

# STATE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE:

## WHO PARTICIPATES?

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# Characteristics of Participants in the SPI Demonstration

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## I. Who are the SPI participants?

(Early cohort: 6,479 – enrolled by 12/01)

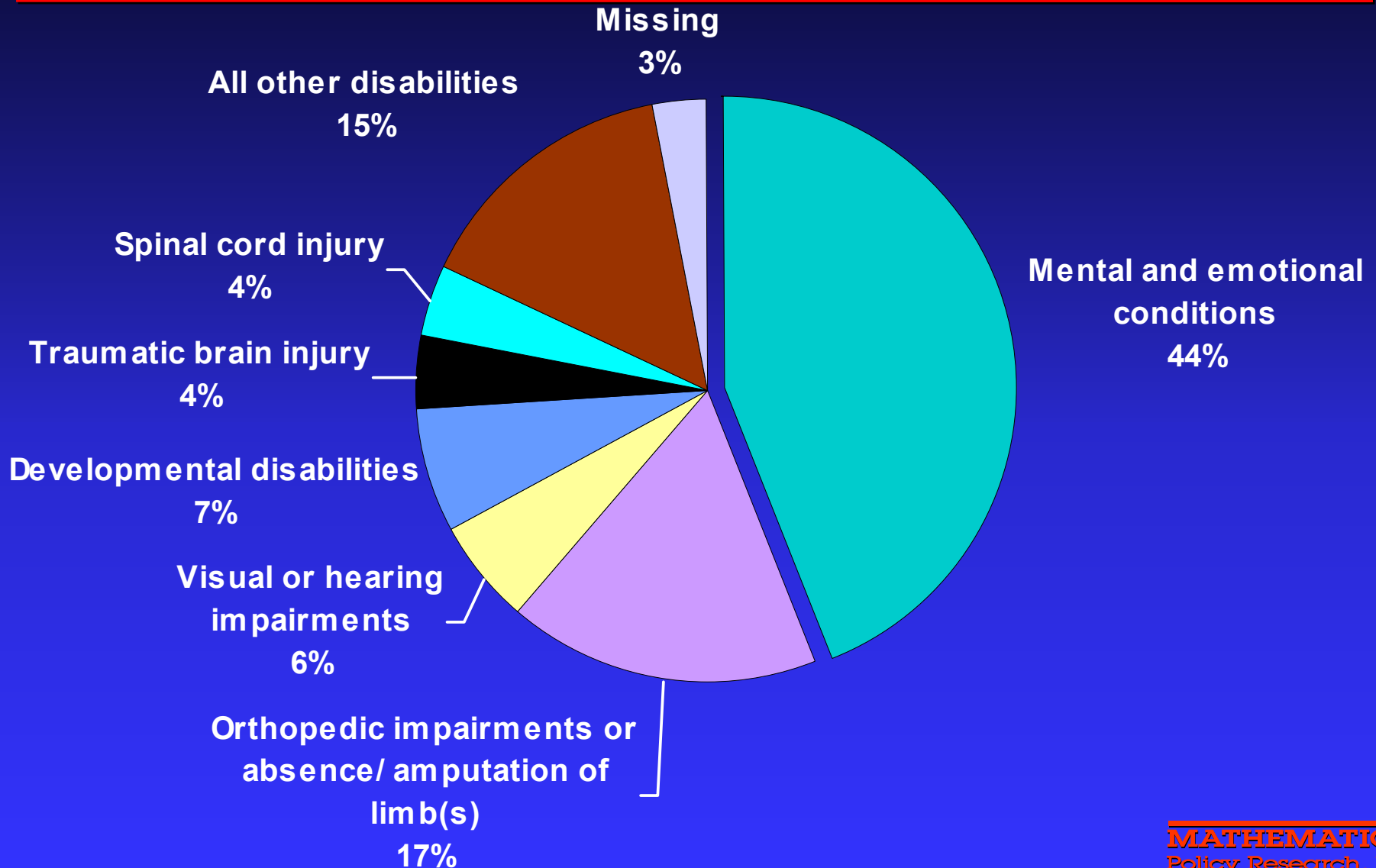
