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NATIONAL BENEFICIARY SURVEY: DISABILITY STATISTICS, 2019

Preface

National Beneficiary Survey: Disability Statistics, 2019 provides key descriptive statistics from the 2019 National Beneficiary Survey (NBS), including beneficiary characteristics and health, program and service participation, employment interest and activity, job characteristics, and benefits and employment interaction.

The NBS, sponsored by the Social Security Administration (SSA), collects data on a wide range of variables not available in SSA's administrative systems. It provides SSA, Congress, researchers, and policymakers with information about key factors that contribute to Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) beneficiaries' and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients' successful or unsuccessful employment efforts.

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Errata Policy

If there are any additions or corrections to the data published herein, they will be posted as errata on the web at <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/nbs/2019/index.html>.

Data Source

The 2019 NBS collected 9,092 responses from DI beneficiaries and SSI recipients aged 18 to full retirement age. Respondents included DI beneficiaries (disabled workers, disabled adult children, and disabled widow(er)s) as well as SSI blind and disabled recipients (throughout the publication we use the term “beneficiaries” to refer to both DI beneficiaries and SSI recipients). The survey pooled a representative sample of beneficiaries from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data collection began in February 2019 and ended in December 2019.

SSA through its NBS contractor, Mathematica, conducts the NBS using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI), with computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) available for beneficiaries who do not respond to the CATI survey or who request an in-person interview. (No 2019 NBS respondents requested a CAPI interview.) When a beneficiary is unable to respond because of his or her disability, a proxy respondent is used; but whenever possible, the beneficiary is interviewed directly.

In addition to providing key information on a nationally representative sample of adult beneficiaries, each NBS round typically includes a topical module that focuses on a targeted subsample of beneficiaries. The 2019 survey included two subsamples. The first is a representative sample of beneficiaries from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The second is a “successful workers” sample of individuals who met the criteria for inclusion in the representative sample and (a) were younger than 62 at sample selection, (b) had earnings above the level defined as “substantial gainful activity” for nonblind workers for 3 or more consecutive months after August 1, 2018, and (c) had worked recently (within the 6 months prior to interview).

Some of the NBS questions changed substantially between the 2015 and 2019 survey rounds. As a result, some of the statistics in this volume are not directly comparable with those in the previous edition of this publication.

Data Notes

Except where otherwise noted, all statistics are weighted to represent the national adult DI and SSI beneficiary population. Because of rounding, the total weighted numbers shown in some tables may not equal the sum of their components. Similarly, rounded components of percentage distributions do not necessarily sum to 100.0.

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Table 1.
Sociodemographic characteristics, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Sex					
Men	49.9	51.5	46.8	48.2	57.7
Women	50.1	48.5	53.2	51.8	42.3
Age					
18–24	4.2	0.4	3.4	12.4	8.0
25–29	4.8	1.4	6.6	11.0	9.0
30–34	4.8	2.3	8.9	7.9	8.9
35–39	5.6	4.2	9.0	6.7	10.1
40–44	6.5	6.1	8.0	6.5	10.7
45–49	8.4	7.7	10.0	9.0	7.9
50–54	11.8	10.3	15.4	13.1	11.1
55–59	20.7	23.6	23.3	13.3	17.1
60 or older	33.4	44.1	15.5	20.1	17.2
Average (years)	51.5	55.6	48.0	44.7	45.3
Race					
White only	67.1	73.0	62.2	57.2	70.2
Black or African American only	25.7	20.7	30.9	33.8	23.8
Other	7.2	6.3	7.0	9.0	6.1
Ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino	10.7	8.3	15.0	13.6	6.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	89.3	91.7	85.0	86.5	93.5
Education level					
Did not complete high school or GED	24.7	16.4	33.0	37.9	15.5
High school	44.5	43.5	44.5	46.4	50.5
Diploma	34.1	34.8	33.0	33.1	38.9
GED	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.8	5.9
Special education certificate	3.1	1.6	4.4	5.5	5.7
Some college or postsecondary vocational	13.9	16.3	15.4	8.0	12.3
Associate's degree or vocational diploma	8.3	11.4	3.7	4.2	7.8
Bachelor's degree	6.0	8.4	2.5	2.7	9.2
Some graduate work or graduate or professional degree	2.7	4.0	0.9	0.9	4.7
Marital status ^a					
Married	26.5	37.4	10.1	11.8	23.7
Divorced	21.8	21.5	23.9	21.4	14.3
Separated	6.1	4.7	6.1	8.9	3.4
Widowed	6.5	8.0	6.5	3.5	3.6
Never married	35.7	25.3	49.8	50.4	51.7
Unmarried partner	3.4	3.1	3.7	4.1	3.3
Household income as a percentage of federal poverty level					
Less than 100	46.6	33.4	63.2	66.1	32.3
100–299	41.9	51.7	32.6	25.9	46.9
300 or over	11.5	14.9	4.2	8.0	20.9
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

NOTE: GED = General Educational Development certificate.

a. Categories are mutually exclusive. "Unmarried partner" means living in the same household in a marriage-like relationship.

Beneficiary Characteristics

Table 2.
Sociodemographic characteristics, by education level (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Less than a high school education	High school diploma or GED	More than a high school education
Sex				
Men	49.9	51.2	52.2	45.7
Women	50.1	48.8	47.9	54.3
Age				
18–24	4.2	4.2	6.4	0.9
25–29	4.8	4.6	6.4	2.5
30–34	4.8	5.2	5.8	3.0
35–39	5.6	7.1	5.6	4.3
40–44	6.5	6.8	5.8	7.1
45–49	8.4	9.5	7.6	8.6
50–54	11.8	14.1	10.4	12.0
55–59	20.7	18.6	18.4	25.9
60 or older	33.4	30.1	33.5	36.0
Average (years)	51.5	50.7	50.2	54.0
Race				
White only	67.1	62.7	65.1	73.6
Black or African American only	25.7	29.4	29.1	18.0
Other	7.2	8.0	5.9	8.4
Ethnicity				
Hispanic or Latino	10.7	18.5	7.6	8.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	89.3	81.5	92.4	91.2
Marital status ^a				
Married	26.5	18.3	24.0	36.6
Divorced	21.8	22.8	19.0	25.1
Separated	6.1	9.3	6.4	3.1
Widowed	6.5	6.8	7.3	5.3
Never married	35.7	38.9	40.3	26.5
Unmarried partner	3.4	3.9	3.1	3.6
Household income as a percentage of federal poverty level				
Less than 100	46.6	62.6	47.6	32.3
100–299	41.9	32.2	42.9	48.2
300 or over	11.5	5.2	9.5	19.5
Ever served in active duty military				
Yes	8.8	3.4	9.7	11.7
No	91.2	96.6	90.3	88.3
Number (unweighted)	9,092	1,590	4,076	3,426
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	3,125,180	5,630,560	3,910,426

NOTE: GED = General Educational Development certificate.

a. Categories are mutually exclusive. "Unmarried partner" means living in the same household in a marriage-like relationship.

Table 3.
Living arrangements, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Living arrangement					
Lives alone	26.5	28.6	22.7	24.0	19.2
Lives with spouse, partner, or relatives	61.6	62.4	56.0	62.8	64.4
Lives with friends or roommates	4.4	4.2	4.0	5.0	6.6
Lives in group setting with nonrelatives	6.4	4.0	15.9	6.8	9.3
Other	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.6
Has children under age 18					
No	83.8	84.4	86.0	81.5	80.4
Yes	14.4	13.8	12.7	16.5	17.1
Under age 6	2.8	1.9	3.0	4.6	4.1
6 or older	11.6	11.9	9.7	11.9	13.0
Unknown	1.7	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.5
Lives with some or all of own children under age 18					
Yes	9.7	10.2	6.9	10.2	11.8
No	4.7	3.7	5.8	6.3	5.3
Not applicable (no children)	83.8	84.4	86.0	81.5	80.4
Unknown	1.7	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.5
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

Health

Table 4.
Health status, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Self-reported limiting condition ^a					
Musculoskeletal impairment	38.8	45.8	34.0	26.5	20.0
Psychiatric impairment	38.2	33.8	40.4	46.3	32.3
Circulatory system disease	22.5	24.5	23.9	17.5	9.6
Endocrine or nutritional disorder	14.0	14.7	18.3	10.2	4.9
Nervous system disease	17.6	19.1	13.2	16.8	11.7
Injury or poisoning	11.9	14.8	6.9	8.5	6.7
Respiratory system disease	10.8	12.6	6.8	9.1	6.7
Sensory disorder	6.4	6.0	8.5	6.3	6.5
Intellectual disability	3.4	2.2	6.8	4.2	7.6
Infectious or parasitic disease	2.6	2.3	0.6	4.0	2.5
Neoplasm	6.4	5.8	9.1	6.2	5.1
Blood or blood-forming organs disease	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.2	1.4
Digestive system disease	4.2	4.7	2.7	4.0	2.1
Genitourinary system disease	4.1	4.7	3.1	3.4	0.9
Congenital anomaly	2.2	1.3	3.8	3.2	4.0
Other	19.4	20.4	19.2	17.5	12.3
Number of self-reported limiting conditions ^b					
0	9.7	6.8	14.2	13.7	24.7
1	27.3	26.2	23.5	31.3	38.2
2	31.8	33.5	33.1	27.6	22.0
3	19.1	20.8	16.4	17.0	9.6
4 or more	12.1	12.7	12.8	10.3	5.5
Drug or alcohol abuse in the past 12 months	11.6	9.8	12.7	14.8	11.9
Age at disability onset					
Under 18	21.1	10.7	31.4	37.6	40.2
18–24	8.7	7.2	12.8	9.9	12.8
25–39	22.7	22.3	18.9	25.4	16.4
40–54	34.1	39.2	34.8	22.9	25.4
55 or older	13.5	20.6	2.1	4.3	5.3
General health					
Excellent	4.0	2.6	5.4	6.4	11.4
Very good	6.5	5.6	8.4	7.4	19.4
Good	16.6	14.7	20.1	19.0	28.1
Fair	34.6	35.5	35.8	32.1	26.5
Poor	26.4	29.5	20.4	22.7	12.0
Very poor	11.9	12.1	9.9	12.4	2.7
Current health compared to last year					
Much better	5.1	4.2	8.0	5.7	13.1
Somewhat better	12.5	12.4	8.9	14.6	15.0
About the same	42.7	39.2	48.7	46.9	51.6
Somewhat worse	26.7	30.4	24.4	20.0	14.8
Much worse	13.0	13.7	10.0	12.9	5.5

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Table 4.
Health status, by program and employment status (in percent)—Continued

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Body mass index ^c					
Less than 18.5 (underweight)	2.4	1.7	1.8	4.2	0.9
18.5–24.9 (normal weight)	20.8	20.1	19.5	23.1	30.1
25.0–29.9 (overweight)	28.5	28.3	26.1	30.2	26.8
30 or more (obese)	48.3	50.0	52.7	42.6	42.2
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

- a. Multiple responses possible.
- b. Some beneficiaries consider one or more of their reported conditions not to be limiting.
- c. Body mass index categories based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention definitions (<https://www.cdc.gov/bmi/adult-calculator/bmi-categories.html>).

