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About the Disability Status Report

The 2012 Annual Disability Status Report

The Annual Disability Status Reports provide policy makers, disability advocates, reporters, and the public with a summary of the most recent demographic and economic statistics on the non-institutionalized population with disabilities. They contain information on the population size and disability prevalence for various demographic subpopulations, as well as statistics related to employment, earnings, household income, veterans' service-connected disability and health insurance. Comparisons are made to people without disabilities and across disability types. Disability Status Reports and other statistics are available for the United States overall, each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico at www.disabilitystatistics.org.

The Status Reports primarily look at the working-age population because the employment gap between people with and without disabilities is a major focus of government programs and advocacy efforts. Employment is also a key factor in the social integration and economic self-sufficiency of working-age people with disabilities.

The information in this report is based on data from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) - a survey sent each year to a random sample of over 3.5 million households. For more information see the Census Bureau's ACS website <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/> and our Guide to Disability Statistics from the American Community Survey (2008 Forward): <http://disabilitystatistics.org/sources.cfm>.

The estimates in these reports are based on responses from a sample of the population and may differ from actual population values because of sampling variability and other factors. Differences observed between the estimates for two or more groups may not be statistically significant.

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ACS Disability Questions

There is no single accepted definition of disability. Different definitions and disability questions may identify different populations with disabilities and result in larger or smaller estimates.

Below are the six questions used in the ACS to identify persons with disabilities. Note that the Census Bureau refers to each of the individual types as "difficulty" while in this report the term "disability" is used.

Hearing Disability (asked of all ages):

- Is this person deaf or does he/she have serious difficulty hearing?

Visual Disability (asked of all ages):

- Is this person blind or does he/she have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?

Cognitive Disability (asked of persons ages 5 or older):

- Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

Ambulatory Disability (asked of persons ages 5 or older):

- Does this person have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

Self-Care Disability (asked of persons ages 5 or older):

- Does this person have difficulty dressing or bathing?

Independent Living Disability (asked of persons ages 15 or older):

- Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

Note:

- The "Any Disability" category used in this report includes persons who reported one or more of the individual disability types.
- Respondents could report more than one disability type.
- Some disability questions were not asked of children.
- A separate set of survey questions identify veterans with service-connected disabilities. Based on a separate set of survey questions, this report includes estimates related to veterans' service-connected disability (see page 51).

Notes

Spanish Language Reports: Spanish language versions of the Annual Disability Status Reports for the US, all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington D.C. can be downloaded at the same location as the English Status Reports. The Spanish translation was made possible through funding from the Northeast Disability Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC) and NIDRR.

Puerto Rico: A Puerto Rico Disability Status Report, based on the parallel 2012 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS), is available again this year in English as well as Spanish. However, please note that the Puerto Rico sample is not included in any U.S. population estimates included in these reports.

Group Quarters: In 2006, the ACS began surveying the group quarters population. We include the non-institutionalized group quarters population, but due to small state level sample sizes exclude the institutionalized group quarters population (see glossary) in the Disability Status Reports.

Margin of Error (MOE): As in previous years' reports we provide the 90% MOE to better illustrate sampling variability. See the glossary entry for more information on this topic.

Glossary: As in previous years, we provide a comprehensive glossary at the back of this report defining the terms used in the Disability Status Report (see glossary).

Note: According to the Census Bureau, estimates based on the ACS Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) file such as those included in this report may differ slightly from the ACS summary tables produced by the Census Bureau, because they are subject to additional sampling error and further data processing operations. Please see <http://www.disabilitystatistics.org/faq.cfm#Q4> for further information.

New York Summary

These statistics indicate the social and economic status of non-institutionalized people with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS).

Age: In 2012, the prevalence of disability in NY was:

- 10.8 percent for persons of all ages
- 1.0 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 4.4 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 5.1 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 8.6 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 21.8 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 48.3 percent for persons ages 75+

Disability Type: In 2012, the prevalence of the six disability types among persons of all ages in NY was:

- 1.8% reported a Visual Disability
- 2.7% reported a Hearing Disability
- 6.4% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 4.1% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 2.5% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 5.1% reported an Independent Living Disability

Gender: In 2012, 11.4 percent of females of all ages and 10.1 percent of males of all ages in NY reported a disability.

Hispanic/Latino: In 2012, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in NY was 10.0 percent.

Race: In NY in 2012, the prevalence of disability for working-age people (ages 21 to 64) was:

- 8.4 percent among Whites
- 10.7 percent among Black / African Americans
- 4.6 percent among Asians
- 17.7 percent among Native Americans
- 10.0 percent among persons of some other race(s)

Employment: In 2012, the employment rate of working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in NY was 32.0 percent.

Looking for Work: In NY in 2012, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 9.6 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment: In NY in 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 20.1 percent.

Annual Earnings: In 2012, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in NY was \$39,500.

Annual Household Income: In NY in 2012, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$38,800.

Poverty: In NY in 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 29.6 percent.

Supplemental Security Income: In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving SSI payments in NY was 24.2 percent.

Educational Attainment: In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities in NY:

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 32.0 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 28.4 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 15.7 percent.

Veterans Service-Connected Disability: In 2012, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 16.3 percent in NY.

Health Insurance Coverage: In 2012 in NY, 90.9 percent of working-age people with disabilities had health insurance.

Prevalence: Ages 21 - 64

This summary lists percentages by state of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) people with disabilities using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). The US disability prevalence rate for this population was 10.4%

Location	2012 (%)	Location	2012 (%)
Alabama	15.5	Montana	10.7
Alaska	10.6	Nebraska	8.5
Arizona	10.1	Nevada	10.6
Arkansas	15.8	New Hampshire	9.9
California	8.1	New Jersey	7.9
Colorado	8.7	New Mexico	13.5
Connecticut	8.4	New York	8.6
Delaware	10.9	North Carolina	11.7
District of Columbia	9.8	North Dakota	8.6
Florida	10.3	Ohio	12.3
Georgia	10.9	Oklahoma	14.1
Hawaii	8.7	Oregon	12.1
Idaho	11.3	Pennsylvania	11.4
Illinois	8.7	Puerto Rico	19.1
Indiana	11.3	Rhode Island	10.6
Iowa	9.8	South Carolina	12.7
Kansas	11.2	South Dakota	10.2
Kentucky	15.8	Tennessee	13.9
Louisiana	14.0	Texas	10.4
Maine	13.7	Utah	8.7
Maryland	8.4	Vermont	11.2
Massachusetts	9.2	Virginia	8.7
Michigan	12.1	Washington	10.4
Minnesota	8.5	West Virginia	17.6
Mississippi	16.2	Wisconsin	9.5
Missouri	13.1	Wyoming	10.1

Employment: Ages 21 - 64

This summary lists employment rates by state of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) people with disabilities using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). The employment rate in the US for this population was 33.5% for people with disabilities and 76.3% for people without disabilities.

Location	People with Disabilities 2012	People without Disabilities 2012	Location	People with Disabilities 2012	People without Disabilities 2012
Alabama	29.4	73.2	Montana	37.8	78.1
Alaska	42.3	76.8	Nebraska	43.6	84.5
Arizona	35.1	73.1	Nevada	36.1	74.6
Arkansas	32.3	75.2	New Hampshire	37.4	83.5
California	32.2	73.1	New Jersey	36.0	76.5
Colorado	42.0	79.6	New Mexico	34.7	73.3
Connecticut	40.2	78.8	New York	32.0	75.6
Delaware	35.5	78.7	North Carolina	30.8	75.3
District of Columbia	31.0	79.0	North Dakota	53.0	84.9
Florida	29.4	73.8	Ohio	32.9	77.2
Georgia	30.9	73.7	Oklahoma	34.2	77.9
Hawaii	38.6	78.7	Oregon	34.8	74.0
Idaho	40.8	76.5	Pennsylvania	33.1	77.7
Illinois	33.2	76.7	Puerto Rico	24.0	57.0
Indiana	34.9	77.8	Rhode Island	28.2	79.7
Iowa	42.1	83.5	South Carolina	27.7	74.7
Kansas	41.1	81.0	South Dakota	54.1	83.6
Kentucky	26.6	74.9	Tennessee	28.2	75.2
Louisiana	35.0	75.5	Texas	37.4	76.5
Maine	34.1	79.1	Utah	41.4	78.9
Maryland	42.1	80.1	Vermont	37.2	82.9
Massachusetts	33.0	79.6	Virginia	36.0	79.9
Michigan	27.6	73.1	Washington	36.9	76.8
Minnesota	42.7	83.4	West Virginia	24.5	72.9
Mississippi	26.4	73.4	Wisconsin	36.3	81.3
Missouri	32.7	78.3	Wyoming	43.9	80.8

