Occupational Requirements Survey
ORS: Why It Matters

MORE THAN 25% of 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching retirement age

$190 B was spent on disability payments in 2015, more than on food stamps and housing assistance combined

$116.4 B Food Stamps & Housing Assistance
$190.7 B Social Security Disability Payments

Better decisions begin with better data

SSA is developing a new Occupational Information System (OIS) to replace the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) that is currently used to adjudicate disability claims.

The new OIS will use ORS data to better define jobs that exist in our modern economy to support an accurate and fair disability determination process.

Sources: Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Department of Labor
What is the Occupational Requirements Survey (ORS)?

The BLS conducts this survey under an agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA). The goal of the ORS is to collect and publish information about specific work-related requirements that will be available to the public and used by SSA to help make decisions for their disability programs. For more information on the ORS, see www.bls.gov/ors.