

National Beneficiary Survey

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

How many hours do beneficiaries work and what are their wages? How does work activity vary by participation in Ticket to Work (TTW)?*

- Beneficiaries participating in TTW (either with an Employment Network (EN) or State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (SVRA)) were substantially more likely to be working than those who were not participating (28% of those who assigned their tickets to an EN and 23% of those who assigned to an SVRA were employed, compared to 7% of those who were not participating).
- Employed beneficiaries who assigned their ticket to an EN had higher wages and higher monthly pay at their current main job than employed beneficiaries who were not participating in TTW (\$10.31 and \$893.81 compared to \$8.08 and \$692.74, respectively).
- Almost half (46%) of working beneficiaries with tickets assigned to an SVRA were working in a sheltered workshop compared to 39% of beneficiaries who were not participating in TTW. Beneficiaries with tickets assigned to an EN were less likely to be working in a sheltered workshop (32%).
- While ENs and SVRAs both serve TTW participants, they follow different rules for enrollment. ENs are able to choose who they serve, while SVRAs are mandated to prioritize services to beneficiaries with the most severe disabilities. Better outcomes for EN clients may therefore be due, in part, to these differences in TTW enrollment rules.

Work Activity By TTW Participation Among Those Working in 2010

	All Beneficiaries	Participated in TTW		Did Not Participate in TTW
		Assigned to EN	Assigned to SVRA	
Unweighted number working at interview	1,023	597	173	253
Weighted number working at interview	790,457	4,475	15,592	770,390
Weighted percent working at interview	7.1	28.0 [†]	23.2 ^{†‡}	7.0 [‡]
Of those working at interview:				
Earning above SGA (> \$1,000 per month) (%)	21.0	24.8	15.5 ^{†‡}	21.1
Working in a sheltered workshop (%)	39.3	31.7 [†]	46.2 ^{†‡}	39.3 [‡]
Mean hours per week	20.2	20.3	17.3 ^{†‡}	20.3
Mean hourly wage (\$)	8.11	10.31 [†]	8.59 ^{†‡}	8.08 [‡]
Mean monthly pay (\$)	694.07	893.81 [†]	702.88 [‡]	692.74 [‡]

* Based on data from 2010.

[†] Difference from beneficiaries who did not participate in TTW is significant at the 5% level.

[‡] Difference from beneficiaries who assigned their ticket to an EN is significant at the 5% level.