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Table 5.
Difficulty with specific activities, by program and employment status (in percent)

Difficulty type	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Activities of daily living (ADL) ^a					
Any ADL	51.7	55.5	42.9	47.9	28.0
Getting into or out of bed	33.2	36.9	23.4	30.2	17.4
Bathing or dressing	29.0	30.0	26.0	28.5	13.0
Getting around inside the house	18.1	20.7	15.5	13.9	7.4
Eating	15.0	16.1	13.7	13.2	5.1
Instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) ^a					
Any IADL	57.2	56.8	57.6	57.8	45.9
Getting around outside of the home	48.2	47.1	50.1	49.7	39.4
Shopping for personal items	30.5	30.6	26.4	32.1	22.4
Preparing meals	36.1	34.9	36.0	38.6	28.1
Functional activities ^a					
Walking or climbing stairs, standing for 1 hour, stooping, crouching, and/or kneeling	82.6	88.4	76.6	73.5	50.1
Grasping, reaching, and/or lifting 10 pounds	67.4	73.1	59.9	59.2	33.3
Speaking, hearing, and/or seeing	42.7	39.4	51.9	45.2	38.1
Concentrating	65.6	64.8	63.1	68.8	55.6
Getting along with others	28.2	24.2	30.9	35.3	20.2
Coping with stress	54.5	52.9	51.4	59.5	37.6
Number of ADL or IADL difficulties					
0	28.3	26.5	33.5	29.5	47.1
1	19.3	20.1	16.8	19.0	18.3
2	14.5	14.8	12.1	15.3	11.4
3	13.0	11.7	19.2	12.7	10.1
4	11.1	12.5	8.1	9.4	7.0
5	6.6	7.1	4.7	6.6	3.7
6	4.8	5.0	2.9	5.2	2.2
7	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.4	0.2
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

a. Multiple responses possible.

Table 6.
Health insurance status and sources, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Insured at interview					
Yes	96.5	97.3	97.6	94.5	94.0
No	1.6	0.8	1.1	3.5	3.6
Unknown	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.1	2.4
Health insurance source at interview ^a					
Medicaid or Medicare	92.0	91.6	96.4	90.6	81.0
Private	18.1	25.2	3.8	10.3	31.3
Other	5.5	8.0	2.2	2.1	4.9
Private insurance source					
Through own employment	17.3	18.8	11.1	10.7	41.5
Through spouse	39.1	35.6	48.4	55.7	35.4
Self or family purchased	25.7	29.1	26.9	8.2	16.1
Other	16.1	15.3	11.5	21.1	5.5
Unknown	1.8	1.3	2.2	4.3	1.5
Number (unweighted)					
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Beneficiaries with private insurance	2,234	1,400	261	573	1,587
Number (weighted)					
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138
Beneficiaries with private insurance	2,289,783	1,860,846	67,614	361,324	378,750
Beneficiaries with private insurance as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	18.1	25.2	3.8	10.3	31.2

a. Multiple responses possible.

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Table 7.
Health status, by selected impairment (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Beneficiaries reporting—		
		Musculoskeletal impairment	Mental impairment	Intellectual disability
Self-reported limiting condition ^a				
Musculoskeletal impairment	38.8	100.0	36.1	10.4
Psychiatric impairment	38.2	35.5	100.0	39.4
Circulatory system disease	22.5	23.3	19.1	7.1
Endocrine or nutritional disorder	14.0	18.5	15.4	8.7
Nervous system disease	17.6	18.7	16.6	26.8
Injury or poisoning	11.9	11.9	10.1	5.2
Respiratory system disease	10.8	13.8	8.2	2.3
Sensory disorder	6.4	6.6	6.0	7.5
Intellectual disability	3.4	0.9	3.5	100.0
Infectious or parasitic disease	2.6	3.2	3.0	(X)
Neoplasm	6.4	7.4	5.3	0.7
Blood or blood-forming organs disease	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.4
Digestive system disease	4.2	3.9	3.6	4.1
Genitourinary system disease	4.1	3.9	4.2	1.0
Congenital anomaly	2.2	1.2	2.1	6.4
Other	19.4	20.3	17.0	20.2
Number of self-reported limiting conditions ^b				
0	9.7	...	...	...
1	27.3	15.1	24.4	19.4
2	31.8	36.0	33.1	38.3
3	19.1	26.1	23.2	31.0
4 or more	12.1	22.8	19.4	11.4
Drug or alcohol abuse in the past 12 months	11.6	10.0	13.9	2.6
Age at disability onset				
Under 18	21.1	6.5	25.7	93.7
18–24	8.7	6.6	13.5	4.2
25–39	22.7	24.5	28.0	1.5
40–54	34.1	46.3	26.8	0.6
55 or older	13.5	16.2	6.0	(X)
General health				
Excellent	4.0	0.6	2.9	10.4
Very good	6.5	2.7	5.4	17.6
Good	16.6	8.8	15.9	28.5
Fair	34.6	37.2	35.3	31.4
Poor	26.4	37.7	27.4	9.3
Very poor	11.9	13.1	13.0	2.9
Number (unweighted)	9,092	2,259	3,606	398
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	4,914,283	4,832,203	428,559

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals; . . . = not applicable.

a. Multiple responses possible.

b. Some beneficiaries consider one or more of their reported conditions not to be limiting.

Table 8.
Health status, by age (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Self-reported limiting condition ^a				
Musculoskeletal impairment	38.8	6.6	29.4	46.8
Psychiatric impairment	38.2	51.6	50.0	31.8
Circulatory system disease	22.5	3.8	10.6	29.5
Endocrine or nutritional disorder	14.0	4.2	8.8	17.2
Nervous system disease	17.6	16.8	19.9	16.9
Injury or poisoning	11.9	3.6	11.0	13.4
Respiratory system disease	10.8	4.6	6.6	13.2
Sensory disorder	6.4	7.5	7.3	6.0
Intellectual disability	3.4	10.5	5.9	1.5
Infectious or parasitic disease	2.6	0.2	2.0	3.1
Neoplasm	6.4	1.2	4.2	7.9
Blood or blood-forming organs disease	1.1	0.6	1.5	0.9
Digestive system disease	4.2	2.2	4.7	4.3
Genitourinary system disease	4.1	1.6	4.1	4.5
Congenital anomaly	2.2	9.1	4.0	0.6
Other	19.4	12.7	19.0	20.5
Number of self-reported limiting conditions ^b				
0	9.7	17.4	9.9	8.6
1	27.3	45.8	32.7	22.7
2	31.8	24.2	31.1	33.2
3	19.1	9.1	16.3	21.5
4 or more	12.1	3.6	10.0	14.0
Drug or alcohol abuse in the past 12 months	11.6	8.9	12.1	11.8
Age at disability onset				
Under 18	21.1	83.8	35.3	7.1
18–24	8.7	15.4	16.2	5.0
25–39	22.7	0.8	39.4	19.2
40–54	34.1	...	9.0	48.2
55 or older	13.5	...	...	20.5
General health				
Excellent	4.0	15.0	5.2	2.1
Very good	6.5	15.6	7.2	5.0
Good	16.6	28.2	20.9	13.4
Fair	34.6	27.9	34.4	35.6
Poor	26.4	10.9	23.1	29.7
Very poor	11.9	2.3	9.1	14.2
Number (unweighted)	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Multiple responses possible.

b. Some beneficiaries consider one or more of their reported conditions not to be limiting.

