

Disability and Survivor Benefits (DaSB) Appeals Issue Overview

2016 through 2020

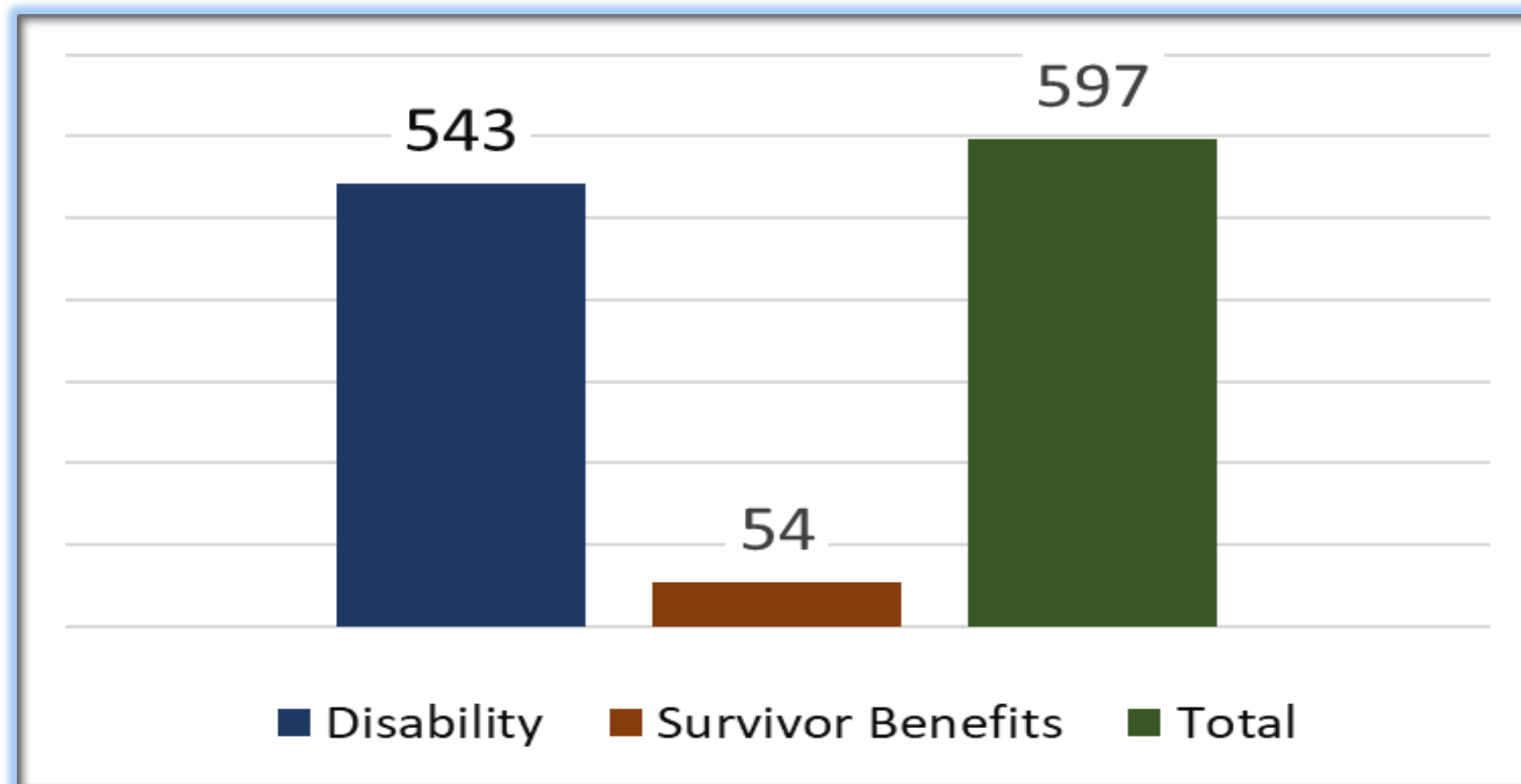