Prevalence

All Ages

Introduction

This section addresses the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

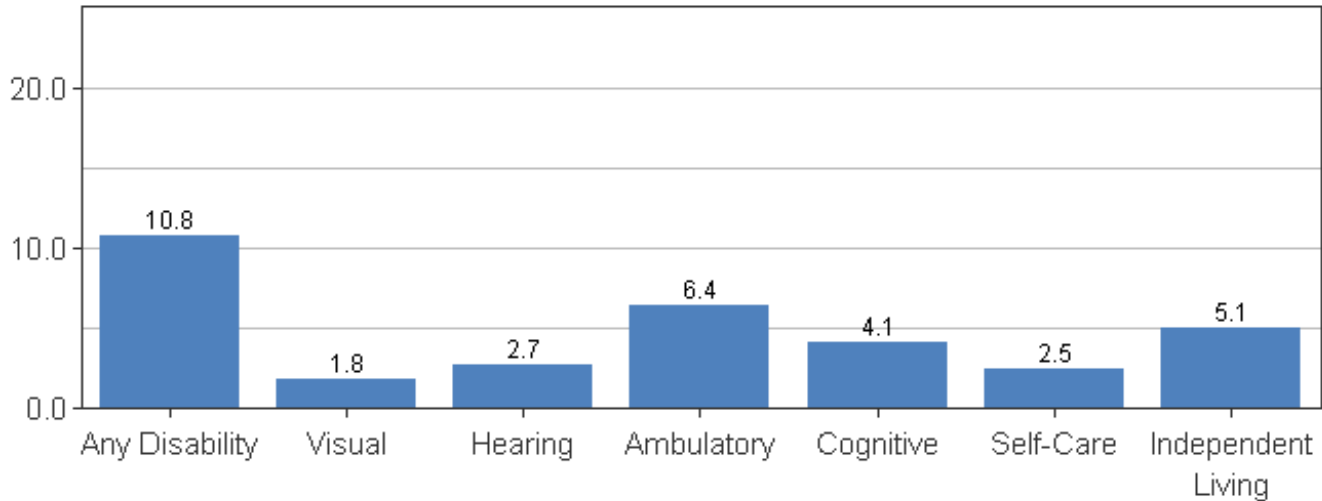
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Prevalence:
All Ages
10.8%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in NY was 10.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 2,085,500 of the 19,342,600 individuals of all ages in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 6.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 1.8 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in New York in 2012*

Prevalence Rates: All Ages (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	10.8	0.16	2,085,500	31,280	19,342,600	192,011
Visual	1.8	3.29	356,700	13,560	19,342,600	192,011
Hearing	2.7	0.08	516,000	16,240	19,342,600	192,011
Ambulatory	6.4	0.13	1,154,900	23,890	18,185,300	182,044
Cognitive	4.1	0.11	749,400	19,450	18,185,300	182,044
Self-Care	2.5	0.08	456,300	15,300	18,185,300	182,044
Independent Living	5.1	0.13	808,700	20,180	15,839,700	159,410

* **Note:** Children under the age of five were only asked about Vision and Hearing disabilities. The Independent Living disability question was only asked of persons aged 16 years old and older.

Prevalence

Ages 4 years and under

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 4 and under in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). Only the two sensory disability questions were asked of this population. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

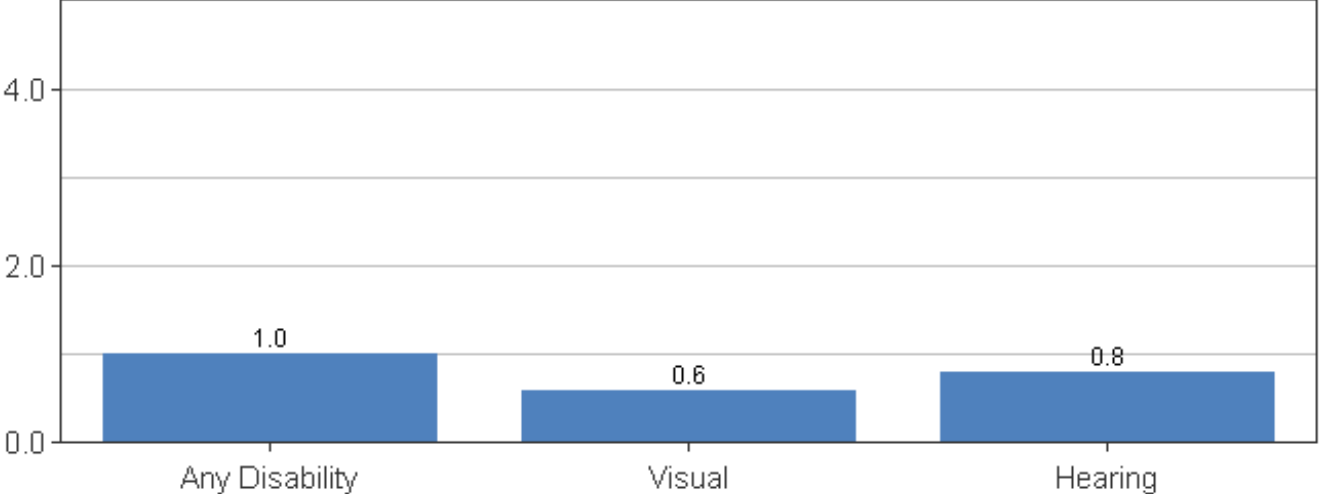
Prevalence:
Ages 4 and
under

1.0%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in NY was 1.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 11,800 of the 1,157,300 children ages 0 to 4 in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, 0.6 percent reported a visual disability
- In NY in 2012, 0.8 percent reported a hearing disability

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 4 and under in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 4 years and under (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	1.0	3.29	11,800	2,490	1,157,300	9,967
Visual	0.6	3.29	7,100	1,930	1,157,300	9,967
Hearing	0.8	3.29	9,300	2,210	1,157,300	9,967

Prevalence

Ages 5 to 15 years

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 5 to 15 in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

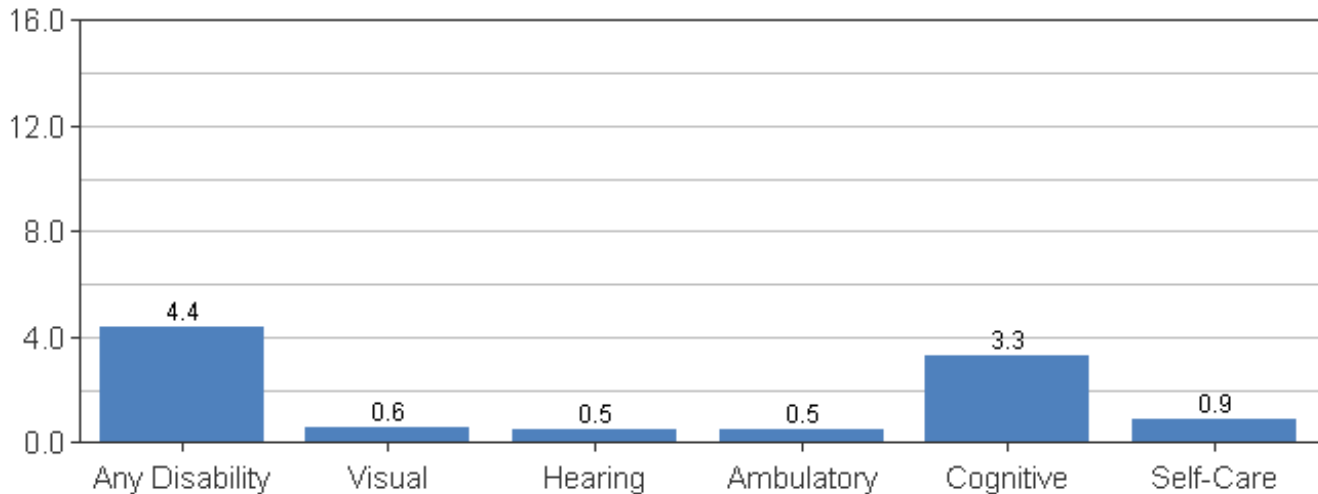
Prevalence:
Ages 5 to
15 years
4.4%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in NY was 4.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 113,700 of the 2,587,500 individuals ages 5 to 15 in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the five types of disabilities* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 3.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 0.5 percent.

* **Note:** The "Independent Living Disability" question was not asked of children ages 15 years and younger.

Prevalence of disability* among non-institutionalized people ages 5 to 15 in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 5 to 15 years (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	4.4	0.29	113,700	7,710	2,587,500	25,087
Visual	0.6	3.29	15,300	2,830	2,587,500	25,087
Hearing	0.5	3.29	11,800	2,490	2,587,500	25,087
Ambulatory	0.5	3.29	14,000	2,710	2,587,500	25,087
Cognitive	3.3	0.26	86,100	6,710	2,587,500	25,087
Self-Care	0.9	3.29	23,200	3,490	2,587,500	25,087

* **Note:** The "Independent Living Disability" question was not asked of children ages 15 years and younger.

