



Beyond Employment Rates Series

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Receipt and Work for People with Visual Impairments

SSDI Receipt

19.8% receive SSDI, and 80.2% do not receive SSDI.

Average Annual SSDI Benefit

The average annual SSDI benefit amount is \$11,051.

Employment Rate Based on SSDI Receipt

12.4% of SSDI recipients are employed compared to 58.8% of nonrecipients.

Average Annual Income*

The average income of SSDI recipients is \$18,975.

The average income of nonrecipients is \$28,492.

*Income includes money from all sources (wages, SSDI benefit, pension distributions, etc.)

Reference:

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