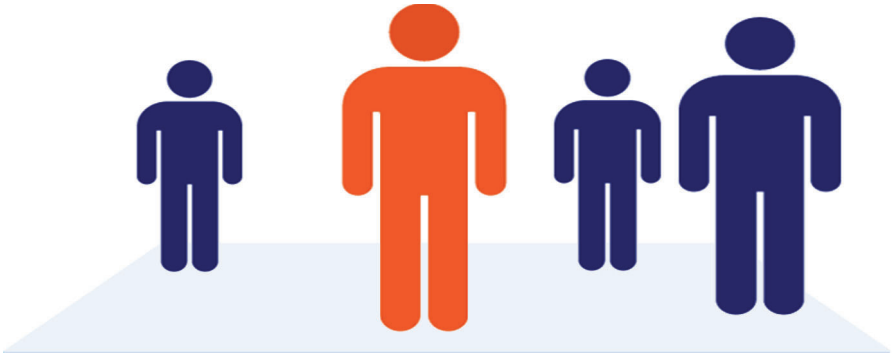
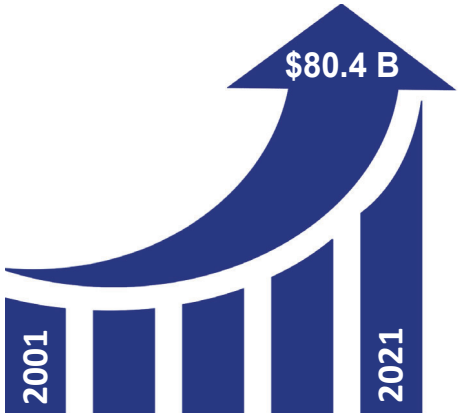
Occupational Requirements Survey

ORS: Why It Matters



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



The cost of disability payments is **GROWING**

ORS data affects lives and moves dollars

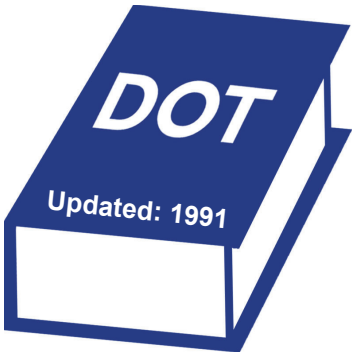
$ OVER 187 BILLION

was spent on disability payments in 2021, more than on food stamps and housing assistance combined

$162.9 Billion
SNAP (Food Stamps) & Housing Assistance

$187.8 Billion
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