Participation in Government Programs or Other Services

Table 9.
Program participation, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
SSA program participation					
DI only	58.3	100.0	...	...	58.7
Concurrent DI and SSI	14.0	...	100.0	...	19.0
SSI only	27.7	...	...	100.0	22.3
Monthly SSA program benefit(s) in month before interview					
Less than \$500	8.6	4.5	4.3	19.5	26.4
\$500–\$1,000	48.3	25.1	82.3	79.8	38.1
\$1,001 or more	43.1	70.4	13.4	0.7	35.6
Average (\$)	1,089.04	1,365.40	856.19	624.55	855.76
Beneficiaries with income or assistance in month before interview					
Source of income or assistance ^a					
SSA program benefits	92.1	93.1	93.1	89.4	74.9
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	36.9	24.3	54.3	54.6	14.5
Earnings ^b	7.8	8.5	9.5	5.5	77.6
Pensions	6.5	11.0	0.4	(X)	1.8
Veterans' benefits	2.7	4.1	1.6	0.3	0.9
Private disability insurance	2.7	3.6	2.7	0.9	0.9
Public cash assistance or welfare	2.1	0.7	2.6	5.0	0.8
Workers' compensation	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Unemployment Insurance	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4
Other	2.6	2.9	2.7	1.8	3.2
Monthly non-SSA program benefit in month before interview					
None	58.1	66.8	46.0	45.8	81.1
\$1–\$199	27.2	19.2	37.2	38.8	9.6
\$200–\$499	5.8	3.6	9.5	8.6	5.6
\$500 or more	8.9	10.4	7.3	6.7	3.7
Average (\$)	188.26	227.93	136.95	130.62	63.75
Months since initial SSA program award					
Fewer than 24	3.5	2.8	3.4	5.0	3.8
24–59	18.3	21.0	14.6	14.5	13.1
60–119	23.8	28.3	8.7	22.0	24.0
120 or more	54.3	47.9	73.3	58.2	59.1
Average	164.3	147.3	218.1	172.8	179.7
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

NOTE: ... = not applicable; (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Multiple responses possible.

b. These percentages do not match those shown in tables on characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview because the reference month differs.

Table 10.
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018, by program and employment status (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Service use					
Yes	84.1	85.8	80.0	82.5	83.1
No	15.5	14.1	19.5	16.6	16.5
Unknown	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.4
Among service users—					
Type of service used ^a					
Medical services	97.3	98.3	95.4	96.3	85.7
Personal counseling or group therapy	36.4	33.1	46.6	38.7	37.1
Occupational, physical, or speech therapy	34.1	35.0	32.7	32.8	28.6
Special equipment or device	19.4	20.0	22.3	16.6	14.2
Work assessment or help finding a job	13.6	9.9	23.0	16.9	38.0
Job training, on-the-job training, or advice about workplace modification	13.9	11.7	22.4	14.6	54.2
Reason for using service ^a					
To improve health or well-being	74.3	76.0	74.2	70.6	58.9
To improve ability to do daily activities	16.0	16.5	15.4	15.1	12.7
To find a job or get a better job	5.4	4.3	8.5	6.3	18.1
To access specific service or program	2.5	3.1	0.9	2.0	2.5
Pressured by someone to use	2.4	2.8	0.6	2.4	2.5
To increase income	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.0	2.6
To avoid a continuing disability review	0.2	0.3	(X)	0.1	0.1
Other	21.9	20.2	27.2	23.0	25.0
Number (unweighted)					
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	7,614	3,659	1,512	2,443	3,860
Number (weighted)					
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	10,647,129	6,338,401	1,417,132	2,891,597	1,007,562

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Multiple responses possible.

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Table 11.
Beneficiaries who needed but did not receive services in 2018, by program and employment status
(in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Unmet service need reported					
Yes	9.5	8.8	8.3	11.5	8.8
No	89.1	89.7	90.3	87.2	89.9
Unknown	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3
Reason for unmet service need					
Could not afford	15.5	20.8	7.8	9.9	5.2
Problems with service or agency	1.4	0.4	0.8	3.4	0.4
Wasn't eligible or request refused	11.8	13.6	6.6	10.8	13.9
Too difficult or confusing	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.7
Lack of information	11.2	11.7	12.9	9.8	16.7
Did not try to get service	2.0	3.5	0.0	0.4	8.4
Other	57.5	50.1	71.6	64.3	54.8
Unknown	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Number (unweighted)					
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Beneficiaries with unmet service needs	1,046	497	199	350	502
Number (weighted)					
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138
Beneficiaries with unmet service needs	1,200,327	648,875	146,882	404,569	106,773

Table 12.
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018, by selected impairment (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Beneficiaries reporting—		
		Musculoskeletal impairment	Mental impairment	Intellectual disability
Service use				
Yes	84.1	88.9	87.8	83.3
No	15.5	11.0	11.8	16.0
Unknown	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.7
Among service users—				
Type of service used ^a				
Medical services	97.3	99.2	97.8	91.5
Personal counseling or group therapy	36.4	34.5	62.9	28.6
Occupational, physical, or speech therapy	34.1	37.1	33.9	17.5
Special equipment or device	19.4	22.4	17.7	13.0
Work assessment or help finding a job	13.6	7.3	16.6	32.3
Job training, on-the-job training, or advice about workplace modification	13.9	6.9	16.9	30.8
Reason for using service ^a				
To improve health or well-being	74.3	79.6	75.2	67.6
To improve ability to do daily activities	16.0	17.4	15.4	14.3
To find a job or get a better job	5.4	3.8	6.8	7.6
To access specific service or program	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.1
Pressured by someone to use	2.4	2.5	1.6	1.4
To increase income	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.4
To avoid a continuing disability review	0.2	0.1	0.1	(X)
Other	21.9	19.0	20.8	32.9
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	2,259	3,606	398
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	7,614	2,014	3,191	329
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	4,914,283	4,832,203	428,559
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	10,647,129	4,368,786	4,241,177	357,025

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Multiple responses possible.

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Table 13.
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018, by age (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Service use				
Yes	84.1	77.5	84.1	85.0
No	15.5	20.9	15.3	14.9
Unknown	0.4	1.7	0.6	0.2
Among service users—				
Type of service used ^a				
Medical services	97.3	89.5	95.4	99.0
Personal counseling or group therapy	36.4	38.9	43.5	33.5
Occupational, physical, or speech therapy	34.1	27.9	30.3	36.3
Special equipment or device	19.4	13.6	17.3	20.8
Work assessment or help finding a job	13.6	36.4	16.5	9.6
Job training, on-the-job training, or advice about workplace modification	13.9	39.8	18.1	9.2
Reason for using service ^a				
To improve health or well-being	74.3	58.4	72.0	77.1
To improve ability to do daily activities	16.0	17.1	18.0	15.1
To find a job or get a better job	5.4	14.4	7.6	3.5
To access specific service or program	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.5
Pressured by someone to use	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3
To increase income	0.9	1.1	1.4	0.7
To avoid a continuing disability review	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other	21.9	27.9	21.5	21.3
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	7,614	1,520	3,575	2,519
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997
Beneficiaries who used services in 2018	10,647,129	874,727	2,676,816	7,095,586

a. Multiple responses possible.

Table 14.
Employment expectations, by program and employment status (in percent)

Expectation	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Goals include work or career advancement					
Yes	55.6	51.3	63.3	60.9	80.1
No	39.7	43.8	34.4	33.8	17.0
Unknown	4.7	5.0	2.3	5.3	2.9
Sees self working for pay—					
In the next 2 years					
Agree or strongly agree	25.7	22.7	32.6	28.5	83.2
Disagree or strongly disagree	72.4	75.5	66.5	68.8	15.1
Unknown	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.7	1.8
In the next 5 years					
Agree or strongly agree	29.2	26.2	37.9	31.2	75.5
Disagree or strongly disagree	68.5	71.4	60.4	66.3	21.9
Unknown	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.5	2.6
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits—					
In the next 2 years					
Agree or strongly agree	12.9	9.5	18.8	17.1	30.2
Disagree or strongly disagree	11.6	11.6	13.5	10.8	51.8
Unknown	1.1	1.6	0.3	0.6	1.2
Not applicable—does not see self working in next 2 years	74.3	77.3	67.4	71.6	16.8
In the next 5 years					
Agree or strongly agree	18.2	16.4	23.2	19.5	35.1
Disagree or strongly disagree	10.4	9.4	13.5	11.0	37.1
Unknown	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.6	3.3
Not applicable—does not see self working in next 5 years	70.8	73.8	62.1	68.8	24.5
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

Employment Interest

Table 15.
Nonworking beneficiaries' reasons for not working, by program (in percent)

Reason	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Physical or mental condition prevents work	90.1	93.6	81.1	87.2
Discouraged by previous work attempts	25.7	26.3	22.5	26.0
Others do not think he or she can work	24.1	23.6	22.5	26.0
Workplace not accessible to people with his or her disability	26.6	24.8	26.2	30.6
Cannot find a job he or she is qualified for	25.2	23.2	25.2	29.3
Lacks reliable transportation to or from work	18.7	14.9	23.6	24.3
Does not want to lose cash or health insurance benefits	13.9	11.4	19.5	16.3
Employer will not give him or her a chance	16.0	12.8	14.4	23.3
Cannot find a job he or she wants	8.7	7.0	13.0	10.2
Is caring for someone else	5.6	4.7	10.2	5.2
Waiting to finish school or training program	2.3	1.5	2.0	4.1
Other	6.0	6.1	3.6	6.9
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Nonworking beneficiaries	4,495	2,044	865	1,586
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Nonworking beneficiaries	11,454,028	6,675,386	1,541,832	3,236,810
Nonworking beneficiaries as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	90.4	90.4	87.0	92.3

NOTE: Multiple responses possible.

Table 16.
Hourly reservation wage among nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working, by program (in percent)

Reservation wage	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Hourly				
Less than \$6.00	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.9
\$6.00 to \$7.24	1.3	0.8	3.1	1.3
\$7.25 ^a to \$8.99	6.2	4.5	5.8	10.7
\$9.00 to \$13.99	25.3	21.3	32.9	31.0
\$14.00 to \$15.99	12.4	15.0	9.3	7.6
\$16.00 to \$22.99	12.9	13.4	16.0	10.1
\$23.00 to \$29.99	3.9	5.8	0.7	0.9
\$30.00 and above	3.8	4.7	0.1	3.5
Unknown	33.8	34.3	30.9	34.1
Median (\$)	13.50	15.00	11.00	11.50
Average (\$)	16.36	16.77	18.53	14.15
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working	2,809	1,424	541	844
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working	7,267,211	4,461,347	965,192	1,840,672
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	57.4	60.4	54.5	52.5

NOTES: The reservation wage is the lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work.

