

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

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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.

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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.