Prevalence

Ages 16 to 20 years

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

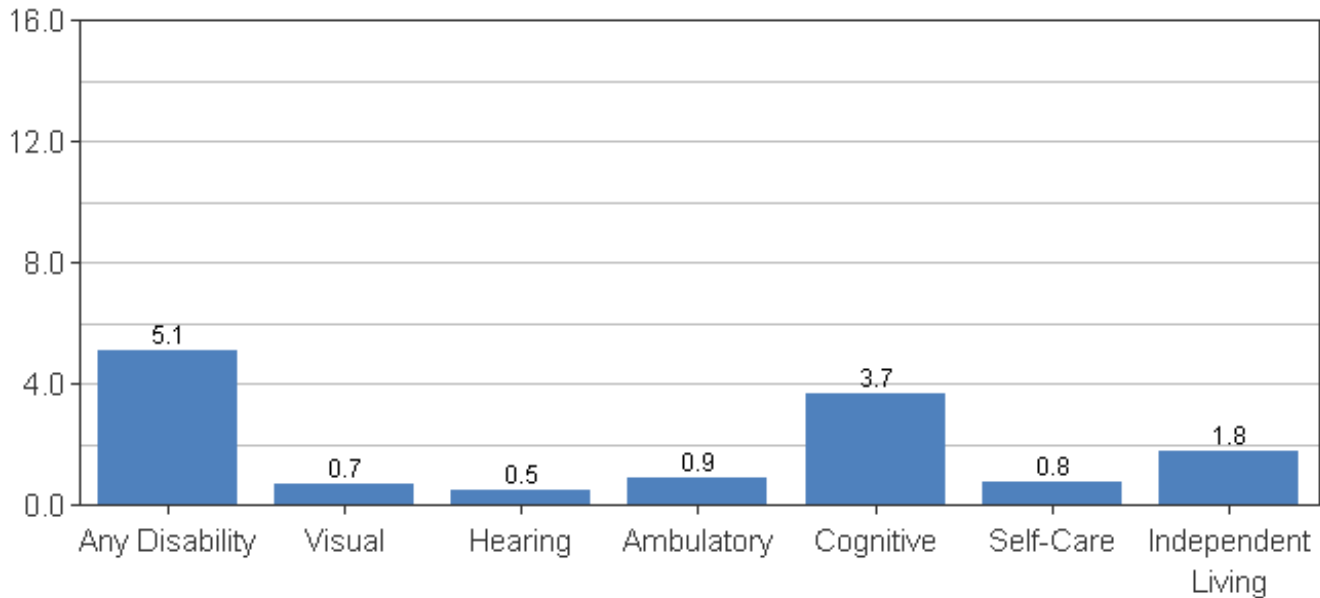
Prevalence:
Ages 16 to
20 years

5.1%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in NY was 5.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 68,800 of the 1,353,100 individuals ages 16 to 20 in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 3.7 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 0.5 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	5.1	0.43	68,800	6,000	1,353,100	14,151
Visual	0.7	3.29	8,900	2,160	1,353,100	14,151
Hearing	0.5	3.29	7,400	1,970	1,353,100	14,151
Ambulatory	0.9	3.29	12,500	2,560	1,353,100	14,151
Cognitive	3.7	0.37	49,500	5,090	1,353,100	14,151
Self-Care	0.8	3.29	11,300	2,430	1,353,100	14,151
Independent Living	1.8	3.29	24,500	3,580	1,353,100	14,151

Prevalence

Ages 21 to 64 years

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

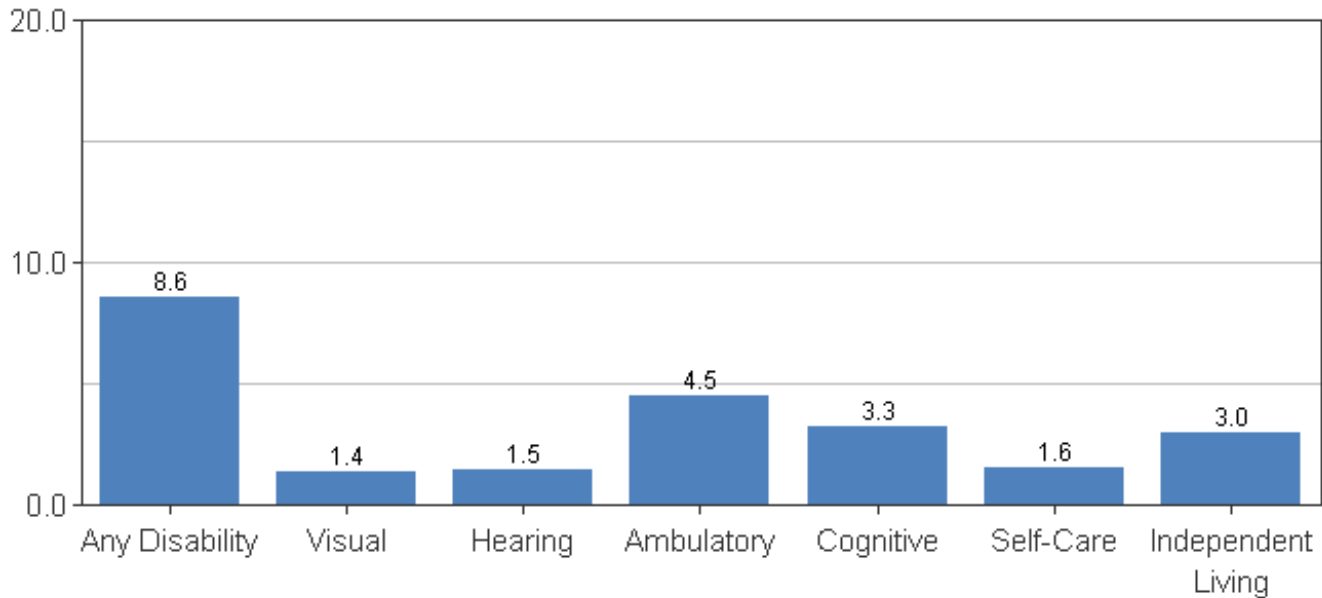
Prevalence:
Ages 21 to
64 years

8.6%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in NY was 8.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 997,500 of the 11,590,700 individuals ages 21 to 64 in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 4.5 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Visual Disability," 1.4 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 21 to 64 in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 21 to 64 years (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	8.6	0.19	997,500	22,290	11,590,700	110,848
Visual	1.4	3.29	167,100	9,330	11,590,700	110,848
Hearing	1.5	3.29	177,800	9,620	11,590,700	110,848
Ambulatory	4.5	0.14	524,000	16,360	11,590,700	110,848
Cognitive	3.3	0.12	386,200	14,100	11,590,700	110,848
Self-Care	1.6	3.29	182,800	9,750	11,590,700	110,848
Independent Living	3.0	0.12	350,800	13,450	11,590,700	110,848