A. Participants overall

B. SSDI/SSI/Concurrents

C. Employment status

## II. What factors drive participation?

# Many Participants Report Mental Illness



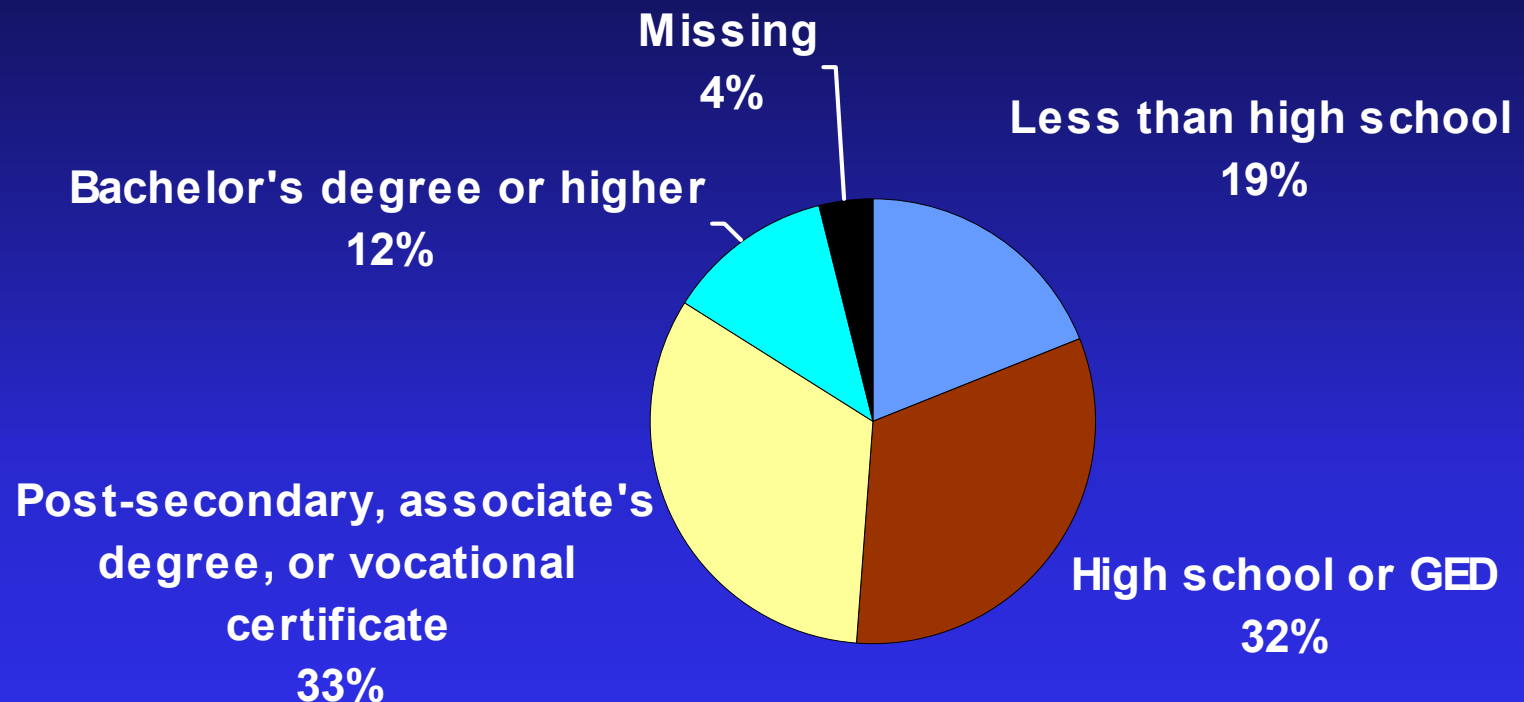
# Other Characteristics of SPI Participants

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- 71% receive Social Security benefits
- Half are female
- Average age is 38 years