Excludes proxy respondents.

a. The federal minimum hourly wage in 2018 was \$7.25.

Employment Interest

Table 17.
Nonworking beneficiaries' reasons for not working, by age (in percent)

Reason	Overall	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Physical or mental condition prevents work	90.1	73.0	87.7	93.0
Discouraged by previous work attempts	25.7	20.7	30.5	24.6
Others do not think he or she can work	24.1	19.1	22.1	25.4
Workplace not accessible to people with his or her disability	26.6	29.1	29.3	25.4
Cannot find a job he or she is qualified for	25.2	34.7	26.3	23.7
Lacks reliable transportation to or from work	18.7	22.1	17.9	18.6
Does not want to lose cash or health insurance benefits	13.9	15.0	16.0	13.0
Employer will not give him or her a chance	16.0	17.1	15.2	16.1
Cannot find a job he or she wants	8.7	13.9	9.5	7.8
Is caring for someone else	5.6	8.4	10.3	3.6
Waiting to finish school or training program	2.3	12.3	2.1	1.2
Other	6.0	4.5	5.3	6.4
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Nonworking beneficiaries	4,495	953	2,267	1,275
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997
Nonworking beneficiaries	11,454,028	923,411	2,727,695	7,802,921
Nonworking beneficiaries as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	90.4	81.8	85.7	93.4

NOTE: Multiple responses possible.

Table 18.
Hourly reservation wage among nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working, by age (in percent)

Reservation wage	Overall	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Hourly				
Less than \$6.00	0.5	1.6	1.4	(X)
\$6.00 to \$7.24	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.1
\$7.25 ^a to \$8.99	6.2	11.4	8.3	5.2
\$9.00 to \$13.99	25.3	40.3	29.6	22.9
\$14.00 to \$15.99	12.4	4.7	10.6	13.5
\$16.00 to \$22.99	12.9	4.0	9.6	14.5
\$23.00 to \$29.99	3.9	3.3	3.4	4.1
\$30.00 and above	3.8	2.1	2.0	4.4
Unknown	33.8	31.5	33.4	34.1
Median (\$)	13.50	10.00	12.00	15.00
Average (\$)	16.36	13.42	17.94	16.06
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working	2,809	426	1,451	932
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working	7,267,211	354,572	1,656,661	5,255,978
Nonworking beneficiaries seeking employment or reporting nonhealth reasons for not working as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	57.4	31.4	52.0	62.9

NOTES: The reservation wage is the lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work.

Excludes proxy respondents.

(X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. The federal minimum hourly wage in 2018 was \$7.25.

Employment Activity

Table 19.
Employment, by program and employment status (in percent)

Activity	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
Has ever worked for pay					
Yes	76.0	83.7	68.0	63.8	100.0
No	23.8	16.1	31.9	35.9	...
Employed in 2018					
Yes	13.1	12.4	17.4	12.4	91.4
No or unknown	86.9	87.6	82.6	87.6	8.6
Employed at interview					
Yes	9.6	9.6	13.0	7.7	100.0
No	90.4	90.4	87.0	92.3	...
Did not seek work in past 4 weeks	84.5	86.0	77.0	85.2	...
Sought work in past 4 weeks	5.9	4.3	10.0	7.1	...
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

Table 20.
Employment, by age (in percent)

Activity	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30-49	50 or older
Has ever worked for pay				
Yes	76.0	47.2	77.5	79.3
No	23.8	52.0	22.3	20.5
Employed in 2018				
Yes	13.1	24.2	18.5	9.5
No or unknown	86.9	75.9	81.5	90.5
Employed at interview				
Yes	9.6	18.2	14.3	6.6
No	90.4	81.8	85.7	93.4
Did not seek work in past 4 weeks	84.5	67.9	78.8	88.9
Sought work in past 4 weeks	5.9	13.8	6.7	4.5
Number (unweighted)	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997

Employment Activity

Table 21.
Employment rates at interview, by program and beneficiary subgroup (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Age				
18–24	18.4	21.7	27.8	16.9
25–39	17.8	22.2	19.5	14.1
40–54	10.7	12.2	15.4	5.2
55 or older	6.1	7.2	5.4	1.5
General health				
Excellent or very good	28.0	29.0	42.6	19.3
Good or fair	10.2	11.1	11.6	7.5
Poor or very poor	3.7	4.1	1.9	3.4
Education level				
Less than high school	6.0	8.5	5.9	3.8
High school diploma or GED	10.9	9.8	17.6	9.8
More than high school	10.5	10.0	14.1	11.0
Self-reported limiting condition				
Intellectual disability	21.5	20.7	28.3	16.7
Sensory disorder	9.7	10.5	4.6	11.5
Psychiatric impairment	8.1	7.4	13.9	6.7
Musculoskeletal impairment	4.9	5.4	3.9	3.7
Circulatory system disease	4.1	4.4	4.3	3.0
Age at disability onset				
Under 18	18.3	20.4	24.1	14.5
18–24	14.0	15.0	15.2	11.7
25–39	6.9	9.2	7.8	2.4
40–54	7.1	8.9	5.5	2.1
55 or older	3.8	4.1	3.3	0.4
Difficulty with—				
Getting along with others	6.8	7.4	6.2	6.3
Concentrating	8.1	7.9	11.9	6.9
Coping with stress	6.6	6.8	8.4	5.4
Bathing or dressing	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.2
Getting around outside the home	7.8	7.7	9.2	7.4
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Beneficiaries employed at interview	4,597	2,237	948	1,412
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Beneficiaries employed at interview	1,212,138	711,944	229,858	270,335
Beneficiaries employed at interview as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)				
	9.6	9.6	13.0	7.7

NOTE: GED = General Educational Development certificate.

Table 22.
Recently employed beneficiaries' employment activities, capacity, and supports, by program (in percent)

Activity, capacity, or support	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Worked fewer hours or earned less than was able				
Yes	28.5	22.2	49.3	22.3
No	60.9	70.6	42.8	63
Unknown	10.6	7.2	7.9	14.7
If yes, reason for doing so ^a				
Wanted to keep cash benefit	46.6	55.3	38.7	31.3
Wanted to keep Medicare or Medicaid	50.1	60.3	32.9	40.0
Health	55.7	66.1	27.6	55.3
Taking care of children or others	15.8	20.2	7.2	12.4
Didn't want to work more	14.8	15.2	17.7	10.9
Enrolled in school or training	6.0	6.7	5.3	4.7
Other	4.0	3.3	3.7	6.1
None indicated	23.3	14.3	50.8	20.6
Support that could boost earnings ^a				
Better job skills	37.8	33.4	35.6	42.4
Help finding a better job	36.5	37.5	35.9	36
Flexible work schedule	30.1	30.1	26.4	32
Reliable transportation to or from work	31.0	21.4	50.4	28.1
Help with personal care	13.7	13	7.5	17.6
Help caring for children or others	8.5	8.9	7.5	8.8
Special equipment or devices	4.7	4	2.8	6.2
Other	6.3	7.6	6.1	5.6
None indicated	36.3	37.7	19.4	44.3
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries	5,707	2,793	1,183	1,731
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries	1,759,901	959,084	318,804	482,014
Recently employed beneficiaries as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	13.9	13.0	18.0	13.7

NOTE: "Recently employed" refers to beneficiaries employed at interview or in 2018.

a. Multiple responses possible.

Employment Activity

Table 23.
Employment activities and expectations, by program and employment status (in percent)

Activity or expectation	All beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
One or more of the below	63.3	58.5	70.0	69.8	100.0
Employment activity ^a					
One or more of the below	18.3	16.3	24.8	19.3	100.0
Working at interview	9.6	9.6	13.0	7.7	100.0
Worked in 2018	13.1	12.4	17.4	12.4	91.4
Looked for work in past 4 weeks	5.9	4.3	10.0	7.1	0.0
Employment service and training activity ^a					
One or more of the below	18.7	15.3	25.2	22.4	53.6
Not working because waiting to finish school or training program	2.1	1.4	1.8	3.8	...
Used employment-specific service in 2018	16.1	13.2	22.7	18.7	50.4
Used employment or other service in 2018 to get a job or to increase income	5.1	4.3	7.0	5.9	16.9
Goal or expectation ^a					
One or more of the below	59.7	54.8	67.2	66.4	93.0
Goals include getting a job, new skills, or career advancement	58.4	53.9	64.8	64.3	82.5
Sees self working for pay in the next 2 years	25.7	22.7	32.6	28.5	83.2
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 2 years	12.9	9.5	18.8	17.1	30.2
Sees self working for pay in the next 5 years	29.2	26.2	37.9	31.2	75.5
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 5 years	18.2	16.4	23.2	19.5	35.1
Number (unweighted)	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998	4,597
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145	1,212,138

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Multiple responses possible. Excludes "Don't know" and "Refused" responses.

Table 24.
Employment activities and expectations, by selected impairment (in percent)

Activity or expectation	All beneficiaries	Beneficiaries reporting—		
		Musculoskeletal impairment	Mental impairment	Intellectual disability
One or more of the below	63.3	56.4	66.3	51.2
Employment activity ^a				
One or more of the below	18.3	11.9	17.8	25.4
Working at interview	9.6	4.9	8.1	21.5
Worked in 2018	13.1	9.1	12.6	22.9
Looked for work in past 4 weeks	5.9	3.8	6.3	2.7
Employment service and training activity ^a				
One or more of the below	18.7	12.1	23.2	32.9
Not working because waiting to finish school or training program	2.1	1.6	2.8	3.9
Used employment-specific service in 2018	16.1	9.7	19.1	31.3
Used employment or other service in 2018 to get a job or to increase income	5.1	4.1	6.6	6.7
Goal or expectation ^a				
One or more of the below	59.7	53.0	61.6	45.8
Goals include getting a job, new skills, or career advancement	58.4	52.5	60.3	41.9
Sees self working for pay in the next 2 years	25.7	15.7	25.3	27.5
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 2 years	12.9	7.0	12.6	5.1
Sees self working for pay in the next 5 years	29.2	19.0	30.8	25.9
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 5 years	18.2	10.9	18.1	6.0
Number (unweighted)	9,092	2,259	3,606	398
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	4,914,283	4,832,203	428,559

a. Multiple responses possible. Excludes "Don't know" and "Refused" responses.

