



Benefits & Work

It's not all or nothing.

There are some common myths about benefits and work. Want to know the facts?



■ **I will lose my benefits if I work.**

FACT: Many benefits have programs that help you earn a paycheck without losing all of your benefits.

■ **The Social Security Administration does not want people to work.**

FACT: Social Security wants people to work. They have incentives that help make work possible. They might have an incentive that fits for you.

■ **I am applying for benefits from Social Security. If I work, I won't be eligible.**

FACT: Many people can work and earn money and still be eligible for SSI (supplemental security income) and SSDI (social security disability insurance).

WORK IS POSSIBLE!

■ **If I earn money, Social Security will ask me to pay back some of their money.**

FACT: There are things you can do to minimize the chances of this happening. Here's one idea. Report your income every month.

■ **It won't pay for me to go to work.**

FACT: Many people who receive benefits and work a regular job end up with more money.

If you have questions about benefits and work, ask your service provider for help.