



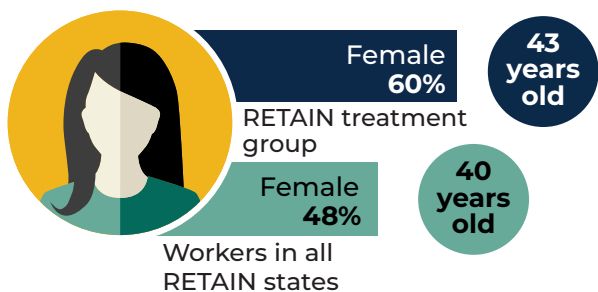
Characteristics of RETAIN Participants All RETAIN States

The Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN) demonstration is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) designed to help workers with recently acquired injuries or disabilities to remain in the labor force. Following a pilot phase, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded cooperative agreements to state agencies in Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, and Vermont to implement RETAIN programs offering early intervention coordinated health care and employment services. As part of an independent evaluation conducted by SSA to understand how well RETAIN works, workers who enrolled in RETAIN were randomly assigned to one of two groups: One group was eligible to receive RETAIN services (the treatment group), and the other was not (the control group). This fact sheet provides key statistics on RETAIN treatment group members, comparing them to the broader workforce in the same states. Additional fact sheets provide state-level data for each of the five RETAIN programs.

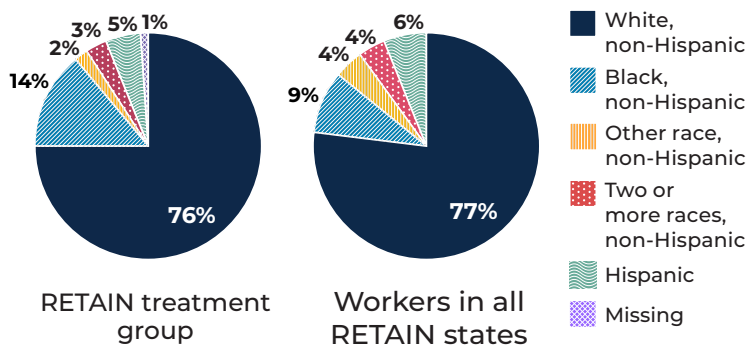
Number of treatment group enrollees: 6,475 out of 12,638 RETAIN enrollees