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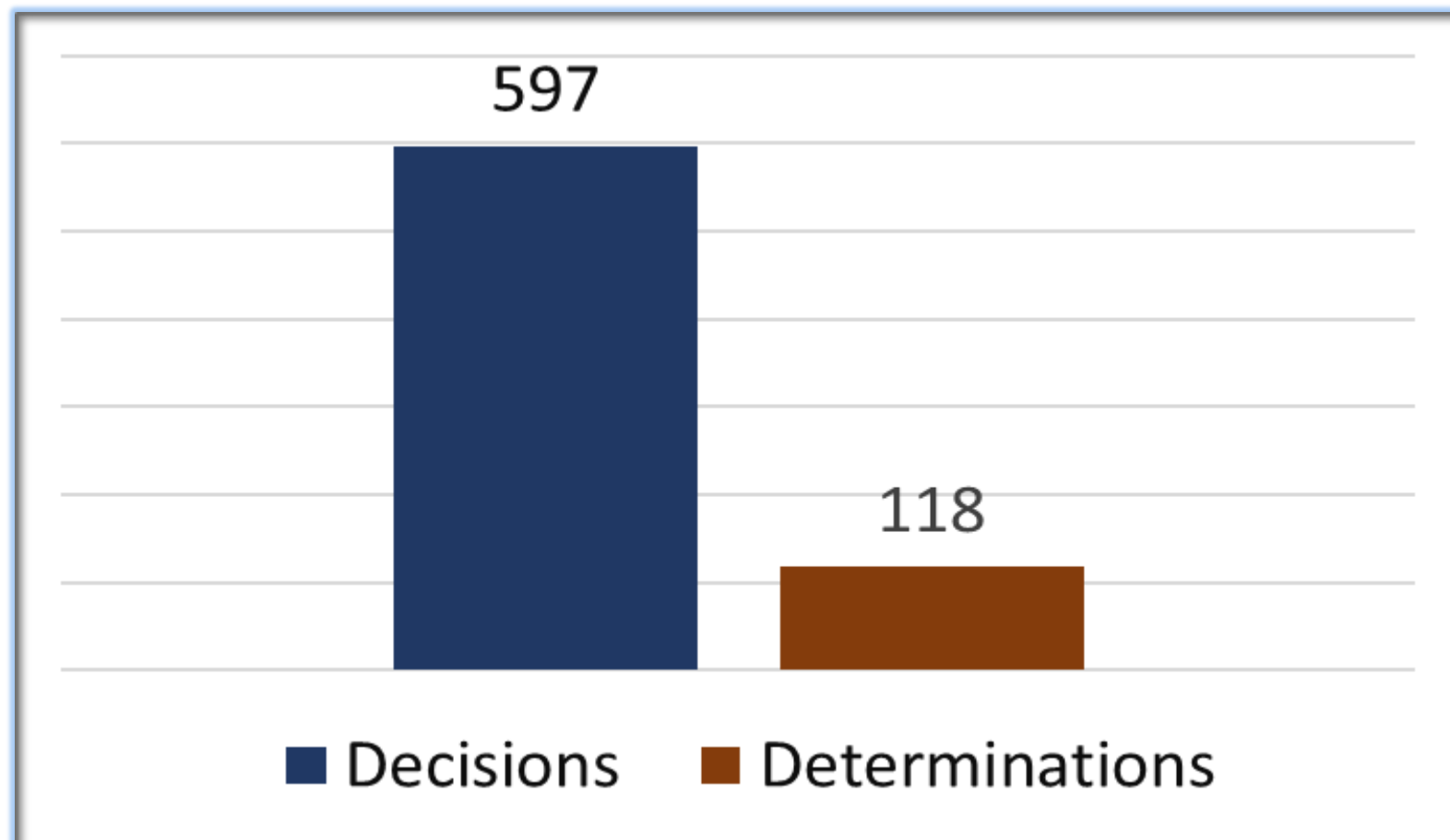
Overview Objectives