Employment Activity

Table 25.
Employment activities and expectations, by age (in percent)

Activity or expectation	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
One or more of the below	63.3	79.2	72.6	57.5
Employment activity ^a				
One or more of the below	18.3	35.9	25.1	13.3
Working at interview	9.6	18.2	14.3	6.6
Worked in 2018	13.1	24.2	18.5	9.5
Looked for work in past 4 weeks	5.9	13.8	6.7	4.5
Employment service and training activity ^a				
One or more of the below	18.7	44.1	23.3	13.4
Not working because waiting to finish school or training program	2.1	10.1	1.8	1.1
Used employment-specific service in 2018	16.1	38.5	20.6	11.3
Used employment or other service in 2018 to get a job or to increase income	5.1	11.6	7.1	3.5
Goal or expectation ^a				
One or more of the below	59.7	75.5	68.7	54.2
Goals include getting a job, new skills, or career advancement	58.4	72.7	67.6	52.8
Sees self working for pay in the next 2 years	25.7	48.9	34.1	19.4
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 2 years	12.9	24.6	18.4	9.3
Sees self working for pay in the next 5 years	29.2	58.9	41.4	20.6
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next 5 years	18.2	32.9	26.9	12.9
Number (unweighted)	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Number (weighted)	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997

a. Multiple responses possible. Excludes "Don't know" and "Refused" responses.

Table 26.
Indicators of interest in employment, by beneficiary characteristics

Characteristic	Percentage of beneficiaries who—				Median hourly reservation wage ^c (\$)
	Are work-oriented ^a	Used employment services in 2018	Ever worked for pay	Report that a disability prevents work ^b	
All beneficiaries	59.7	16.1	76.0	90.1	13.50
Age					
18–24	78.1	46.1	42.1	69.2	10.00
25–39	71.6	28.3	65.8	82.8	10.00
40–54	65.3	15.2	78.0	91.0	12.00
55 or older	52.3	10.8	80.4	92.8	15.00
General health					
Excellent or very good	76.3	34.2	62.5	74.5	13.00
Good or fair	62.0	17.0	75.8	88.1	12.50
Poor or very poor	52.2	9.8	79.9	95.7	14.00
Education level					
Less than high school	59.2	11.2	61.8	92.1	11.00
High school diploma or GED	57.2	16.2	73.3	89.8	12.00
More than high school	63.8	19.7	91.2	88.8	15.00
Self-reported limiting condition					
Intellectual disability	45.8	31.3	40.0	93.8	10.00
Sensory disorder	47.9	15.5	69.4	94.0	13.50
Psychiatric impairment	61.6	19.1	77.0	91.3	12.00
Musculoskeletal impairment	53.0	9.7	83.5	94.4	15.00
Circulatory system disease	52.9	11.6	82.4	95.2	12.00
Age at disability onset					
Under 18	62.8	32.5	52.6	82.3	11.00
18–24	68.1	21.1	80.9	82.8	10.00
25–39	67.3	13.2	82.3	91.4	14.00
40–54	54.8	10.4	83.4	93.4	14.00
55 or older	49.2	6.3	79.9	94.4	15.00
Difficulty with—					
Getting along with others	63.6	16.1	69.5	92.2	12.00
Concentrating	57.5	17.1	73.3	92.6	13.00
Coping with stress	56.8	16.0	74.2	92.5	12.00
Bathing or dressing	48.6	14.2	74.6	93.7	15.00
Getting around outside the home	54.5	18.2	71.4	93.2	13.50

NOTE: GED = General Educational Development certificate.

- Work-oriented beneficiaries are those who indicated that their personal goals included getting a job, moving up in a job, or learning new job skills or who saw themselves working for pay in the next 2 years or the next 5 years.
- Among beneficiaries not working at time of interview.
- The reservation wage is the lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work. Excludes proxy respondents.

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Table 27.
Job characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview, by program (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Months at current job				
Less than 1	2.3	0.8	2.0	6.1
1–6	14.9	14.4	10.9	19.6
7–12	14.4	15.4	8.6	16.9
13–24	15.8	15.6	15.2	16.8
25 or more	43.6	46.8	41.8	36.7
Unknown	9.1	7.0	21.5	4.0
Median (months)	24.0	25.0	25.0	18.0
Usual hours worked per week				
1–10	27.1	26.6	32.9	23.7
11–20	30.2	33.5	28.4	23.1
21–34	19.7	17.7	16.9	27.6
35 or more	22.9	22.2	21.9	25.6
Average (hours)	22.2	21.2	24.4	22.9
Hourly wage				
Less than \$5.00	5.2	2.1	10.6	8.8
\$5.00 to \$7.24	2.9	2.6	0.4	5.7
\$7.25 ^a to \$9.99	30.5	30.2	33.1	29.1
\$10.00 to \$14.99	42.6	43.6	46.5	36.6
\$15.00 or more	18.9	21.6	9.4	19.9
Average (\$)	12.92	14.38	10.24	11.34
Average monthly pay (\$)	1,220.54	1,309.99	992.44	1,178.88
Earning above substantial gainful activity level (\$1,220 or more per month)	33.3	31.9	33.3	37.1
Occupation				
Transportation and material moving	20.1	22.5	18.3	15.3
Production	5.9	4.9	9.7	5.3
Office and administrative support	13.4	14.4	6.3	16.6
Building and grounds cleaning or maintenance	10.8	7.7	18.5	12.6
Personal care and service	3.4	3.0	2.6	5.0
Sales	9.6	7.7	17.0	8.5
Food preparation or serving	9.1	6.4	10.8	14.8
Education, training, community, and social services	7.1	8.7	6.0	3.8
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	4.5	6.2	0.1	3.9
Health care practitioners, tech, and support	2.4	2.2	1.4	3.7
Protective service	4.2	6.3	1.2	1.2
Installation, maintenance, and repair	1.0	0.6	2.7	0.7
Management, business, and legal	1.7	2.5	0.4	0.9
Professional scientific	2.1	2.8	0.2	1.7
Agriculture, forestry, construction, and extraction	1.8	2.0	0.8	1.9
Unknown	3.0	2.1	4.2	4.3

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Table 27.
Job characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview, by program (in percent)—Continued

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Industry				
Health care	8.5	8.5	11.9	5.5
Social assistance	26.5	19.4	42.7	31.2
Retail	15.1	15.3	13.1	16.3
Other services and public administration	4.5	5.4	2.9	3.3
Educational services	5.4	6.4	2.2	5.4
Accommodation and food services	8.2	6.4	8.0	13.1
Finance and insurance	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.8
Administration, support, and waste management/remediation services	4.1	4.8	1.2	4.7
Unknown	27.1	32.9	17.6	19.8
Self-employed	10.5	12.1	6.7	9.5
Working in sheltered employment				
Yes	23.4	16.6	38.5	28.3
No	64.6	71.5	50.5	58.2
Unknown	12.1	11.9	11.0	13.6
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Beneficiaries employed at interview	4,597	2,237	948	1,412
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Beneficiaries employed at interview	1,212,138	711,944	229,858	270,335
Beneficiaries employed at interview as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)				
	9.6	9.6	13.0	7.7

NOTE: For beneficiaries who held multiple jobs at the time of the interview (5 percent), the characteristics reported are those of the main job, as designated by the respondent.

a. The federal minimum hourly wage in 2018 was \$7.25.

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Table 28.
Job characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview, by age (in percent)

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Months at current job				
Less than 1	2.3	4.2	3.9	0.1
1–6	14.9	18.8	19.5	9.6
7–12	14.4	19.5	15.5	11.6
13–24	15.8	20.0	14.8	15.1
25 or more	43.6	32.5	37.9	52.5
Unknown	9.1	5.0	8.5	11.0
Median (months)	24.0	16.0	18.0	36.0
Usual hours worked per week				
1–10	27.1	25.6	29.8	25.5
11–20	30.2	30.2	26.2	33.5
21–34	19.7	17.8	19.8	20.4
35 or more	22.9	26.3	24.2	20.7
Average (hours)	22.2	21.8	21.9	22.6
Hourly wage				
Less than \$5.00	5.2	5.4	8.4	2.5
\$5.00 to \$7.24	2.9	6.6	4.5	0.1
\$7.25 ^a to \$9.99	30.5	33.1	29.2	30.6
\$10.00 to \$14.99	42.6	39.6	39.9	45.9
\$15.00 or more	18.9	15.3	18.0	21.0
Average (\$)	12.92	10.79	12.44	14.11
Average monthly pay (\$)	1,220.54	1,059.10	1,253.71	1,253.50
Earning above substantial gainful activity level (\$1,220 or more per month)	33.3	32.8	33.1	33.7
Occupation				
Transportation and material moving	20.1	12.8	14.0	27.9
Production	5.9	5.7	7.6	4.5
Office and administrative support	13.4	11.0	16.2	11.9
Building and grounds cleaning or maintenance	10.8	18.2	11.9	7.1
Personal care and service	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.0
Sales	9.6	9.6	11.1	8.4
Food preparation or serving	9.1	19.6	14.1	1.0
Education, training, community, and social services	7.1	3.4	5.9	9.5
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	4.5	1.6	2.3	7.5
Health care practitioners, tech, and support	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.5
Protective service	4.2	1.1	1.6	7.6
Installation, maintenance, and repair	1.0	1.1	1.7	0.4
Management, business, and legal	1.7	1.3	1.2	2.3
Professional scientific	2.1	1.8	1.6	2.5
Agriculture, forestry, construction, and extraction	1.8	0.3	1.9	2.2
Unknown	3.0	6.1	2.1	2.6

