

**Table 14.**  
**Employment expectations, by program and employment status (in percent)**

Expectation	All beneficiaries	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries	All employed beneficiaries
Number (unweighted)	4,062	1,666	833	1,563	445
Number (weighted)	12,896,735	7,347,758	1,944,622	3,604,355	1,064,064
Percentage (weighted)	100.0	57.0	15.1	28.0	8.3
Goals include work or career advancement					
Yes	37.2	34.0	41.8	41.3	62.7
No	59.3	62.4	53.6	55.9	33.1
Unknown	3.5	3.6	4.5	2.8	4.2
Sees self working for pay—					
In the next 2 years <sup>a</sup>					
Agree or strongly agree	25.3	23.1	30.1	27.4	83.1
Disagree or strongly disagree	72.2	74.7	68.6	69.1	13.6
Unknown	2.5	2.3	1.2	3.5	3.3
In the next 5 years					
Agree or strongly agree	28.1	24.2	34.5	32.8	65.8
Disagree or strongly disagree	68.2	72.1	60.5	64.5	27.1
Unknown	3.6	3.7	5.0	2.7	7.0
Sees self working and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits—					
In the next 2 years <sup>b</sup>					
Agree or strongly agree	11.2	9.2	12.5	14.4	22.2
Disagree or strongly disagree	13.3	13.2	15.7	12.1	57.0
Unknown	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.9	4.0
Not applicable--does not see self working in next 2 years	74.7	76.9	69.9	72.6	16.9
In the next 5 years					
Agree or strongly agree	16.7	13.8	19.4	21.2	29.3
Disagree or strongly disagree	10.2	9.1	14.1	10.1	34.3
Unknown	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.4	2.2
Not applicable--does not see self working in next 5 years	71.9	75.8	65.5	67.2	34.2

a. Previous rounds of the NBS asked if the respondent saw himself or herself working for pay in the next year. The question was changed to the next 2 years in the 2015 NBS.

b. Previous rounds of the NBS asked if the respondent saw himself or herself working for pay and earning enough to stop receiving disability benefits in the next year. The question was changed to the next 2 years in the 2015 NBS.

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**Table 15.**  
**Nonworking beneficiaries' reasons for not working, by program (in percent)**

Reason	All beneficiaries	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries
Number (unweighted)	3,617	1,487	728	1,402
Number (weighted)	11,832,671	6,715,366	1,772,753	3,344,553
Percentage (weighted)	91.7	91.4	91.2	92.8
Physical or mental condition prevents work	90.0	91.8	87.6	87.6
Discouraged by previous work attempts	26.0	24.7	27.2	28.1
Others do not think he or she can work	23.2	23.3	25.7	21.6
Workplace not accessible to people with his or her disability	26.3	24.5	26.3	30.1
Cannot find a job he or she is qualified for	23.3	22.5	26.3	23.3
Lacks reliable transportation to or from work	17.0	13.3	17.2	24.5
Does not want to lose cash or health insurance benefits	12.5	10.8	14.9	14.6
Employer will not give him or her a chance	16.0	15.5	17.3	16.1
Cannot find a job he or she wants	10.0	9.7	9.1	10.9
Is caring for someone else	7.5	6.8	6.6	9.3
Waiting to finish school or training program	3.1	1.5	4.1	5.7
Other	5.3	6.6	2.4	4.2

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)**

Hourly reservation wage	All beneficiaries	DI-only beneficiaries	Concurrent program beneficiaries	SSI-only beneficiaries
Number (unweighted)	1,988	876	388	724
Number (weighted)	6,420,532	3,695,607	945,183	1,779,743
Percentage (weighted)	49.8	50.3	48.6	49.4
Less than \$6.00	1.5	1.0	1.0	2.6
\$6.00–\$7.24	2.6	2.5	4.6	1.7
\$7.25–\$9.99	19.5	14.0	27.9	26.5
\$10.00–\$14.99	27.9	28.8	28.1	25.8
\$15.00 or more	22.1	27.5	12.4	16.1
Unknown	26.5	26.2	26.1	27.3
Median (\$)	10.50	12.00	10.00	10.00
Average (\$)	14.20	15.94	11.77	11.87

NOTE: The hourly reservation wage is the lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work. Only nonproxy respondents who were not working at interview and were either seeking work or indicated a nonhealth reason for not working were asked the hourly reservation wage question.

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**Table 17.**  
**Nonworking beneficiaries' reasons for not working, by age (in percent)**

Reason	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Number (unweighted)	3,617	873	1,936	808
Number (weighted)	11,832,671	1,005,187	3,057,417	7,770,067
Percentage (weighted)	91.7	82.9	90.5	93.6
Physical or mental condition prevents work	90.0	69.4	86.3	94.1
Discouraged by previous work attempts	26.0	20.6	30.5	25.0
Others do not think he or she can work	23.2	17.8	24.2	23.5
Workplace not accessible to people with his or her disability	26.3	26.0	29.6	25.1
Cannot find a job he or she is qualified for	23.3	31.8	26.4	21.0
Lacks reliable transportation to or from work	17.0	19.1	19.1	16.0
Does not want to lose cash or health insurance benefits	12.5	12.9	16.0	11.0
Employer will not give him or her a chance	16.0	18.7	17.9	14.9
Cannot find a job he or she wants	10.0	14.3	10.1	9.4
Is caring for someone else	7.5	10.2	11.5	5.5
Waiting to finish school or training program	3.1	13.0	3.7	1.6
Other	5.3	6.5	3.9	5.7

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)**

Hourly reservation wage	All beneficiaries	Under 30	30–49	50 or older
Number (unweighted)	1,988	420	1,134	434
Number (weighted)	6,420,532	485,120	1,786,850	4,148,563
Percentage (weighted)	49.8	40.0	52.9	50.0
Less than \$6.00	1.5	2.6	1.6	1.3
\$6.00–\$7.24	2.6	3.2	3.3	2.2
\$7.25–\$9.99	19.5	41.4	23.6	15.1
\$10.00–\$14.99	27.9	22.2	27.0	28.9
\$15.00 or more	22.1	6.7	16.3	26.4
Unknown	26.5	24.0	28.2	26.1
Median (\$)	10.50	9.00	10.00	12.00
Average (\$)	14.20	10.76	12.57	15.30

NOTE: The hourly reservation wage is the lowest hourly wage for which the respondent would be willing to work. Only nonproxy respondents who were not working at interview and were either seeking work or indicated a nonhealth reason for not working were asked the hourly reservation wage question.