# Participants Have Diverse Educational Experience

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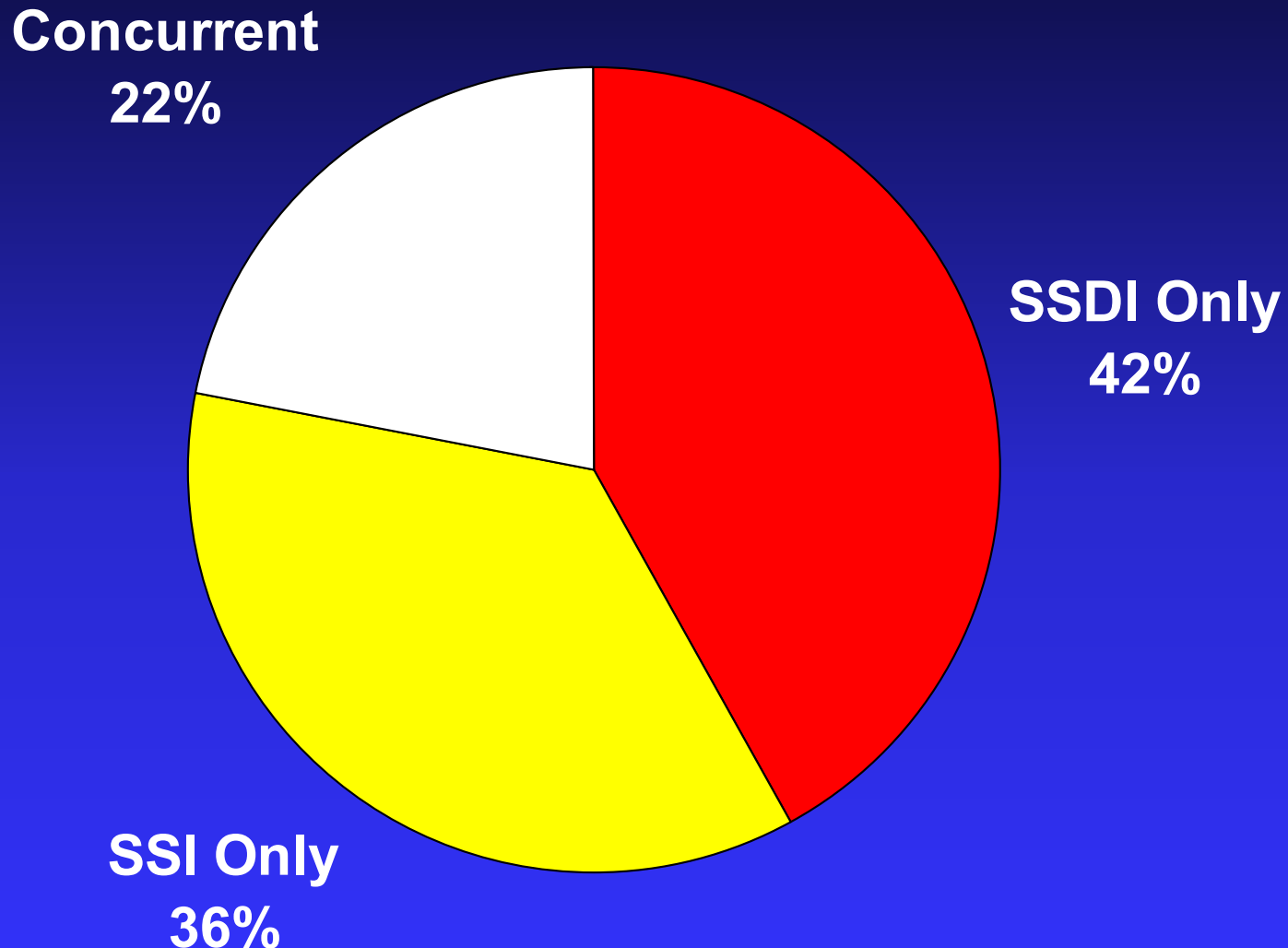
# Many SPI Participants Have Some Work Experience

