

Summary of SSI Wage Reporting Tests

Introduction

ORDP conducted testing (“hit tests”) with The Work Number (TWN) to determine the overlap of our SSI recipient and deemor (parents and spouses) populations and TWN’s employee wage report records. This document summarizes the results of the hit tests. We also provide information regarding TWN’s wage reports (current and future potential) and an update on performing hit tests with large payroll providers as part of SSA’s Improper Payments Initiative. Based on the findings from the tests and other information gleaned from this effort, we believe SSA should consider leveraging data available through TWN (and potentially other data providers) to improve wage reporting through automated wage postings.

TWN Hit Test Results

■ Wages available from TWN ■ Wages NOT available from TWN	SSI recipients	SSI deemors
Wages on SSR	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">(b) (4)</div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">Total ≈ (b) (4) persons</div>	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">(b) (4)</div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">Total ≈ (b) (4) persons</div>
NO wages on SSR	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">(b) (4)</div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">Total ≈ (b) (4) persons</div>	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">(b) (4)</div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">Total ≈ (b) (4) persons</div>

Other Notable Findings from the Hit Tests

- Based on the test results, since the field currently verifies (b) (4) wage reports through individual requests to TWN per month, we estimate we could verify an additional (b) (4) wages per month through an automated batch process with TWN for recipients and deemors who are currently reporting wages (posted to the SSR).
- We also estimate we could identify approximately (b) (4) wage reports for recipients and deemors not currently reporting wages (not posted to the SSR). Automated batch verification with TWN could prevent improper payments for (b) (4) percent of people on the SSR.

- The effect on improper payments will fluctuate. Test results showed significant variation in the number of SSI recipient wages over the testing period (**(b) (4)** percent increase).

Current and Future Wages and Employers Covered by TWN Record Systems

- TWN reports their record systems contain approximately 55 million individual wage records or about 38 percent of the US working population employed by approximately 2,500 businesses.
- TWN reports to have a **(b) (4)** their income verification process.
- TWN informed us they **(b) (4)** For example, we cannot obtain wage reports from **(b) (4)**.
- TWN has an active wage records growth target¹. By 2015, TWN targets to have **(b) (4)** million records covering approximately **(b) (4)** percent of the US working population and **(b) (4)** employers.
- TWN is attempting to achieve this growth target through partnerships with payroll service providers that service **(b) (4)** employers. (See information regarding these payroll providers below.)

(b) (5)

¹ TWN active records growth target is proprietary and confidential. Distribution is limited and cannot be released or published by SSA.