

Ticket Evaluation

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

Awareness of Ticket to Work and other SSA work incentive programs in 2006*

- A quarter (25%) of SSA beneficiaries have heard of the Ticket to Work program, and almost a third (31%) have heard of a new SSA employment support program but did not necessarily know its name.†
- Awareness of the Ticket to Work program is higher than other SSA work incentive programs with the exception of the Trial Work Period.
- Awareness of Ticket to Work and other work incentives is generally higher among those who are work-oriented.‡
 - ◊ This is particularly true for the Ticket to Work program where awareness is just 20% for those not work-oriented, but increases to 33% for those who are work-oriented.

SSI Work Incentives

Percent of beneficiaries who have ever heard of...	All SSI Beneficiaries	Work-Oriented‡ SSI Beneficiaries	Not Work-Oriented‡ SSI Beneficiaries
Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)	11.5	14.1	8.9
Earned Income Exclusion	13.2	16.4	10.1
Property Essential to Self-Support (PESS)	4.2	5.8	2.8
Continued Medicaid Eligibility	16.4	21.7	11.3
Student Earned Income Exclusion**	10.0	11.7	4.3

SSDI Work Incentives

Percent of beneficiaries who have ever heard of...	All SSDI Beneficiaries	Work-Oriented‡ SSDI Beneficiaries	Not Work-Oriented‡ SSDI Beneficiaries
Trial Work Period	37.5	37.7	37.4
Extended Period of Medicare Eligibility	20.7	19.6	21.4

Incentives Applicable to Both SSI and SSDI

Percent of beneficiaries who have ever heard of...	All Beneficiaries	Work-Oriented‡ Beneficiaries	Not Work-Oriented‡ Beneficiaries
Impairment-Related Work Expenses	9.7	11.8	8.0
Expedited Reinstatement	14.8	18.2	12.1
Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach (BPAOs)	11.0	12.9	9.5
Ticket to Work	25.4	32.8	19.7
Ticket to Work or new SSA employment support program†	31.1	39.0	25.0

*The results are similar using data from 2004 and 2005.

**Percentage of SSI beneficiaries age 25 and under who began receiving benefits before age 22.

†When the Ticket to Work program was described, some beneficiaries responded that they had heard of it although they had not recognized the name.

‡Work-oriented beneficiaries are those who indicated that their personal goals included getting a job, moving up in a job, or learning new job skills or who saw themselves working for pay in the next year or in the next five years.