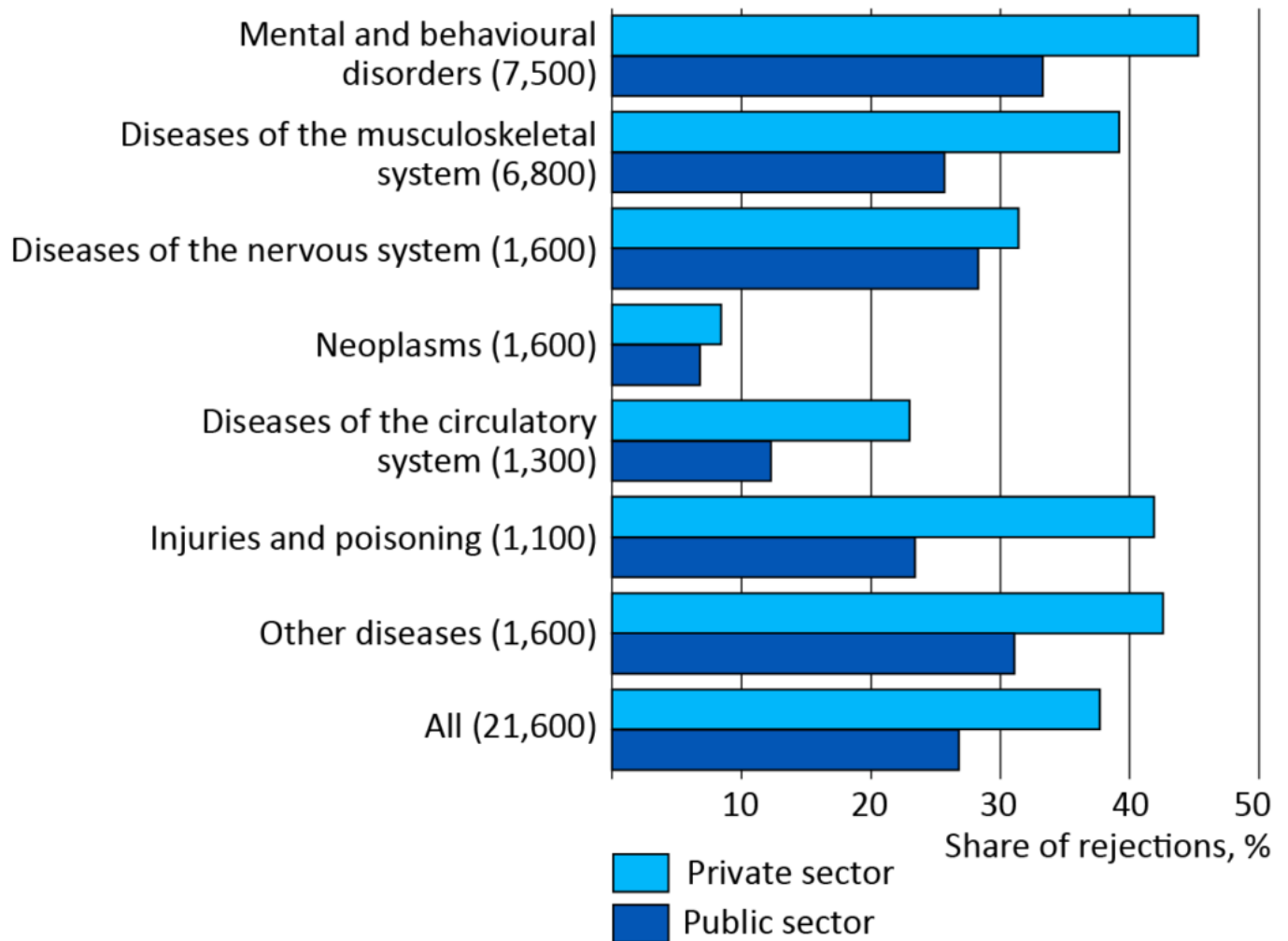


Pension Applications 2021

Disability pension decisions in 2021

Rejection rate of disability pension applications in earnings-related pension system by pension sector and main disease category in 2021

Disease category (number of applications)



Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

In 2021, a total of 21,600 new disability pension decisions were issued within the earnings-related pension system. 34 per cent of the claims were rejected. This equals the share of rejected applications in 2020. In 2021, a total of 14,170 private sector and 7,470 public sector disability pension decisions were issued.