Prevalence

Ages 65 to 74 years

Introduction

This section explores the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

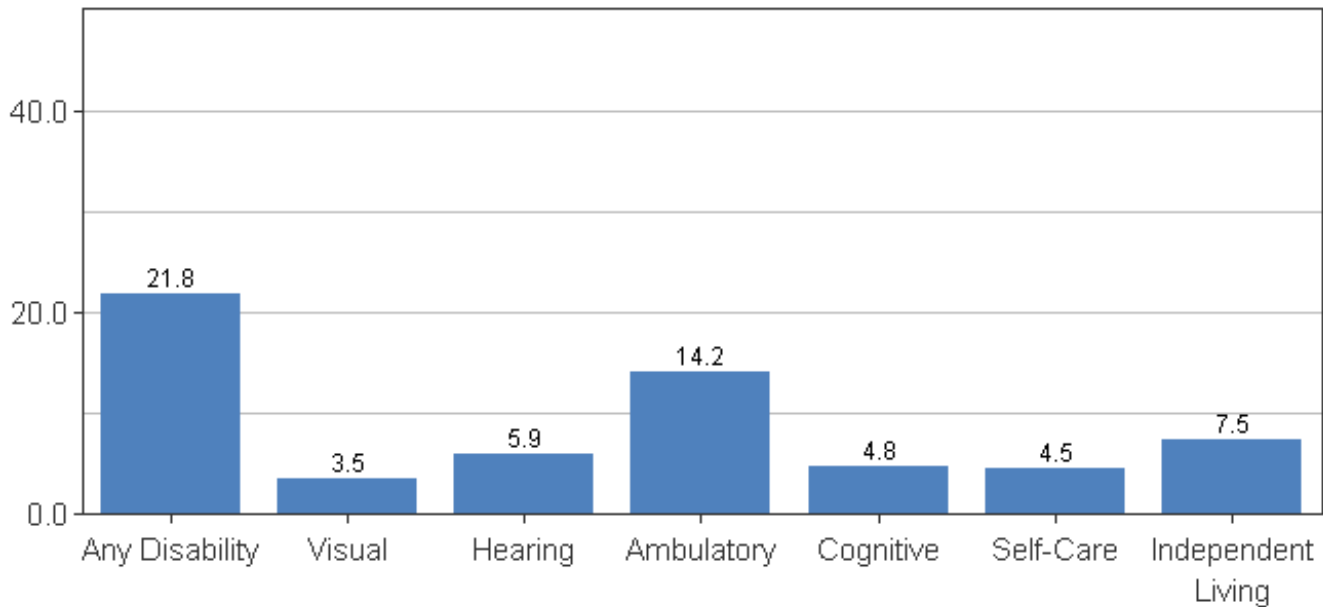
Prevalence:
Ages 65 to 74
years

21.8%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in NY was 21.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 319,200 of the 1,463,800 individuals ages 65 to 74 in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 14.2 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 3.5 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 65 to 74 years (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	21.8	0.78	319,200	12,840	1,463,800	17,400
Visual	3.5	0.35	50,600	5,150	1,463,800	17,400
Hearing	5.9	0.45	86,000	6,700	1,463,800	17,400
Ambulatory	14.2	0.66	208,400	10,410	1,463,800	17,400
Cognitive	4.8	0.40	69,900	6,050	1,463,800	17,400
Self-Care	4.5	0.39	65,500	5,860	1,463,800	17,400
Independent Living	7.5	0.50	110,200	7,580	1,463,800	17,400

Prevalence

Ages 75 and Older

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

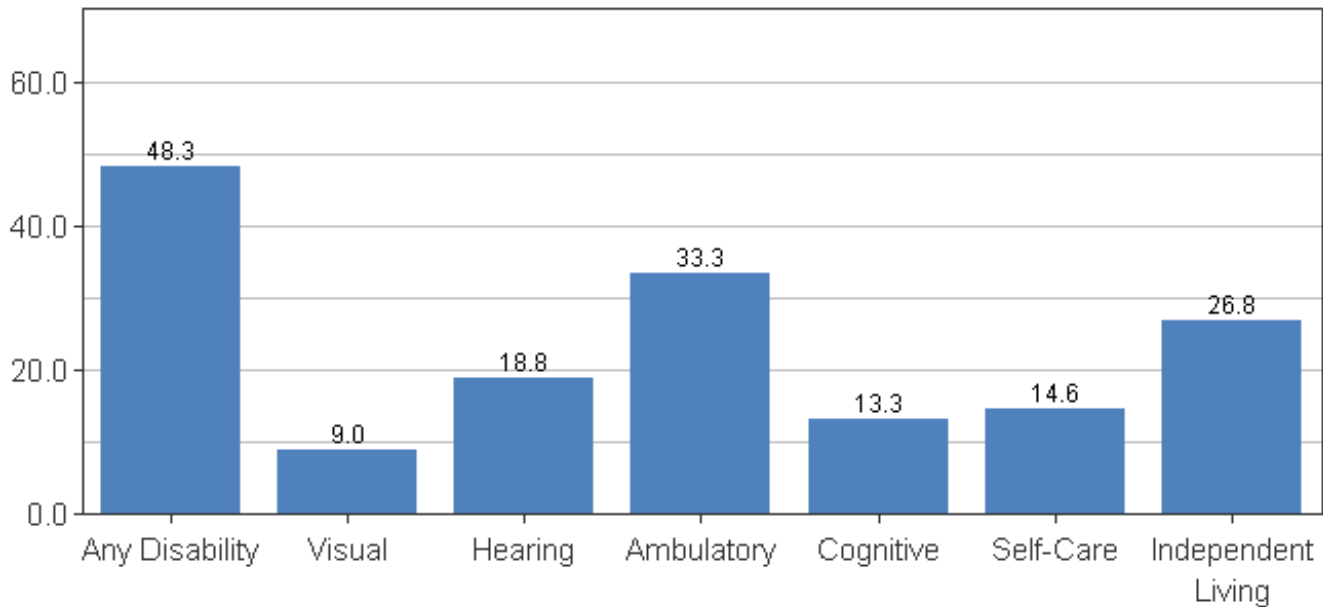
Prevalence:
Ages 75 and
Older

48.3%

- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in NY was 48.3 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 574,400 of the 1,190,300 individuals ages 75 and older in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 33.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 9.0 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 75 and older (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	48.3	1.05	574,400	17,110	1,190,300	14,558
Visual	9.0	0.60	107,700	7,500	1,190,300	14,558
Hearing	18.8	0.82	223,600	10,770	1,190,300	14,558
Ambulatory	33.3	0.99	396,100	14,270	1,190,300	14,558
Cognitive	13.3	0.71	157,800	9,060	1,190,300	14,558
Self-Care	14.6	0.74	173,500	9,500	1,190,300	14,558
Independent Living	26.8	0.93	318,600	12,830	1,190,300	14,558

Prevalence

Gender and Age

Introduction

This section examines the prevalence of disability among people by gender and age group in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Males All
Ages

10.1%

Prevalence:
Female All
Ages

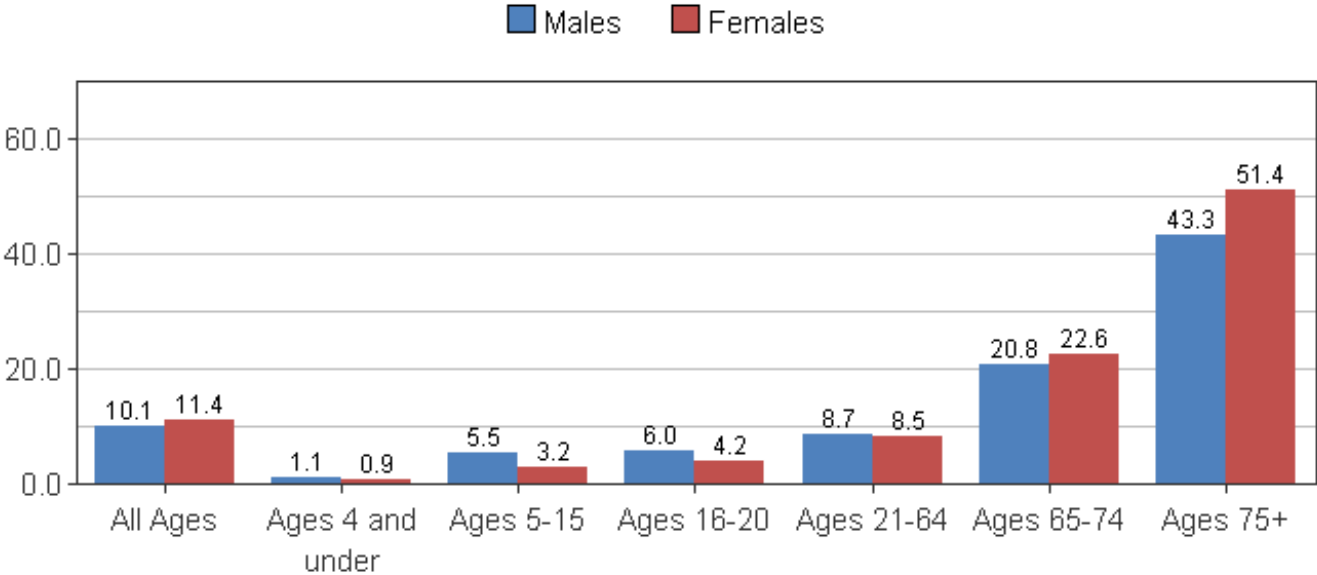
11.4%

- In NY in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 10.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 948,600 of the 9,346,600 males of all ages in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 11.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 1,136,900 of the 9,996,000 females of all ages in NY reported one or more disabilities.

* **Note:** Children ages 0-4 were only asked about visual and hearing disabilities, children ages 5-15 were not asked the "Independent Living Disability" question.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people by gender and age group in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Gender and Age (%)



Gender & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Males						
Males: All Ages	10.1	0.23	948,600	21,770	9,346,600	91,747
Males: Ages 4 and under	1.1	3.29	6,700	1,870	594,300	5,019
Males: Ages 5-15	5.5	0.45	73,300	6,190	1,327,000	12,760
Males: Ages 16-20	6.0	0.66	40,200	4,590	675,100	7,041
Males: Ages 21-64	8.7	0.27	491,100	15,850	5,629,100	53,213
Males: Ages 65-74	20.8	1.15	137,000	8,450	658,800	7,913
Males: Ages 75+	43.3	1.67	200,400	10,200	462,400	5,801
Females						
Females: All Ages	11.4	0.23	1,136,900	23,710	9,996,000	100,264
Females: Ages 4 and under	0.9	3.29	5,200	1,650	563,000	4,948
Females: Ages 5-15	3.2	0.36	40,400	4,600	1,260,500	12,327
Females: Ages 16-20	4.2	0.56	28,600	3,870	678,000	7,110
Females: Ages 21-64	8.5	0.26	506,400	16,090	5,961,600	57,635
Females: Ages 65-74	22.6	1.07	182,300	9,740	805,000	9,487
Females: Ages 75+	51.4	1.34	374,000	13,880	727,900	8,757

* **Note:** Children ages 0-4 were only asked about visual and hearing disabilities, children ages 5-15 were not asked the "Independent Living Disability" question.

