

Ticket Evaluation

Interesting Facts from SSA's National Beneficiary Survey (NBS)

Reasons SSA beneficiaries with disabilities reported for not working in 2004

- While more than 9 out of 10 SSA beneficiaries were not working in 2004 due to their physical/mental condition, SSI beneficiaries were more likely than SSDI beneficiaries to say they were not working for reasons other than their physical and/or mental condition.
- SSI beneficiaries (24%) were almost twice as likely as SSDI (13%) beneficiaries to report transportation problems as a reason for not working.
- Only 11% of all SSA beneficiaries stated they were not working because they did not want to lose their benefits.
 - ◊ A greater percentage of SSI beneficiaries (14%) stated they did not work because they did not want to lose their benefits compared to 9% of SSDI beneficiaries.

Reasons Not Working

Among all beneficiaries in 2004, the reasons not working are due to...	TOTAL	SSI ONLY	SSDI ONLY	CONCURRENT
Physical/ Mental Condition	95.7	94.4	97.1	93.9
Discouraged because of previous work attempts	30.5	30.0	28.6	37.5
Workplaces not accessible to people with disabilities	29.0	32.6	26.1	31.7
Can't find job qualified for	28.4	33.4	24.8	30.2
Others don't think they can work	27.8	29.0	27.2	27.7
Employers won't give chance	19.2	21.3	16.9	22.4
Transportation problem	18.2	23.8	12.7	25.4
Can't find job they want	12.8	15.0	9.9	18.6
Don't want to lose benefits	11.1	13.7	8.5	14.9
Caring for someone	5.7	7.1	4.9	5.2
Finishing school	4.0	6.7	2.2	4.7
Lack skills	0.9	1.6	0.4	1.0
Job market bad	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Other reasons	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7

*Please note totals may add up to more than 100 because beneficiaries had the option of choosing more than one answer.

Additional details on SSA beneficiaries who work are available at:

http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/pdfs/earnings_disbrief1.pdf