Demographic characteristics

Sex and average age

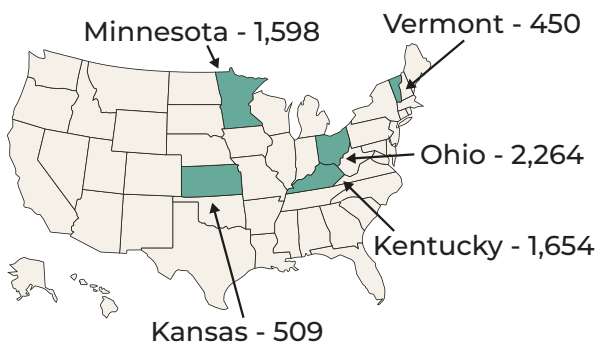


Race and ethnicity



Geography

Enrollment by state



Living in an opportunity zone

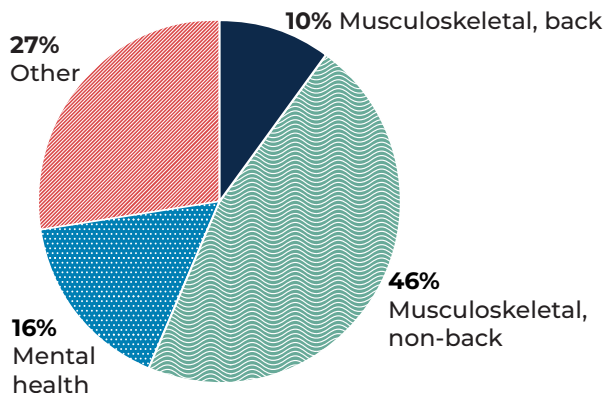


Health and health insurance coverage

Time between injury or illness and enrollment

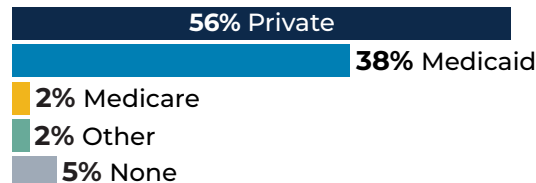


Primary diagnosis

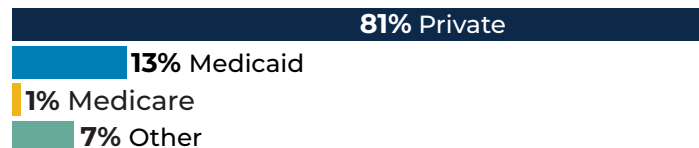


Health insurance (multiple choices possible)

RETAIN treatment group

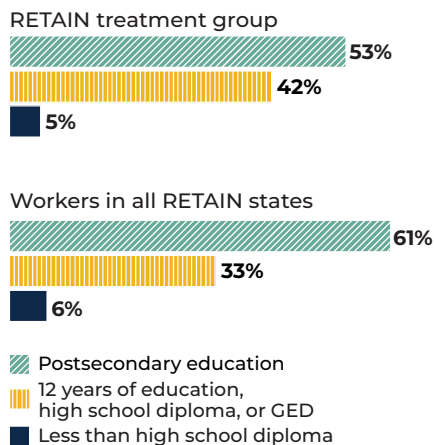


Workers in all RETAIN states



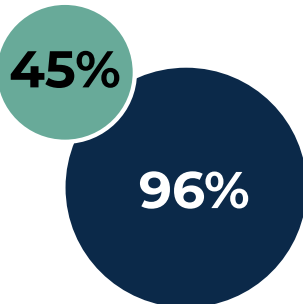
Education and employment

Education



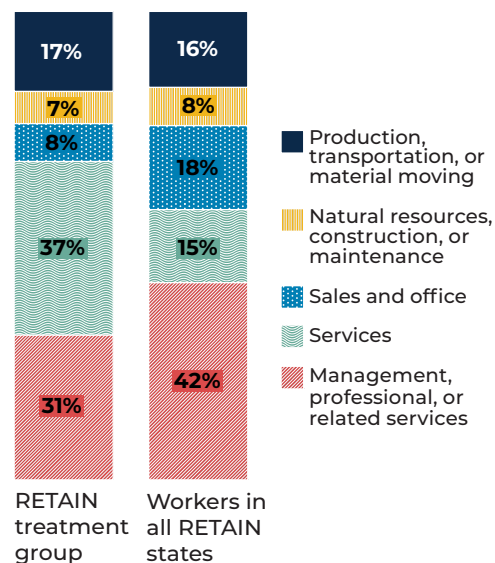
Employed

RETAIN treatment group



Workers in all RETAIN states

Occupation



Statistics for the RETAIN programs come from the RETAIN enrollment forms and are based on the subset of enrollees randomly assigned to the treatment group (n = 6,475). Because of random assignment, we expect the treatment and control groups to have the same characteristics, with any differences due solely to chance. Statistics for workers in the RETAIN states are based on people ages 18–64 whose households responded to the 2023 American Community Survey and who were in the labor force at the time of the survey (n = 12,147,502). Percentages might not add to 100 percent because of rounding. To learn more about the RETAIN demonstration, visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/saw-rtw/retain> and <https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/retain.htm>.

To calculate opportunity zone residence for RETAIN enrollees, we assigned enrollees to Census tracts based on their ZIP codes. When a single ZIP code corresponds to multiple Census tracts, we allocated the enrollee across the Census tracts based on the percentage of the ZIP code population that lives in each tract. We used the same method to calculate opportunity zone residence for workers, substituting public use microdata areas, or PUMAs, for ZIP codes.

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