# [Retirement Backlog Relatively Unchanged in May](https://www.fedsmith.com/2019/06/05/retirement-backlog-relatively-unchanged-may/)

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[The backlog of outstanding retirement claims at the Office of Personnel Management showed little change last month.](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png)

[OPM received 7,877 new claims in May and processed 8,451 to bring the total backlog down to 17,228, a reduction of only 3.2%. The backlog at this time last year was 18,204, so there has been an improvement over last year in that regard.](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png)

[OPM came in a little bit slower on its processing time in May over the previous month, taking an average of 62 days in May to process claims versus 56 in April. It also processed more in April than in May which resulted in a larger reduction in the backlog in April.](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png)

[The latest complete statistics are included below.](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png)

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| [**Month**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) | [**Claims Received**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) | [**Claims Processed**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) | [**Inventory (Steady state goal is 13,000)**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) | [**Monthly Average Processing Time in Days**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) | [**FYTD Average Processing Time in Days**](https://www.fedsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/retirement-backlog-2019-05.png) |
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