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Table 28.
Job characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview, by age (in percent)—Continued

Characteristic	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Industry				
Health care	8.5	5.9	8.1	9.8
Social assistance	26.5	36.4	25.0	23.9
Retail	15.1	14.0	17.9	13.3
Other services and public administration	4.5	3.2	4.6	4.8
Educational services	5.4	6.9	4.4	5.7
Accommodation and food services	8.2	16.3	13.2	1.1
Finance and insurance	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.2
Administration, support, and waste management/remediation services	4.1	4.6	5.9	2.4
Unknown	27.1	11.6	19.9	38.9
Self-employed	10.5	5.4	6.9	15.4
Working in sheltered employment				
Yes	23.4	33.0	23.1	20.0
No	64.6	53.2	68.8	65.4
Unknown	12.1	13.8	8.2	14.7
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	1,885	4,292	2,915
Beneficiaries employed at interview	4,597	932	2,025	1,640
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	1,129,444	3,183,724	8,352,997
Beneficiaries employed at interview	1,212,138	206,032	456,029	550,076
Beneficiaries employed at interview as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	9.6	18.2	14.3	6.6

NOTE: For beneficiaries who held multiple jobs at the time of the interview (5 percent), the characteristics reported are those of the main job, as designated by the respondent.

a. The federal minimum hourly wage in 2018 was \$7.25.

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Table 29.
Employer-provided benefits for beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs, by program
(in percent)

Benefit	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Health insurance	36.7	34.8	44.1	35.2
Dental insurance	31.8	30.6	38.9	28.8
Flexible health or dependent care spending account	16.9	19.8	11.7	13.3
Sick days with pay	34.7	33.5	38.6	34.5
Paid vacation	35.1	35.6	35.2	33.6
Long-term disability benefits	15.2	17.5	7.1	16.7
Pension or retirement benefits	34.1	37.1	27.3	31.4
Childcare	2.6	2.4	1.1	4.6
Transportation allowance or discounts	11.6	7.4	18.8	16.0
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs	4,302	2,080	900	1,322
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs	1,084,548	625,467	214,540	244,540
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)				
	8.6	8.5	12.1	7.0

NOTES: For beneficiaries who held multiple jobs at the time of the interview (5 percent), the characteristics reported are those of the main job, as designated by the respondent.

Multiple responses possible.

Table 30.
Job accommodations and supports for beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs, by program (in percent)

Accommodation or support	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Work-related supports ^a				
Any support	48.9	51.5	40.6	49.5
Among those with any work-related support—				
Working fewer hours	11.2	12.1	7.3	11.9
Working fewer days	7.2	9.4	6.0	1.8
Working a different shift	2.7	3.5	1.3	1.6
Flexible schedule	13.4	17.0	7.5	7.7
Having more sick leave	3.7	4.5	0.6	3.7
Getting assistance with work tasks	3.0	3.9	1.8	1.6
Understanding coworkers	6.3	5.3	11.6	5.0
Physical modification to workspace	2.1	3.2	0.2	0.4
Job coach	4.5	0.4	17.8	5.6
On-the-job training	2.2	3.1	0.2	1.0
Behavioral coaching	2.4	3.2	0.4	1.7
Transportation assistance	10.3	7.1	15.4	15.0
Child or family care assistance	3.7	5.4	1.7	0.6
Other	69.3	69.6	75.8	63.5
Job attributes that support employment ^a				
Any attribute	50.2	53.1	45.6	46.6
Among those whose job has any such attribute—				
Modified job duties	15.3	18.5	12.9	6.7
Special equipment or a modified workspace	6.9	6.3	13.6	2.7
Flexible schedule	24.2	27.1	30.6	8.1
An understanding supervisor	18.5	20.3	11.1	19.3
Coworker assistance	13.6	10.2	15.9	23.4
Work from home	5.3	7.3	0.4	3.4
Other	56.7	57.0	45.0	67.0

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Table 30.

Job accommodations and supports for beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs, by program (in percent)—Continued

Accommodation or support	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Employer accommodations				
Any accommodation	58.0	51.8	68.6	64.7
Among those with any employer accommodation—				
Special equipment or technology	15.1	11.9	28.3	9.4
Among those with any special equipment or technology—				
A mobility device or mobility equipment	20.8	20.4	11.5	48.6
Modified computer hardware	5.2	8.0	1.9	2.2
Modified computer software	31.5	49.7	8.3	20.1
Hearing equipment or device	5.3	2.0	7.5	13.1
Vision equipment or device	2.9	1.2	0.6	16.2
Special support seating	16.0	26.6	1.6	(X)
Other	38.3	9.9	81.3	36.9
A modified work schedule	49.9	53.0	45.7	47.1
Modified tasks	32.1	32.7	33.1	29.8
A modified work environment	37.8	41.9	35.5	31.3
Coworker assistance	63.5	60.0	49.5	84.6
Other	6.1	7.6	6.6	2.3
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs	4,302	2,080	900	1,322
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs	1,084,548	625,467	214,540	244,540
Beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	8.6	8.5	12.1	7.0

NOTES: Multiple responses possible. Excludes "Don't know" and "refused" responses.

(X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Need not be an employer-provided support or a formal accommodation.

Table 31.
Job satisfaction among nonproxy respondents employed at interview, by program (in percent)

Satisfaction measure	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Satisfaction with current job				
Very satisfied	51.9	55.1	55.2	37.9
Somewhat satisfied	37.9	37.0	32.7	46.2
Not very satisfied	5.2	3.6	2.5	13.4
Not at all satisfied	3.1	4.1	1.3	1.6
Agree or strongly agree that—				
There are chances to develop abilities	72.0	67.8	82.0	76.5
Recognition or respect is received	89.3	88.0	88.2	94.8
Can work on own if desired	81.6	81.4	85.0	78.9
Can work with others or team if desired	84.0	84.5	74.5	91.4
Work is interesting or enjoyable	86.5	88.6	84.2	81.8
Work gives feeling of accomplishment	93.5	96.2	87.6	90.0
Coworkers are friendly and supportive	90.2	89.6	88.6	93.7
Supervisor is supportive ^a	91.8	90.3	97.5	91.5
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Nonproxy respondents employed at interview	3,718	1,921	741	1,056
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Nonproxy respondents employed at interview	829,502	526,005	149,113	154,383
Nonproxy respondents employed at interview as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)				
	6.5	7.1	8.4	4.4

NOTE: Because 50 percent of beneficiaries working in a sheltered workshop had proxy respondents, this table may not fully reflect the job satisfaction of those beneficiaries.

a. Excludes self-employed beneficiaries.

Job Characteristics of Employed Beneficiaries

Table 32.

Selected job characteristics of beneficiaries employed at interview in wage and salary jobs, by beneficiary characteristics

Beneficiary characteristic	Average—		Percentage of employed beneficiaries—		
	Weekly hours worked	Hourly earnings (\$)	Earning above substantial gainful activity level	Working in sheltered employment	Whose employer provides one or more accommodations
All employed beneficiaries	22.2	12.92	33.3	23.4	56.9
General health					
Excellent or very good	22.9	11.32	40.1	30.7	53.2
Good or fair	22.9	12.79	31.5	24.6	56.6
Poor or very poor	18.1	16.72	26.0	3.1	67.1
Education level					
Less than high school	25.9	10.13	26.4	21.2	55.0
High school diploma or GED	20.9	11.95	31.2	30.1	55.8
More than high school	22.4	15.61	39.6	14.4	59.6
Self-reported limiting condition					
Intellectual disability	15.8	8.18	6.8	58.0	73.5
Sensory disorder	21.1	12.37	28.8	15.0	54.5
Psychiatric impairment	21.6	11.83	23.0	23.6	68.1
Musculoskeletal impairment	18.9	14.39	24.2	21.0	64.6
Circulatory system disease	17.3	12.76	10.9	25.6	56.7
Age at disability onset					
Under 18	20.2	11.47	29.6	36.6	64.2
18–24	28.6	12.10	37.8	9.0	51.4
25–39	23.3	15.57	45.3	8.8	56.6
40–54	21.7	13.94	33.6	18.6	48.3
55 or older	20.7	12.71	12.2	25.7	54.3
Difficulty with—					
Getting along with others	18.8	11.88	26.6	22.1	66.9
Concentrating	19.9	12.27	27.1	28.2	66.0
Coping with stress	18.9	13.66	24.8	20.3	68.2
Bathing or dressing	15.4	12.51	14.8	30.8	82.9
Getting around outside the home	18.1	12.10	21.9	32.2	67.6

NOTE: GED = General Educational Development certificate.