- Review substantive issues encountered:
 - Disability Appeals
 - Survivor Benefits Appeals
- Provide related data for each stage of appeal:
 - From Decision phase to Appeals Committee

Disability and Survivor Benefits Decisions 2016-2020



Decision → Determination



Key Points:

- 118 DaSB Determinations from 2016-2020
- Determinations comprise 20 percent (20%) of total Decisions



Issue Distribution for Disability Determinations 2016 - 2020

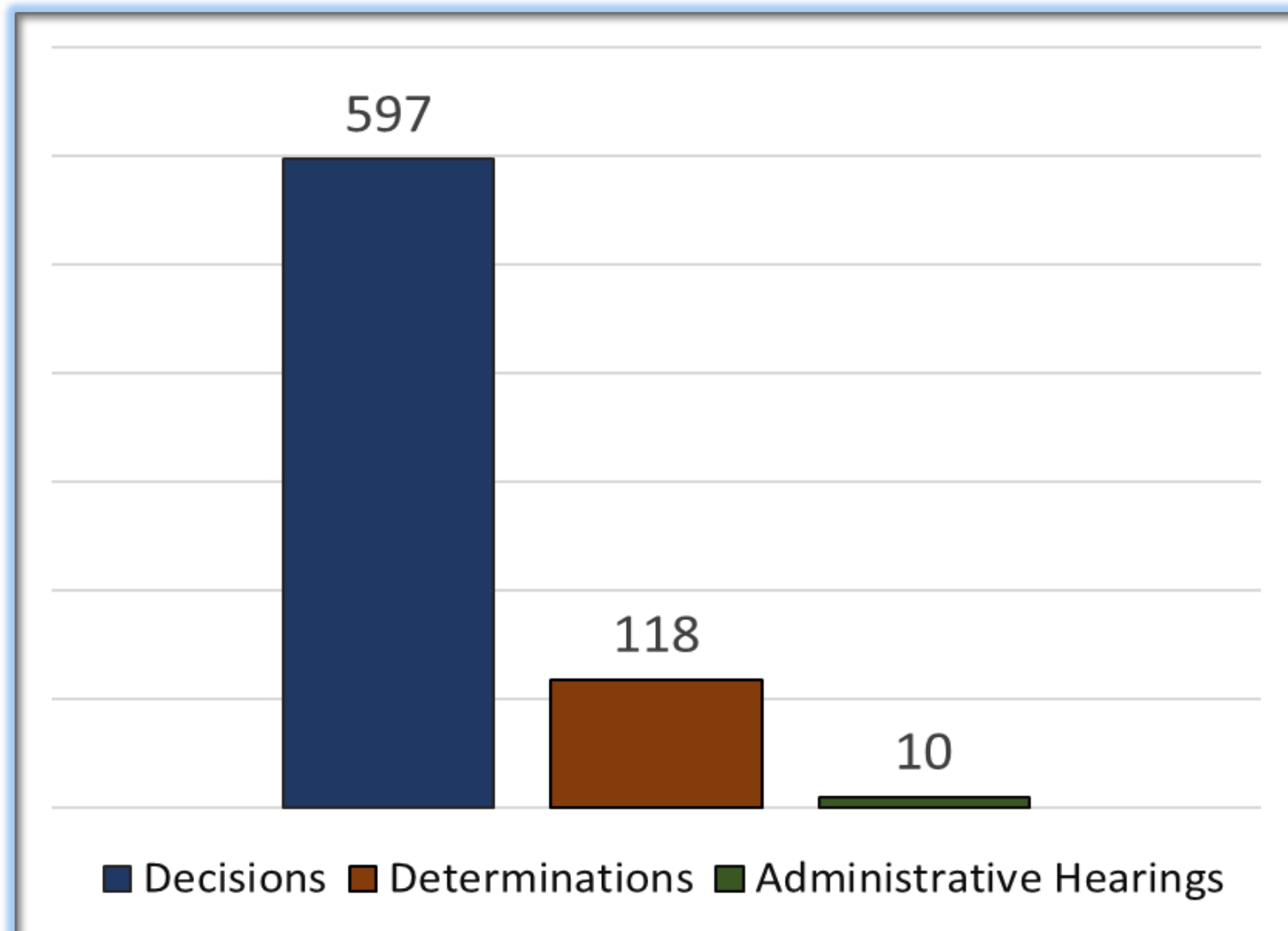
Issues	Determinations
Substantiation of Disability	79
Continuing Qualification	4
Workers' Compensation	4
Timeliness/Exceptional Circumstances	3
Unlawful Act Eligibility	3
Receivable	2
Dependent Child	2
Final Compensation Calculation	1
Option Election	1
BED/Mental Incompetency	1
Total	100



Issue Distribution for Survivor Benefits Determinations

Issues	Determinations
Option Election Change	13
Benefit Calculation	2
Beneficiary Designation	2
Missing Person	1
Total	18

Determination → Administrative Hearing



Key Points:

- Out of 118 Determinations, applicants requested 10 Administrative Hearings
- 8.5 percent (8.5%) of Determinations requested Administrative Hearings
- The number of cases that went to administrative hearing comprises 1.6 percent (1.6%) of total Decisions rendered.



Administrative Hearing Issue Distribution and Outcome

	Administrative Hearings	Proposed Decision by Administrative Law Judge	Appeals Committee Final Decision
Disability Issues		Uphold	Uphold
Substantiation of Disability	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BED/Mental Incompetency	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Final Compensation Calculation	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Survivor Benefits Issue			
Option Election	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total	10		

Questions?



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