

Kessler Foundation National Employment Survey



Why Conduct Another Survey?

- Many changes since 2010
- ACS additional questions insufficient
- Employment gap still exists
- Employment still discouraged
- Poverty and disability closely linked

Three Guiding Principles

- Striving to Work
- Overcoming Barriers
- Opportunities to Achieve Employment

Collaborative Partners

- Kessler Foundation
- University of New Hampshire
 - ❖ Institute on Disability
 - ❖ Survey Center
- Advisory Panel

Design

- National
- Non-institutional working age adults with disabilities (18-64)
- 3,000 telephone interviews ($\pm 1.8\%$)
- Dual frame (cell and landlines)

Question Examples

- Striving to Work

“You indicated that you are actively looking for work. How many resumes or job applications did you send out in the last three months?”

Questions (con't)

- Overcoming Barriers

“What method was most helpful in finding your current/previous job?”

Questions (con't)

- Opportunities to help PWD achieve employment goals

“Did you encounter – supervisors or co-workers who incorrectly thought you couldn't do the job?”

Current Status*

- Survey launched first week of November
- 54 questions, completion time ~17 minutes
- No. of calls dialed: 40,243
- 180 interviews completed
- Positive feedback

*As of 11/17/14

Next Steps

- Survey completion by early 2015
- Data analysis
- Dissemination – June 2015