Table 33.
Work activity notification of SSA by beneficiaries employed at interview, by program (in percent)

Notification	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Notified SSA when started current job				
Yes	82.4	82.2	86.2	79.9
No	12.9	12.1	12.0	16.0
Unknown	4.6	5.7	1.9	4.1
How long after job start SSA was notified (among those who notified SSA)				
Less than 1 month	73.9	70.3	83.1	75.7
1–3 months	20.6	21.7	14.0	23.1
4 months or more	4.8	7.3	1.2	1.1
Unknown	0.7	0.7	1.6	0.1
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Beneficiaries employed at interview	4,597	2,237	948	1,412
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Beneficiaries employed at interview	1,212,138	711,944	229,858	270,335
Beneficiaries employed at interview as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	9.6	9.6	13.0	7.7

Benefits and Employment Interactions

Table 34.
Recently employed beneficiaries affected by benefit adjustments because of work, by program (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
DI or SSI benefit adjusted because of work				
Yes	28.1	17.2	36.8	43.9
No	61.8	79.5	49.4	35.1
Unknown	10.1	3.3	13.8	21.0
Of those whose benefit was adjusted because of work—				
SSA paid the wrong benefit amount				
Yes	41.0	37.7	56.3	35.3
No or unknown	59.0	62.3	43.7	64.7
Beneficiary was asked to repay overpaid benefits				
Yes (was overpaid because of work)	36.1	42.4	35.9	31.4
Yes (was overpaid for other reasons)	9.0	6.2	5.5	13.0
No	53.5	50.6	58.0	53.2
Unknown	1.5	0.9	0.5	2.4
Disability-related benefits were reduced or terminated				
Yes	69.9	72.3	71.0	67.3
No	22.0	23.4	23.8	19.9
Unknown	8.2	4.3	5.2	12.8
If yes, type of benefit reduced or terminated ^a				
DI or SSI	78.1	75.4	89.6	72.9
Medicare	10.2	24.7	2.0	1.5
Medicaid ^b	4.1	6.5	1.7	3.4
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	4.7	4.3	3.5	5.8
Other	5.6	10.5	1.9	3.3
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries	5,759	2,814	1,197	1,748
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries	1,810,403	986,226	321,141	503,036
Recently employed beneficiaries as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	14.3	13.4	18.1	14.3

NOTE: "Recently employed" refers to beneficiaries who were working at interview, within the 6 months prior to interview, or at any point in 2018. This means that some beneficiaries who worked in early 2019 may be omitted.

a. Multiple responses possible.

b. Medicaid reductions or terminations among DI-only beneficiaries could be due to loss of SSI because of work, loss of Medicaid eligibility through Medicaid pathways other than SSI eligibility, or confusion between Medicare and Medicaid among respondents.

Table 35.**Awareness of disability program work supports among eligible beneficiaries, by program and employment status (in percent)**

Program and support	All eligible beneficiaries	Program			Beneficiaries employed at interview
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only	
SSI work incentive					
1619(b) continued Medicaid coverage	14.8	...	19.3	12.5	23.3
Earned income exclusion	12.5	...	12.1	12.8	21.4
Plan to achieve self-support	9.5	...	12.3	8.2	12.5
Property essential for self-support	5.2	...	6.0	4.8	10.4
Student earned income exclusion ^a	11.6	...	20.4	10.2	12.1
DI work incentive					
Trial work period	35.4	37.2	27.6	...	49.5
Extended Medicare eligibility	16.5	16.6	16.1	...	32.2
SSI and DI work incentive					
Ticket to Work	33.2	33.6	37.9	30.2	51.0
Work Incentives Planning and Assistance	20.6	21.6	21.2	18.2	32.6
Impairment-related or blind work expenses	11.1	13.2	9.7	7.6	16.1
Expedited reinstatement	15.1	17.8	11.6	11.1	27.7

NOTES: Excludes "Don't know" and "Refused" responses.

... = not applicable.

a. Awareness rate was calculated as the percentage among SSI recipients aged 25 or younger who began receiving benefits before age 22, as only SSI recipients under age 22 can claim this exclusion.

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Table 36.

Future work expectations among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work, by program (in percent)

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
All recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work				
Views on resuming benefits				
Not planning to resume benefits	52.5	68.3	17.0	51.3
Planning or taking steps to resume benefits	11.8	13.8	5.9	13.1
Has resumed benefits	35.8	18.0	77.2	35.7
Knew at work outset that work earnings would affect benefits				
Yes	61.4	74.8	35.6	55.9
No	38.6	25.2	64.4	44.1
Would still have worked if that had been known	44.3	36.0	45.3	54.6
Would not have worked if that had been known	55.7	64.0	54.7	45.4
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work	2,601	1,234	494	873
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work	349,732	186,871	80,404	82,457
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	2.8	2.5	4.5	2.4
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed ^a				
Expects future work earnings sufficient to cease benefits again				
Yes	33.9	36.9	17.9	55.7
No	38.2	57.3	27.9	27.1
Don't know ^b	27.8	5.8	54.1	16.7
Reasons for not expecting benefits to cease again ^c				
Health "goes up and down"	25.1	44.6	4.1	0.5
Health will not improve enough to work	33.6	52.3	13.6	9.7
Cannot find the right job	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.9
Other	66.6	49.9	84.4	87.8
Reasons for responding "don't know" whether benefits will cease again ^b				
Health "goes up and down"	6.2	21.5	0.6	28.9
Health may not improve enough to work	6.5	27.5	1.1	24.9
May not find the right job	10.3	3.7	0.6	65.9
Other	14.8	60.1	0.8	66.7

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Table 36.

Future work expectations among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work, by program (in percent)—Continued

Characteristic	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed ^a (cont.)				
Benefit cessation because of work could have continued under different circumstances				
Yes	25.5	16.3	27.1	36.4
No or don't know	74.5	83.7	72.9	63.6
If yes, circumstances that could have enabled continued benefit cessation because of work ^c				
A change in work schedule	5.1	5.1	7.9	1.7
A more understanding employer	9.2	13.2	10.8	4.4
More understanding coworkers	1.0	0.0	(X)	2.9
Getting a job coach	1.1	2.5	0.0	1.6
On-the-job training	5.3	2.1	1.4	12.1
Transportation assistance	1.4	1.8	(X)	2.8
Child or family care assistance	1.9	2.3	(X)	2.7
Other	79.7	78.2	80.7	79.5
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed	669	251	167	251
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed	125,053	33,610	62,046	29,398
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	1.0	0.5	3.5	0.8

NOTES: "Recently employed" refers to beneficiaries who were working at interview, within the 6 months prior to interview, or at any point in 2018. This means that some beneficiaries who worked in early 2019 may be omitted.

Under certain work incentives, a beneficiary may retain noncash program benefits (such as continued Medicare or Medicaid coverage) when cash benefits have ceased because of work.

(X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

- a. Includes beneficiaries in the process of resuming benefits.
- b. Excludes "refused" answers.
- c. Multiple responses possible.

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Table 37.

Reasons why work attempts did not succeed among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work then resumed, by program (in percent)

Reason	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Health-related	64.6	79.8	34.3	66.4
Health getting worse	38.7	76.5	10.7	20.4
New health problem	7.2	6.6	0.8	19.2
Injury	9.2	23.2	(X)	0.5
Job had negative health impact	9.9	24.7	0.1	1.1
Need to be hospitalized	7.5	3.2	5.6	18.3
Need more time for medical appointments	33.3	4.6	78.0	6.4
Health interferes with ability to perform any work	21.6	36.2	2.0	30.0
Lack strength, energy, or stamina needed for any work	11.8	25.9	3.2	2.1
Pain makes work unbearable	4.2	5.3	4.2	2.4
Health status fluctuates unpredictably	6.3	0.7	2.6	22.3
Any kind of work is too stressful or tiring	10.5	25.3	1.0	1.0
Other	9.6	12.0	7.2	9.4
Job-related	12.3	7.0	7.8	23.6
Job does not pay enough	12.9	24.9	10.0	8.2
Job does not offer health insurance	2.4	0.0	11.7	(X)
Need different schedule	16.7	9.2	32.1	16.2
Medical appointments interfered with job duties	1.3	(X)	(X)	(X)
Was fired	1.4	0.0	(X)	(X)
Health problems affect job performance	11.6	22.1	13.9	6.2
Insufficient strength, energy, or stamina for job duties	3.0	11.4	(X)	(X)
Pain interferes with working the required set schedule	1.1	(X)	(X)	(X)
Special equipment needed, not provided	1.6	(X)	(X)	0.0
Did not like or could not get along with—				
Coworkers	28.5	3.7	7.8	45.1
Supervisor	5.1	11.5	0.0	3.5
Human resources staff	3.1	4.9	11.8	(X)
Other	28.8	38.1	43.5	20.7

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Table 37.

Reasons why work attempts did not succeed among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work then resumed, by program (in percent)—*Continued*

Reason	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Personal circumstance	19.3	12.2	14.8	33.1
Need child care	27.4	7.3	4.7	47.5
Need personal assistance getting ready	1.5	1.8	0.0	(X)
Potential loss of government benefits	29.8	29.3	39.8	26.5
Personality conflicts with other at job	1.3	(X)	6.9	0.0
No reliable transportation	23.2	11.4	42.3	23.5
Working makes life too tiring/stressful	0.9	0.6	3.9	(X)
Actual loss of government benefits	5.1	11.7	8.5	(X)
Other	64.3	61.2	73.6	62.9
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed	669	251	167	251
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed	125,053	33,610	62,046	29,398
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	1.0	0.5	3.5	0.8

NOTES: "Recently employed" refers to beneficiaries who were working at interview, within the 6 months prior to interview, or at any point in 2018. This means that some beneficiaries who worked in early 2019 may be omitted.

Under certain work incentives, a beneficiary may retain noncash program benefits (such as continued Medicare or Medicaid coverage) when cash benefits have ceased because of work.

Includes beneficiaries who are in the process of resuming cash benefits.

Multiple responses possible.

(X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

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Table 38.

