

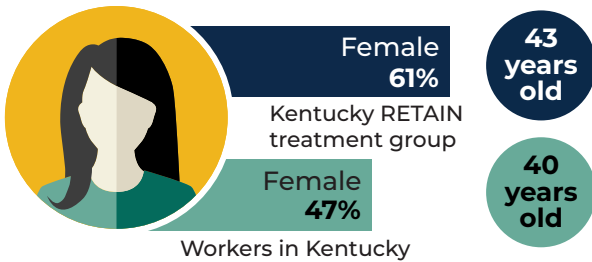
Characteristics of Program Participants Kentucky RETAIN

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 experiencing recently acquired injuries and disabilities to remain in the labor force. Following a pilot phase, DOL awarded cooperative agreements to state agencies in Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, and Vermont to enroll workers into RETAIN and implement 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 the treatment group members served by the Kentucky RETAIN program and a comparison group of workers in Kentucky. Additional fact sheets provide statistics for the other four state RETAIN programs and the demonstration overall.

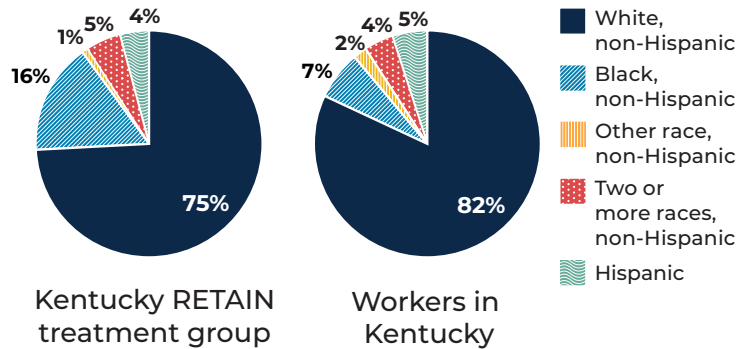
Number of treatment group enrollees: 1,654 out of 3,153 RETAIN enrollees

Demographic characteristics

Sex and average age

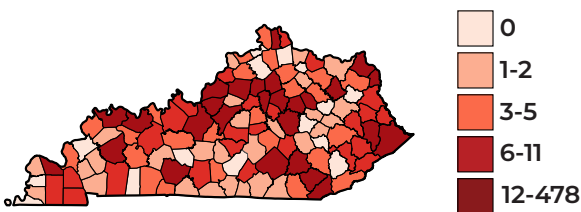


Race and ethnicity

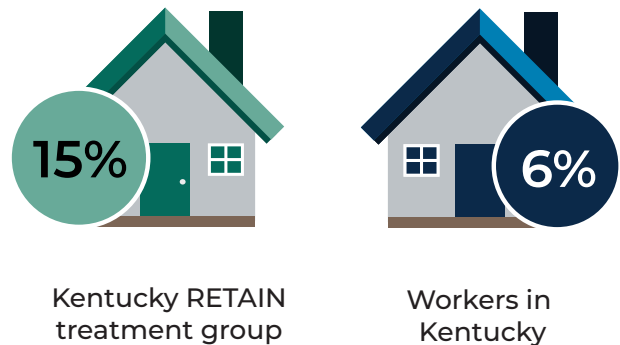


Geography

Enrollment by county



Living in an opportunity zone

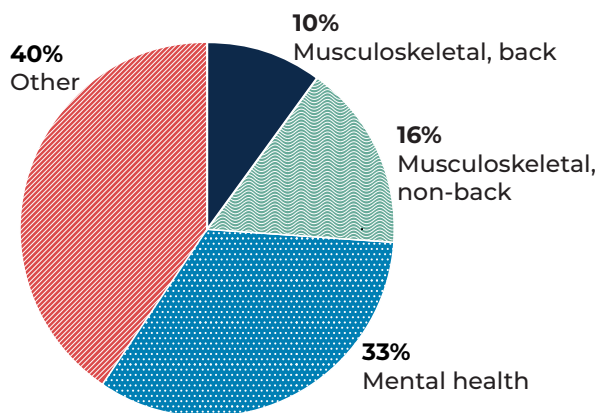


Health and health insurance coverage

Time between injury or illness and enrollment



Primary diagnosis

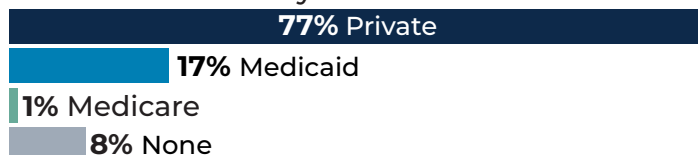


Health insurance (multiple choices possible)

Kentucky RETAIN treatment group

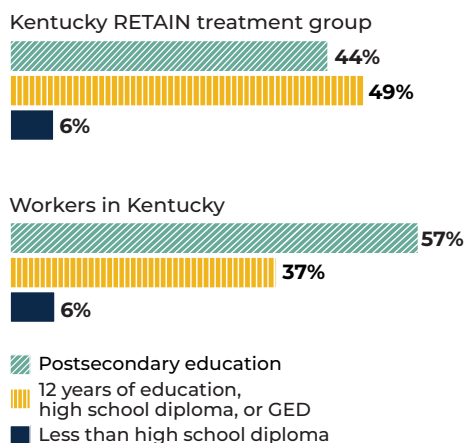


Workers in Kentucky

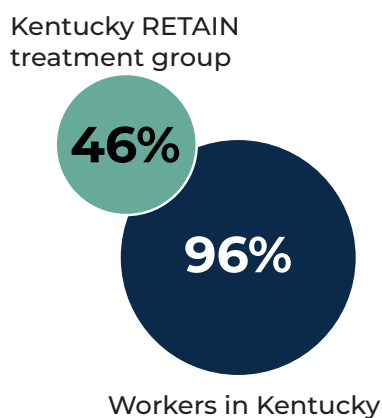


Education and employment

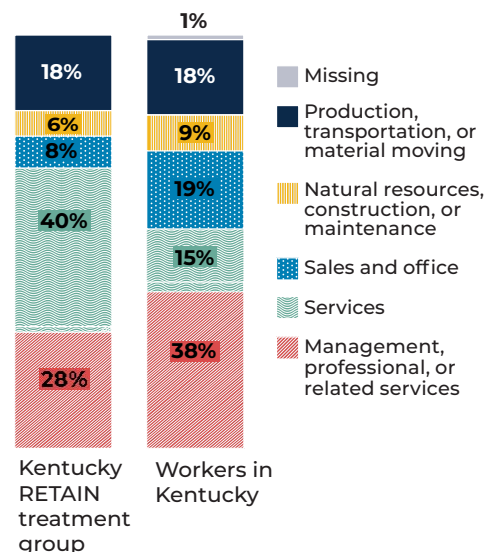
Education



Employed



Occupation



Statistics for the Kentucky RETAIN program come from the RETAIN enrollment forms and are based on the subset of enrollees randomly assigned to the treatment group (n=1,654). 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 Kentucky 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=2,019,521). Percentages may 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 corresponded 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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