Prevalence

Hispanic/Latino Origin and Age

Introduction

This section examines the prevalence of disability among people by Hispanic/Latino origin and age group in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) *. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Hispanic All
Ages

10.0%

Prevalence:
Non-Hispanic
All Ages

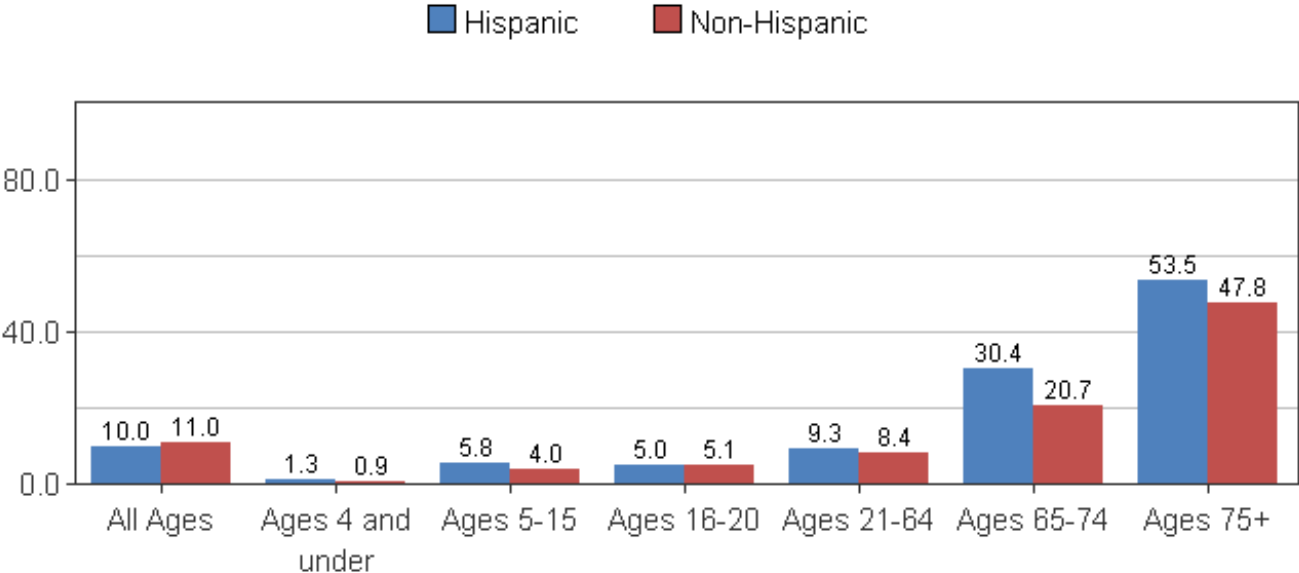
11.0%

- In NY in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 10.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 351,100 of the 3,515,700 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in NY reported one or more disabilities.
- In NY in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 11.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 1,734,400 of the 15,826,900 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in NY reported one or more disabilities.

* **Note:** Children ages 0-4 were only asked about visual and hearing disabilities, children age 5-15 were not asked the "Independent Living Disability" question.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people by Hispanic / Latino origin and age group in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Hispanic/Latino Origin and Age (%)



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Hispanic						
Hispanic - All Ages	10.0	0.37	351,100	13,460	3,515,700	25,872
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	1.3	3.29	3,700	1,390	293,500	1,967
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.8	0.70	33,900	4,210	587,500	4,479
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	5.0	0.93	14,300	2,730	285,300	2,272
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	9.3	0.46	194,600	10,060	2,084,400	14,847
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	30.4	2.63	48,900	5,060	160,700	1,355
Hispanic - Ages 75+	53.5	3.54	55,800	5,410	104,300	952
Non-Hispanic						
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	11.0	0.18	1,734,400	28,810	15,826,900	166,139
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.9	3.29	8,100	2,060	863,700	8,000
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	4.0	0.32	79,900	6,460	2,000,000	20,608
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	5.1	0.49	54,600	5,350	1,067,800	11,879
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	8.4	0.21	802,800	20,110	9,506,300	96,001
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	20.7	0.81	270,400	11,830	1,303,000	16,045
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	47.8	1.10	518,600	16,280	1,086,000	13,606

* **Note:** Children ages 0-4 were only asked about visual and hearing disabilities, children ages 5-15 were not asked the "Independent Living Disability" question.

Prevalence

Race

Introduction

This section presents the disability prevalence rate among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race category in NY, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

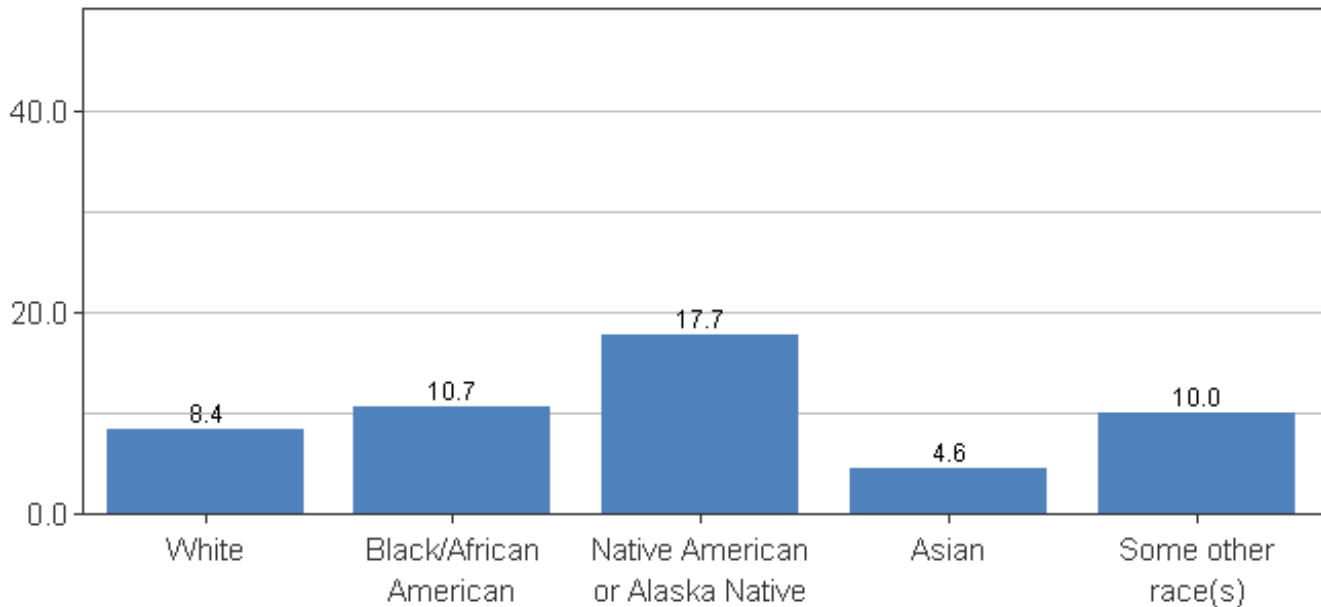
Quick Statistics

In 2012, among working-age people in NY:

- 8.4 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 10.7 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 17.7 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 4.6 percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 10.0 percent of persons who were some other race(s) reported a disability.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race in New York in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Race (%)



Race	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
White	8.4	0.23	632,200	17,920	7,541,000	78,264
Black/African American	10.7	0.53	187,200	9,870	1,756,700	14,532
Native American or Alaska Native	17.7	4.14	7,900	2,040	44,700	462
Asian	4.6	0.48	45,500	4,880	998,700	8,933
Some other race(s)	10.0	0.61	124,700	8,060	1,249,600	8,657

Employment

Introduction

This section examines the employment rates of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

