

Benefits and Employment Interactions

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

Notification	All beneficiaries	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries
Number (unweighted)	445	179	105	161
Number (weighted)	1,064,064	632,393	171,869	259,803
Percentage (weighted)	8.3	8.6	8.8	7.2
Notified SSA when started current job				
Yes	76.4	80.0	78.8	66.2
No	19.3	16.5	17.9	27.0
Unknown	4.3	3.5	3.4	6.8
How long after job start SSA was notified (among those who notified SSA)				
Less than 1 month	60.0	59.7	72.0	51.5
1–3 months	16.7	15.6	15.8	(X)
4 months or more	2.7	3.6	(X)	(X)
Unknown	20.5	21.0	(X)	26.4

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

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

Benefit adjustment	All beneficiaries	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries
Number (unweighted)	683	275	161	247
Number (weighted)	1,529,385	905,134	258,262	365,989
Percentage (weighted)	11.9	12.3	13.3	10.2
Social Security disability benefit changes needed because of work				
Yes	17.9	8.4	26.6	35.5
No	68.7	81.0	54.3	48.3
Unknown	13.4	10.7	19.1	16.2
Social Security paid wrong benefit amount (among those indicating changes needed)				
Yes	53.2	66.9	48.3	47.8
No or unknown	46.8	33.1	51.7	52.2
Beneficiary was asked to repay benefits because of overpayment (among those employed at interview or in 2014)				
Yes, overpayment because of work	13.3	7.0	20.0	24.2
Yes, overpayment because of other reason	7.5	3.4	11.4	15.0
No	66.8	79.8	49.9	46.6
Unknown	12.4	9.9	18.8	14.2
Disability-related benefits reduced or ended because of work (among those employed at interview or in 2014)				
Yes	14.0	6.9	17.4	29.3
No	60.6	68.2	54.2	46.4
Unknown	25.3	24.9	28.4	24.3
Benefit affected (among those indicating reductions or terminations) ^a				
Social Security disability	91.8	86.9	87.8	96.4
Medicare	4.6	13.7	0.0	(X)
Medicaid ^d	8.2	11.7	9.5	5.6
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	7.7	0.0	12.0	10.3
Other	12.1	27.2	7.9	4.9

NOTES: Recently employed refers to beneficiaries employed at interview or in 2014.

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a. Multiple responses possible.

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

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Table 35.

Eligible beneficiary awareness of Social Security work supports, by program and employment status (in percent)

Program and support	All respondents eligible for support	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries	All employed beneficiaries
SSI work incentive					
1619(b) continued Medicaid coverage	10.8	...	11.9	10.2	17.2
Earned income exclusion	12.4	...	13.0	12.0	14.9
Plan to achieve self-support	8.3	...	9.2	7.8	7.8
Property essential for self-support	6.2	...	4.3	7.1	5.0
Student earned income exclusion ^a	8.7	...	7.9	8.9	13.0
SSDI work incentive					
Trial work period	34.6	37.1	25.1	...	51.0
Extended period of medicare eligibility	16.2	16.8	13.8	...	30.2
SSI and SSDI work incentive					
Ticket to Work	26.8	30.2	26.6	20.0	45.8
Benefits specialist	17.8	21.5	14.4	12.0	31.2
Impairment-related or blind work expenses	9.5	11.6	8.5	5.9	17.3
Expedited reinstatement	13.9	16.2	12.5	9.9	21.6

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Awareness rate was calculated as a percentage of SSI recipients aged 25 or younger who began receiving benefits before age 22.