi/?lang=1.

A description of the statistics is presented on the homepage of the statistics at www.etk.fi/statistics.

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