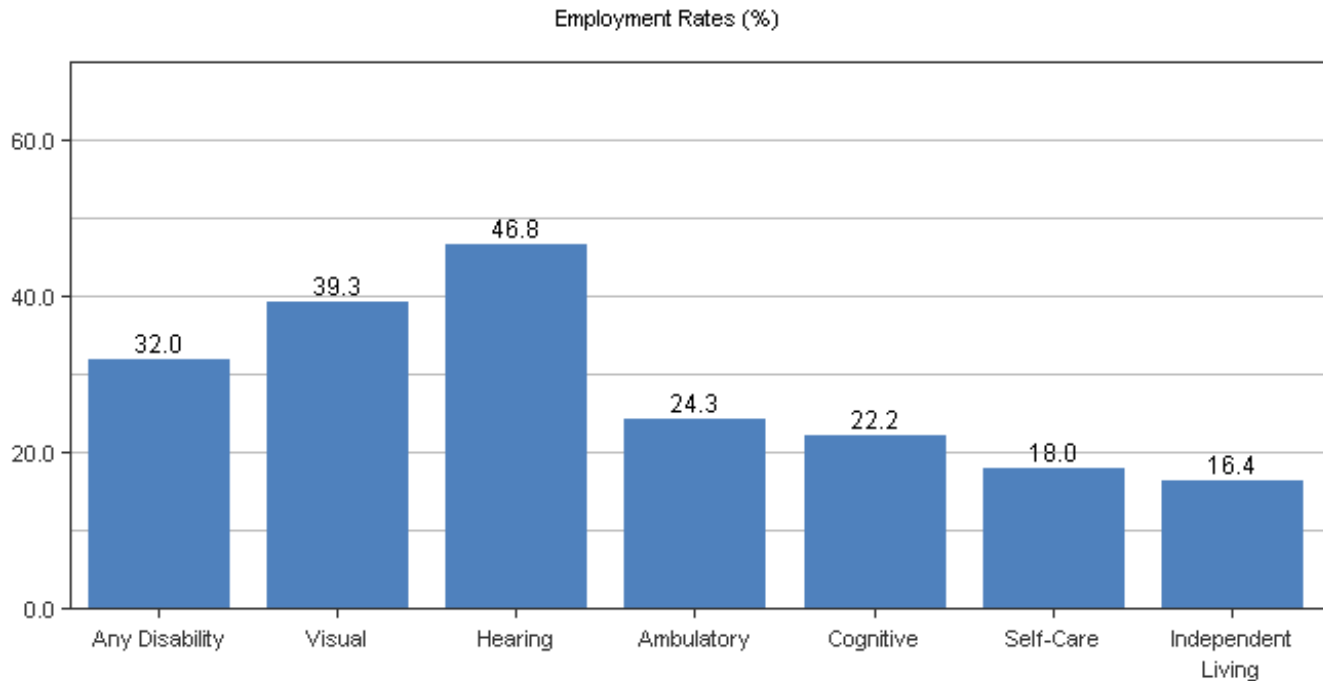
Quick Statistics

Employment:
with disability
32.0%

Employment:
without
disability
75.6%

- In 2012, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in NY was 32.0 percent.
- In 2012, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in NY was 75.6 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 43.6 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 46.8 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Independent Living Disability," 16.4 percent.

Employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	75.6	0.30	8,012,800	49,640	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	32.0	1.07	319,400	12,840	997,500	10,876
Visual	39.3	2.74	65,600	5,860	167,100	1,606
Hearing	46.8	2.71	83,200	6,590	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	24.3	1.36	127,500	8,160	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	22.2	1.53	85,700	6,700	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	18.0	2.06	32,800	4,150	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	16.4	1.43	57,500	5,490	350,800	4,189

Not Working but Actively Looking for Work

Introduction

This section focuses on the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York who are not working but actively looking for work, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

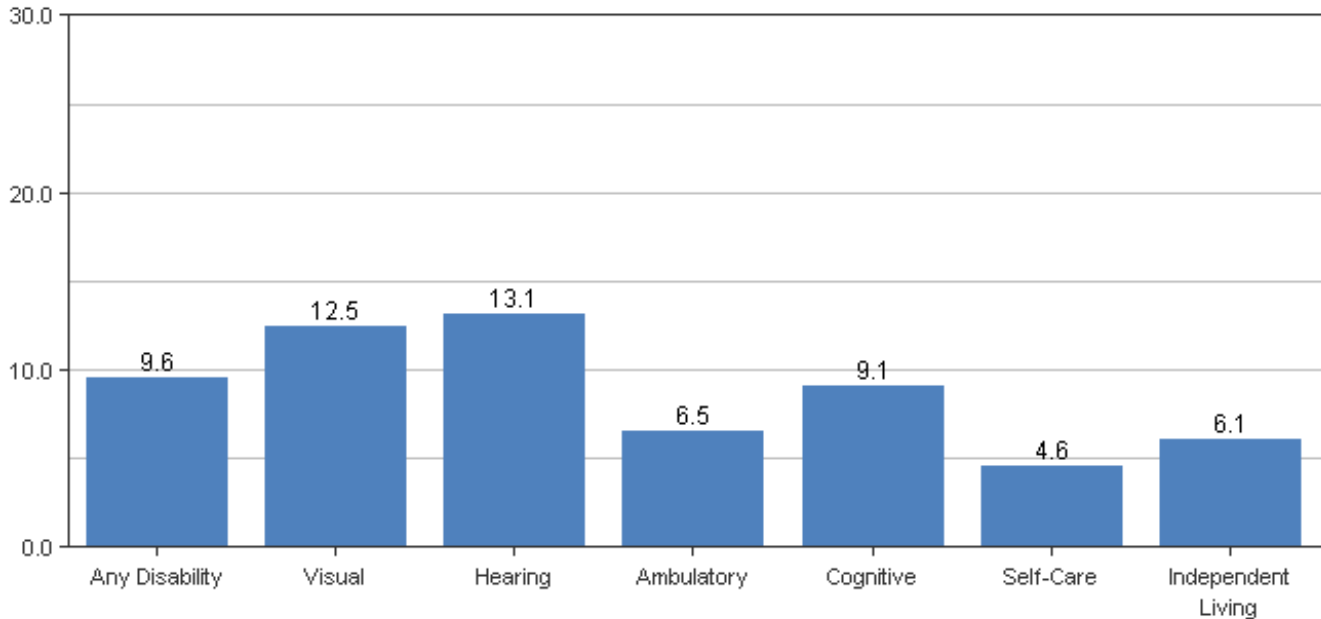
Actively
Looking: with
disability
9.6%

Actively
Looking:
without
disability
27.1%

- In 2012 in NY, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 9.6 percent.
- In 2012 in NY, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 27.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 17.5 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage of not working but actively looking for work was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 13.1 percent. The lowest percentage was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 4.6 percent.

Percentage who are not working but actively looking for work among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) in New York in 2012

Not Working but Actively Looking for Work (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	27.1	0.63	698,100	18,800	2,580,400	24,540
Any Disability	9.6	0.82	65,400	5,850	678,100	7,566
Visual	12.5	2.38	12,700	2,580	101,500	1,025
Hearing	13.1	2.51	12,400	2,560	94,700	1,019
Ambulatory	6.5	0.90	25,600	3,670	396,400	4,279
Cognitive	9.1	1.20	27,200	3,780	300,500	3,576
Self-Care	4.6	1.24	6,900	1,910	150,000	1,818
Independent Living	6.1	1.01	17,800	3,060	293,300	3,520

Full-Time / Full-Year Employment

Introduction

This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities working full-time/full-year in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

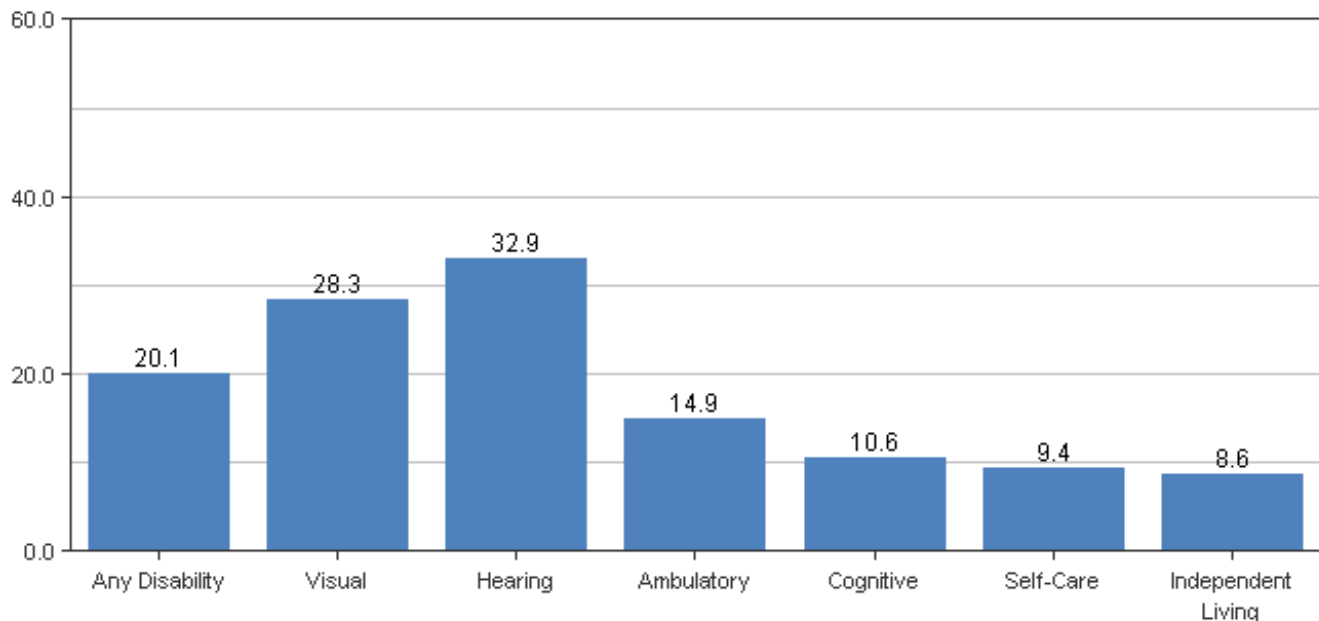
FT / FY
Employment:
with disability
20.1%

