

Beneficiary Work Experiences and Expectations

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
<i>All recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work</i>				
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
<i>Recently employed beneficiaries whose cash benefits ceased because of work then resumed ^a</i>				
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				16.7
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.

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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.

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