Reasons why work attempts may not succeed among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work, but who might need to resume cash benefits, by program (in percent)

Reason	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Health-related	58.3	70.3	47.4	24.4
Health getting worse	74.9	77.6	50.4	65.9
New health problem	10.7	11.1	8.4	9.2
Injury	0.8	0.7	(X)	2.2
Job had negative health impact	1.7	0.8	9.1	5.3
Need to be hospitalized	8.9	9.6	1.8	7.3
Need more time for medical appointments	1.7	1.2	3.6	4.5
Health interferes with ability to perform any work	6.2	4.1	15.2	19.2
Lack strength, energy, or stamina needed for any work	2.2	1.4	3.6	7.8
Pain makes work unbearable	2.7	1.5	5.8	11.9
Health status fluctuates unpredictably	4.1	2.8	8.9	13.0
Any kind of work is too stressful or tiring	1.5	1.0	3.5	4.7
Other	15.4	12.4	37.8	28.5
Job-related	5.8	4.9	7.4	8.2
Job does not pay enough	4.8	(X)	0.0	7.5
Job does not offer health insurance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Need different schedule	14.9	19.2	23.5	4.6
Medical appointments interfered with job duties	(X)	(X)	(X)	0.0
Was fired	1.5	(X)	(X)	(X)
Health problems affect job performance	13.7	10.0	19.9	19.0
Insufficient strength, energy, or stamina for job duties	7.1	7.2	(X)	(X)
Pain interferes with working the required set schedule	3.1	1.7	19.9	(X)
Special equipment needed, not provided	(X)	(X)	0.0	0.0
Did not like or could not get along with—				
Coworkers	7.0	5.9	(X)	10.9
Supervisor	2.3	2.4	(X)	(X)
Human resources staff	4.5	4.9	0.0	(X)
Other	62.6	72.0	56.7	46.6

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Table 38.

Reasons why work attempts may not succeed among recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased in the last year because of work, but who might need to resume cash benefits, by program (in percent)—Continued

Reason	Overall	Program		
		DI only	Concurrent DI and SSI	SSI only
Personal circumstance	6.7	4.5	12.2	11.9
Need child care	31.9	19.5	25.8	48.4
Need personal assistance getting ready	1.5	0.0	(X)	(X)
Potential loss of government benefits	10.5	9.9	(X)	14.2
Personality conflicts with other at job	14.8	27.0	(X)	(X)
No reliable transportation	33.7	53.4	18.9	14.8
Working makes life too tiring/stressful	8.5	15.2	(X)	(X)
Actual loss of government benefits	1.7	(X)	0.0	(X)
Other	44.8	65.0	56.7	17.5
Number (unweighted)				
All beneficiaries	9,092	4,281	1,813	2,998
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work but might have to resume	347	183	71	93
Number (weighted)				
All beneficiaries	12,666,165	7,387,330	1,771,690	3,507,145
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work but might have to resume	41,222	25,700	4,730	10,792
Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work but might have to resume as a percentage of all beneficiaries (weighted)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

NOTES: "Recently employed" refers to beneficiaries who were working at interview, within the 6 months prior to interview, or at any point in 2018. This means that some beneficiaries who worked in early 2019 may be omitted.

Under certain work incentives, a beneficiary may retain noncash program benefits (such as continued Medicare or Medicaid coverage) when cash benefits have ceased because of work.

Includes beneficiaries who report that they might need to resume cash benefits.

Multiple responses possible.

(X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

1619(b) continued Medicaid coverage. For Medicaid purposes, provides special status to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for SSI cash payments.

computer-assisted personal interviewing—CAPI. An interviewing technique in which the respondent or interviewer uses a computer to answer the questions. It is similar to computer-assisted telephone interviewing, except that the interview takes place in person.

computer-assisted telephone interviewing—CATI. A telephone surveying technique in which the interviewer follows a script provided by a software application.

concurrent program beneficiaries. Individuals receiving benefits under both the DI and SSI programs.

continuing disability review—CDR. A periodic review to determine if a beneficiary is still medically eligible to receive benefits. A work CDR determines whether a DI beneficiary has work earnings that meet or exceed the substantial gainful activity level.

current-pay status. Status of a beneficiary who is paid a benefit for a given month, with or without deductions, provided the deductions add to less than a full month's benefit.

Disability Insurance—DI. See **Social Security Disability Insurance.**

disabled adult child. A disabled person aged 18 or older—a son, daughter, or eligible grandchild of a retired, deceased, or disabled worker—whose disability began before age 22.

disabled widow(er). A widow(er) or surviving divorced widow(er) of a worker fully insured at the time of death, if he or she is aged 50–59 and has been disabled throughout a waiting period of 5 consecutive calendar months that began no later than 7 years after the month in which the worker died or after the end of his or her entitlement to benefits as a widowed mother or father.

A surviving divorced widow(er)'s marriage to a worker must have lasted 10 years before the divorce became final. Benefits payable after December 1983 are continued for disabled widow(er)s and surviving divorced widow(er)s who remarry after the age of first eligibility for benefits.

disabled worker. A person who has earnings creditable for Social Security purposes on the basis of services for wages in covered employment or on the basis of income from covered self-employment.

earned income exclusion. The first \$65 (up to a maximum of \$85 if the individual has no income other than earnings) of any monthly earned income plus one-half of remaining earnings are excluded for SSI benefit computation purposes.

employment-specific service. Job training, job modification advice, on-the-job training, work assessments, or job search help.

expedited reinstatement. A provision of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act. If a beneficiary's Social Security or SSI disability benefits have ended because of earnings from work and he or she becomes unable to work again within 60 months because of his or her impairment, he or she would be able to request reinstatement of benefits, including Medicare and Medicaid, without filing a new initial disability-benefits application.

extended Medicare eligibility. A provision that allows for continued premium-free Medicare coverage for up to 93 months after the trial work period.

extended period of eligibility—EPE. A period of 36 consecutive months that follows a trial work period. During the EPE, DI beneficiaries may still receive benefits depending on how much they work and earn. SSA can pay disability benefits to beneficiaries during their EPE if:

- their condition is still disabling, and
- their work is not substantial.

Medicare coverage continues throughout the EPE. Benefits end if the beneficiary engages in substantial work after the EPE concludes. See also **trial work period** and **substantial gainful activity.**

federal poverty level. Percent of federal poverty threshold relative to number of people in the household for 2018. Based on U.S. Census Bureau 2018 definitions.

full retirement age. The age at which a person becomes entitled to unreduced retirement benefits.

hourly reservation wage. The lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work.

impairment-related or blind work expenses. The costs of items or services that a disabled or blind person needs to work due to their impairment. The expenses, when paid by the beneficiary, are deducted from his or her gross earnings when determining if the work is considered substantial gainful activity.

Medicaid. A federal-state program that provides medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and limited resources.

Medicare. A federally administered health insurance program that covers the cost of hospitalization, medical care, and some related services for most persons aged 65 or older. It also covers persons receiving Social Security Disability Insurance payments for 2 years, and persons with end-stage renal disease. Medicare consists of four separate but coordinated programs—Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage), and Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage).

plan to achieve self-support—PASS. A formal plan, requiring SSA approval, for attaining a specific work-related goal. With a PASS, an SSI recipient may set aside non-SSI income and resources for a specified period of time to pay for goods or services needed to reach the goal, such as education, vocational training, starting a business, or purchasing work-related equipment. SSA does not count the income and resources set aside under a PASS when deciding SSI eligibility and payment amount.

property essential for self-support. Property used for a business or personal property used for work as an employee that is excluded from resources when determining continuing eligibility for SSI.

proxy. An individual who answers survey questions on behalf of a sample member whose disabilities prevent him or her from responding.

services. Services include any employment services, job training, medical services, or mental health services.

sheltered employment. A program that provides employment with subsidized wages (or special wages that would not be available in a regular job) for people with disabilities.

Social Security Disability Insurance—DI. The program under the Social Security Act that pays monthly benefits to disabled workers and their spouses and children. It also pays for rehabilitation services provided to beneficiaries.

student earned income exclusion. A provision that allows all individuals on an SSI record who are under age 22, regularly attending school, and receiving earned income to exclude a certain amount of earned income from their countable income before SSA calculates their SSI payment.

substantial gainful activity. A measure of work activity with which SSA evaluates the capacity for work of individuals applying for or receiving DI disabled-worker benefits or those applying for SSI payments because of a disability (other than blindness). SSA generally uses an earnings threshold to determine whether an applicant's or beneficiary's work is substantial, and whether that individual is considered disabled under the law. For more information, see <https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/sga.html>.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Formerly known as Food Stamps, a program that provides benefits through electronic benefit transfers to help individuals and families with little or no income to buy food.

Supplemental Security Income—SSI. A federal program for low-income aged, blind, and disabled individuals who meet income and resource requirements. Beginning in 1974, SSI replaced the former federal and state programs of Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. SSI is funded by general tax revenues, not Social Security taxes.

Ticket to Work. A program that helps DI and SSI beneficiaries return to work through employment services.

trial work period—TWP. A period during which DI beneficiaries can test their ability to work or run a business for at least 9 months and receive full DI benefits if their impairment does not improve. A disabled beneficiary would exhaust the TWP only if substantial work is performed in any 9 months within a period of 60 consecutive months.

unemployment insurance. A federal-state coordinated program that provides partial income replacement to regularly employed members of the labor force who become involuntarily unemployed. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have unemployment insurance programs.

veterans' benefits. A variety of benefits and services for veterans and their dependents and survivors that include, but are not limited to, disability compensation, benefits for survivors, health care benefits, and educational assistance and training.

weighted statistics. Statistics that have been adjusted using the sampling weights. Sampling weights are computed from the inverse selection probability that incorporates the stages of sampling in the survey, adjusted for nonresponse. The weighted statistics represent the national population of beneficiaries.

Work Incentive Planning and Assistance—WIPA.

A free counseling service provided by community organizations to assist beneficiaries in making informed choices about work and earnings, Funded by Social Security Administration grants.

workers' compensation. A form of accident insurance paid by employers that covers medical expenses and lost wages of individuals injured on a job or who develop a work-related illness.

work-oriented. A category of beneficiaries who have indicated that their personal goals include getting a job, moving up in a job, or learning new job skills or who saw themselves working for pay in the next 2 years or in the next 5 years.