FT / FY
Employment:
without
disability
56.1%

- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in NY was 20.1 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in NY was 56.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 36 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 32.9 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 8.6 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012

Full-Time / Full-Year Employment Rates (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	56.1	0.35	5,945,900	46,620	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	20.1	0.92	200,200	10,200	997,500	10,876
Visual	28.3	2.53	47,300	4,980	167,100	1,606
Hearing	32.9	2.55	58,600	5,540	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	14.9	1.13	78,300	6,400	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	10.6	1.14	40,800	4,620	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	9.4	1.56	17,200	3,000	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	8.6	1.08	30,000	3,970	350,800	4,189

Annual Earnings (Full-Time / Full-Year workers)

Introduction

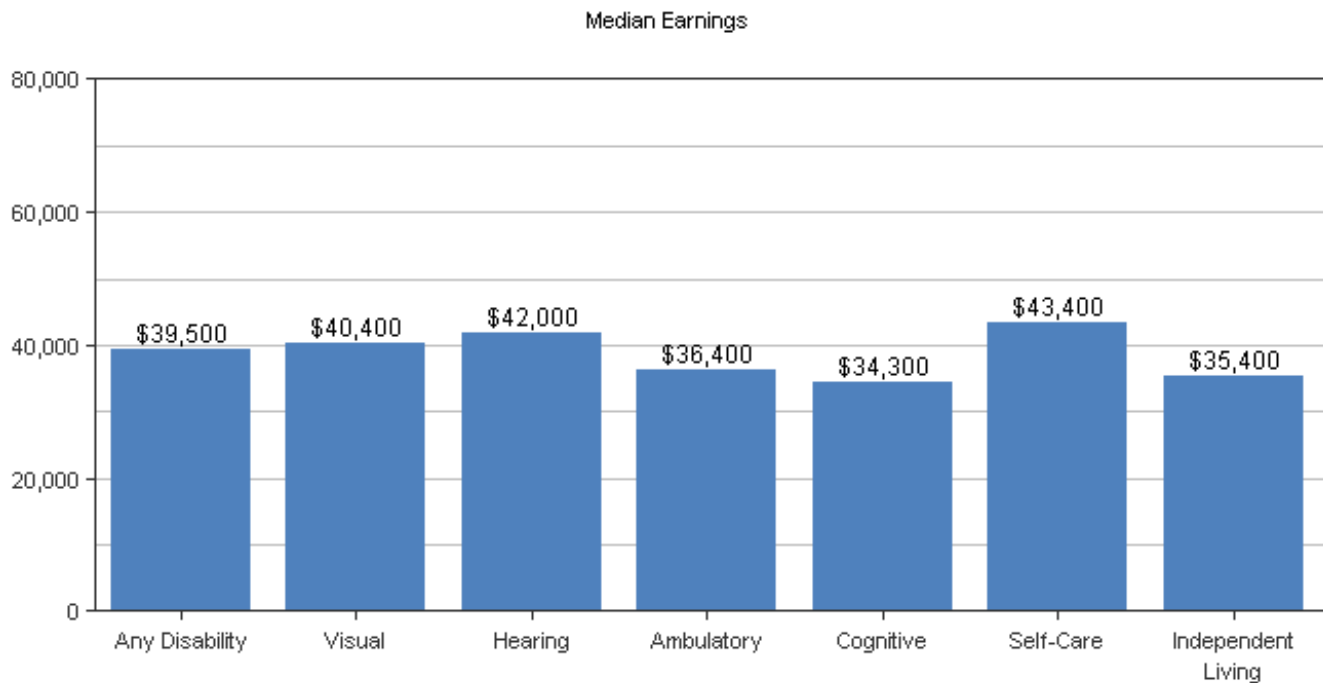
This section examines the median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who work full-time/full-year in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics



- In 2012, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in NY was \$39,500.
- In 2012, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in NY was \$48,500.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$9,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Self-Care Disability," \$43,400. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Cognitive Disability," \$34,300.

Median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) who work full-time/full-year by disability status in New York in 2012



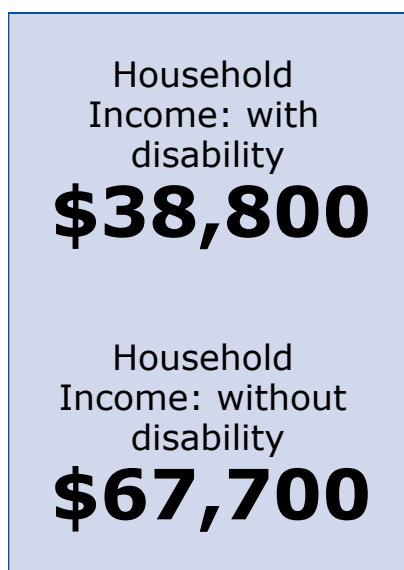
Disability Type	Median Earnings	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$48,500	\$460	5,946,000	55,260
Any Disability	\$39,500	\$2,000	200,000	2,049
Visual	\$40,400	\$4,060	47,000	408
Hearing	\$42,000	\$4,410	59,000	644
Ambulatory	\$36,400	\$3,190	78,000	784
Cognitive	\$34,300	\$4,120	41,000	414
Self-Care	\$43,400	\$7,780	17,000	175
Independent Living	\$35,400	\$6,440	30,000	309

Annual Household Income

Introduction

This section illustrates the median annual income* of households that include any working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

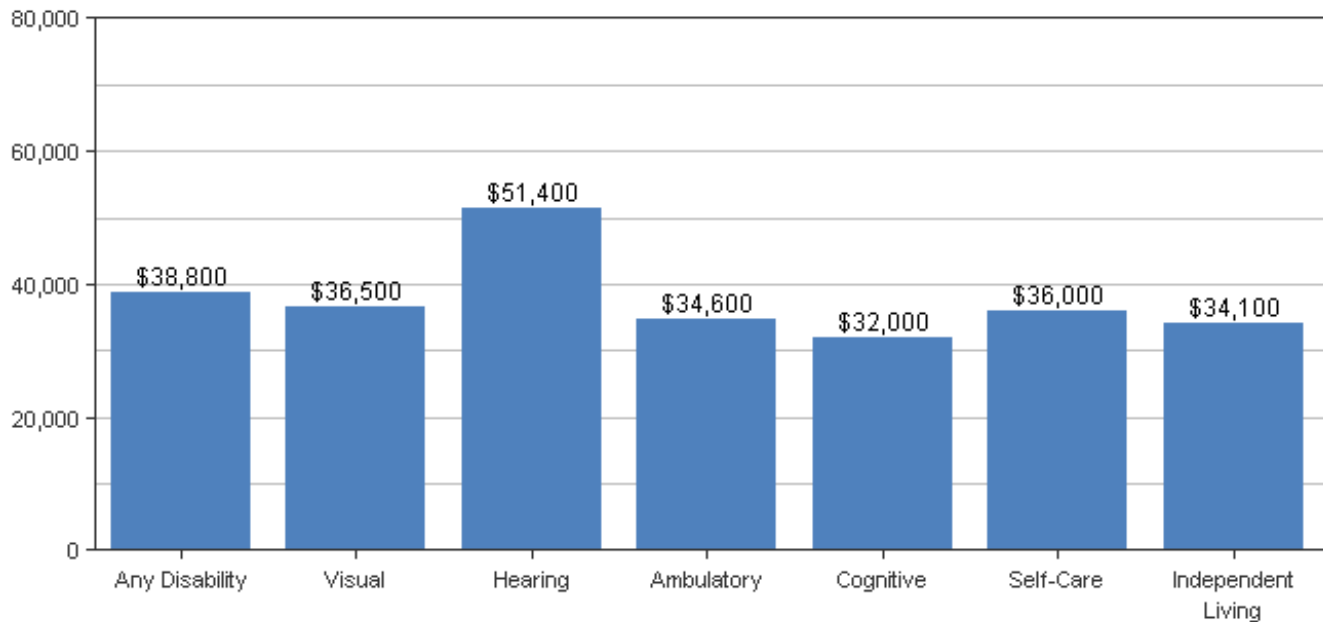


- In 2012, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities in NY was \$38,800.
- In 2012, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in NY was \$67,700.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$28,900.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$51,400. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Cognitive Disability" \$32,000 .