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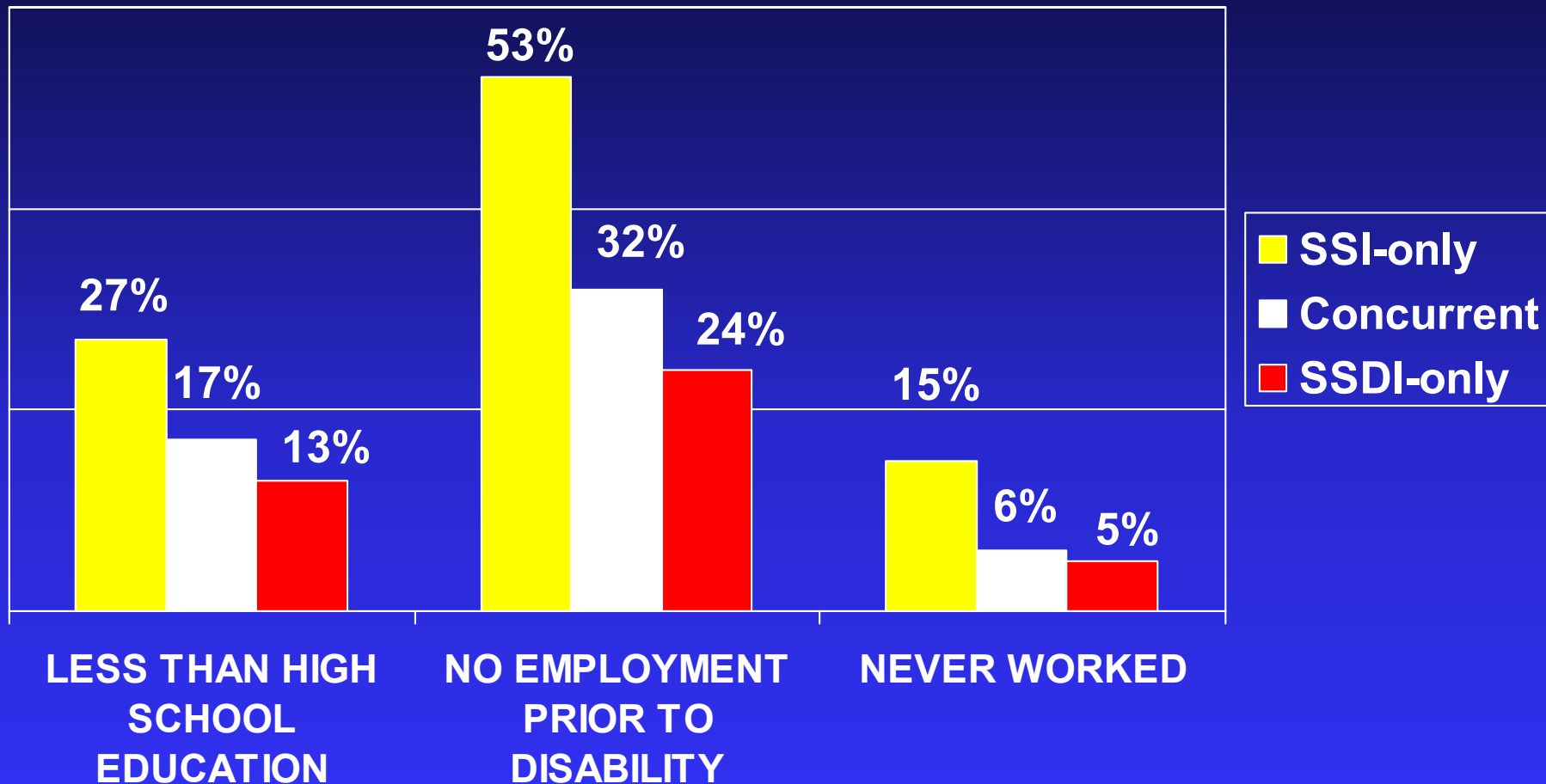
- 75% had job experience since onset of disability
- More than 1/3 were employed at intake

## B. Participant Differences By Social Security Benefit Type

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# SSI Recipients Face Additional Barriers to Employment



## **C. Participants Employed at Intake Very Similar to Those Not Employed at Intake**

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- **Age**
- **Gender**
- **Time on Social Security benefits**
- **Education levels**

# Summary

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- Many participants have mental illness
- Many participants have tried work
- SSI recipients have greater barriers to employment
- Employed participants are very similar to those not employed