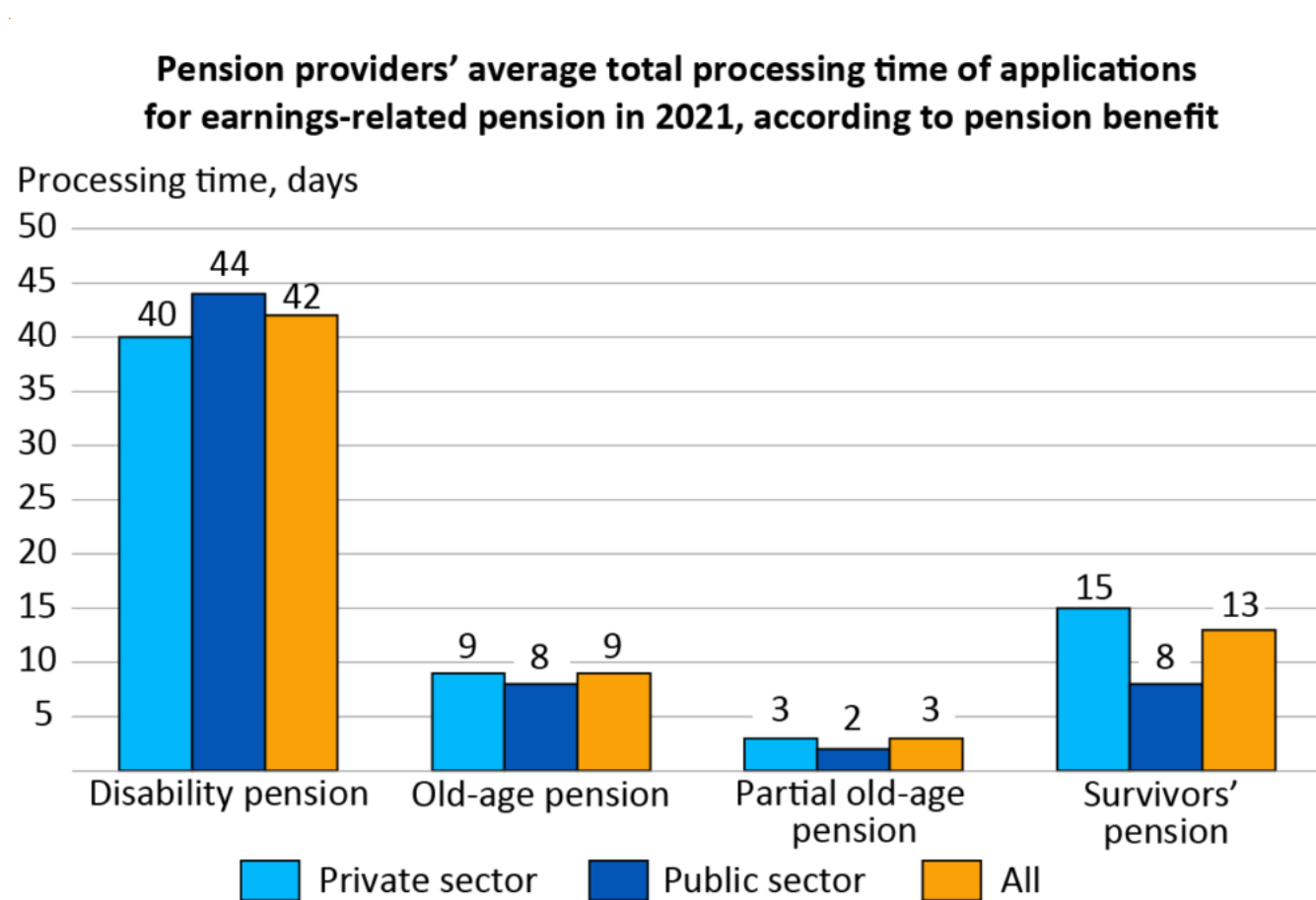
In 2021, mental and behavioural disorders were listed as the main cause for disability in most applications for a disability pension (7,500 applications). 41 per cent of these applications were rejected. In the private sector, 45 per cent of the applications were rejected while, in the public sector,

33 per cent were rejected. Disorders of the musculoskeletal system was the second most common cause for disability pension applications (6,800 applications). In the private sector, 39 per cent of these applications were rejected while, in the public sector, 26 per cent were rejected.

Looking at the total number of applications, more applications were rejected in the private sector (38%) than in the public sector (27%). This is partly due to the more lenient requirements for granting a disability pension in the public sector to persons who have turned 60.

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Average total processing times for earnings-related pension applications in 2021



Source: Finnish Centre for Pensions

In 2021, applications for a disability pension were processed in 42 days on average. The average processing time for claims for a full old-age pension was 9 days and for a partial old-age pension 3 days. The average processing time for claims for survivors' pensions was 13 days. The processing times became shorter for nearly all pension benefits compared to 2020. Only for the partial old-age pension did the processing time remain at the same level as in 2020.

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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 on the 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

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The total processing time

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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.

Quality description: Pension applications 2021

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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The data on the decisions has been classified according to sector of work, gender, age and main disease category. The main disease categories follow the IDC-10 classification of diseases.

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 Pension.

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

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