* **Note:** Household income is not available for persons living in group quarters.

Median annual income* of households including any working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012

Median Household Income



Disability Type	Median H.H. Income	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$67,700	\$870	5,148,000	50,089
Any Disability	\$38,800	1,660	804,000	8,551
Visual	\$36,500	3,750	145,000	1,397
Hearing	\$51,400	4,470	157,000	1,713
Ambulatory	\$34,600	2,000	454,000	4,795
Cognitive	\$32,000	2,480	302,000	3,228
Self-Care	\$36,000	3,620	154,000	1,621
Independent Living	\$34,100	2,540	286,000	3,178

* **Note:** Household income is not available for persons living in group quarters.

Poverty

Introduction

This section examines the poverty rates* of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

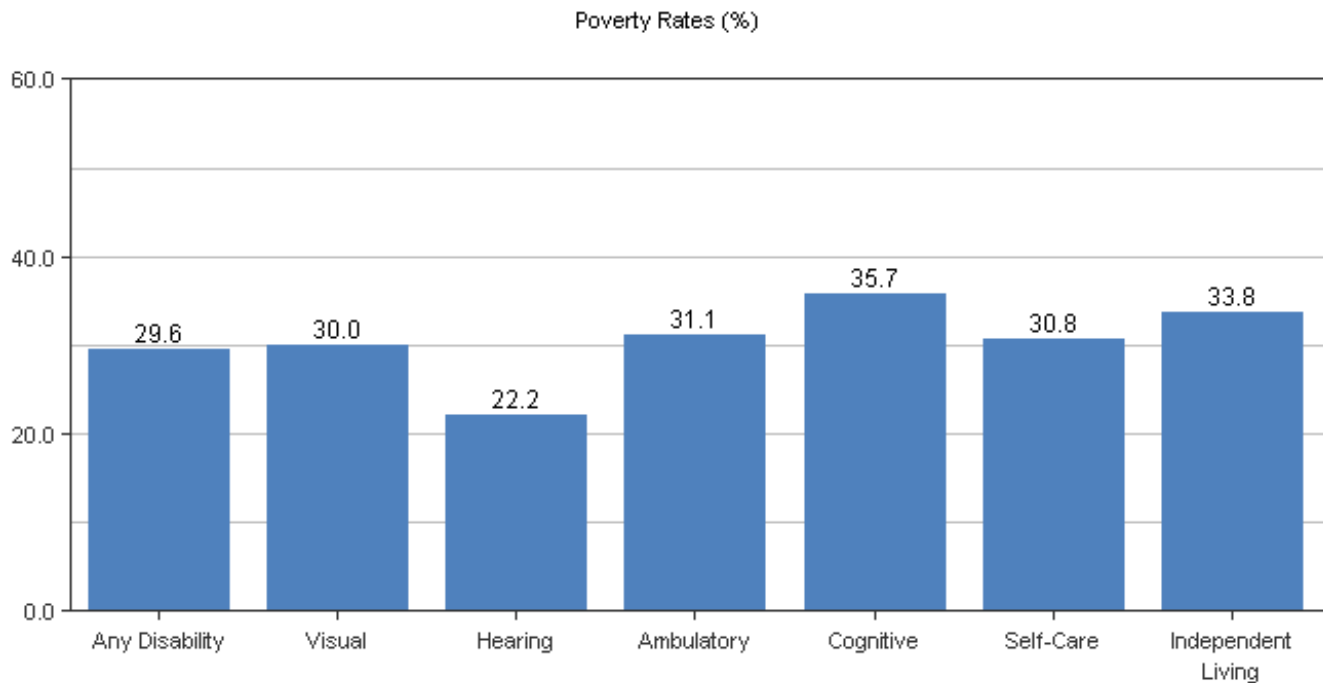
Quick Statistics



- In 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in NY was 29.6 percent.
- In 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in NY was 12.4 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 17.2 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 35.7 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 22.2 percent.

* **Note:** The Census Bureau does not calculate poverty status for those people living in military group quarters or college dormitories.

Poverty rates* of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	12.4	0.32	1,306,100	34,330	10,529,000	98,834
Any Disability	29.6	1.42	294,500	16,750	994,900	10,825
Visual	30.0	3.49	50,100	6,950	166,900	1,602
Hearing	22.2	3.07	39,400	6,160	177,400	1,915
Ambulatory	31.1	1.99	162,700	12,490	523,800	5,568
Cognitive	35.7	2.40	137,100	11,470	384,500	4,451
Self-Care	30.8	3.36	56,300	7,370	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	33.8	2.48	118,600	10,680	350,600	4,184

* **Note:** The Census Bureau does not calculate poverty status for those people living in military group quarters or college dormitories.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Introduction

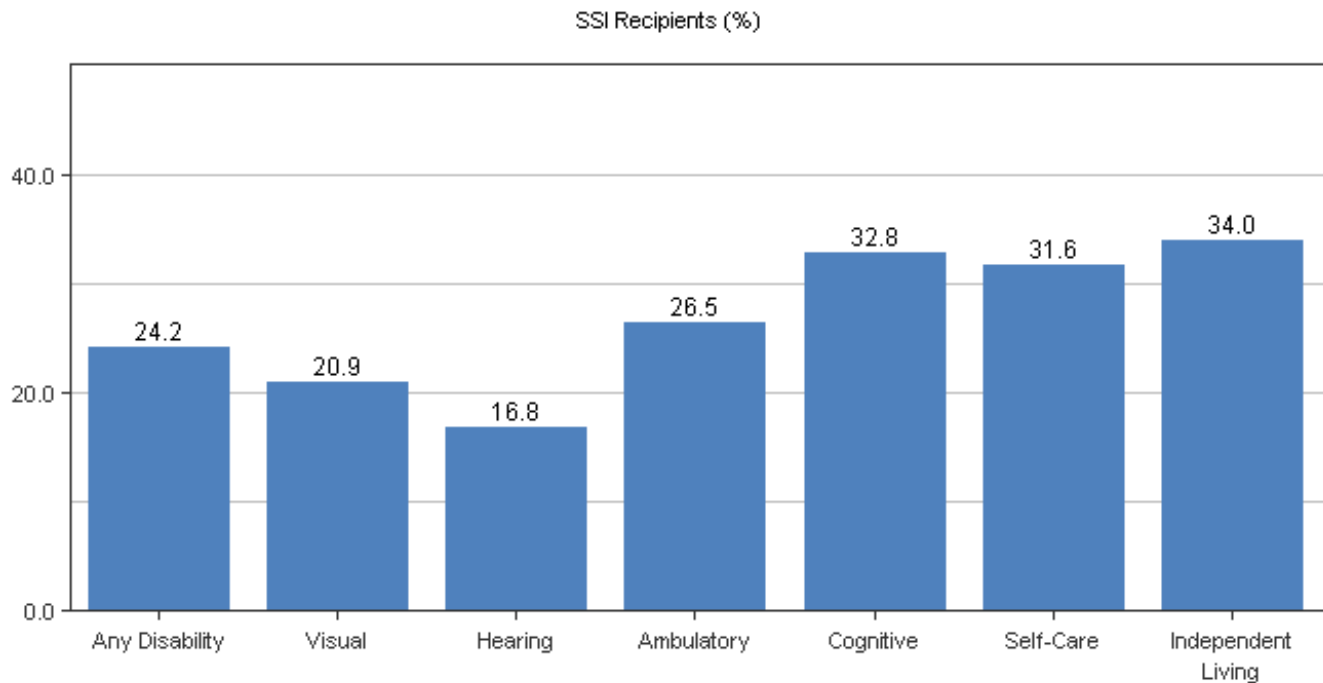
This section focuses on the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary. Please note that these results will differ from official Social Security Administration reports for several reasons. For additional information, please email DisabilityStatistics@cornell.edu.

Quick Statistics

SSI
Recipients:
with disability
24.2%

- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in NY was 24.2 percent.
- In 2012, the number of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in NY was 241,100.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage that received SSI was people with "Independent Living Disability," 34.0 percent. The lowest percentage that received SSI was people with "Hearing Disability," 16.8 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in New York in 2012



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	24.2	0.98	241,100	11,180	997,500	10,876
Visual	20.9	2.28	35,000	4,280	167,100	1,606
Hearing	16.8	2.03	30,000	3,960	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	26.5	1.40	138,900	8,510	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	32.8	1.73	126,700	8,130	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	31.6	2.49	57,800	5,500	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	34.0	1.83	119,400	7,890	350,800	4,189

Education

High School Diploma/Equivalent

Introduction

This section explores the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

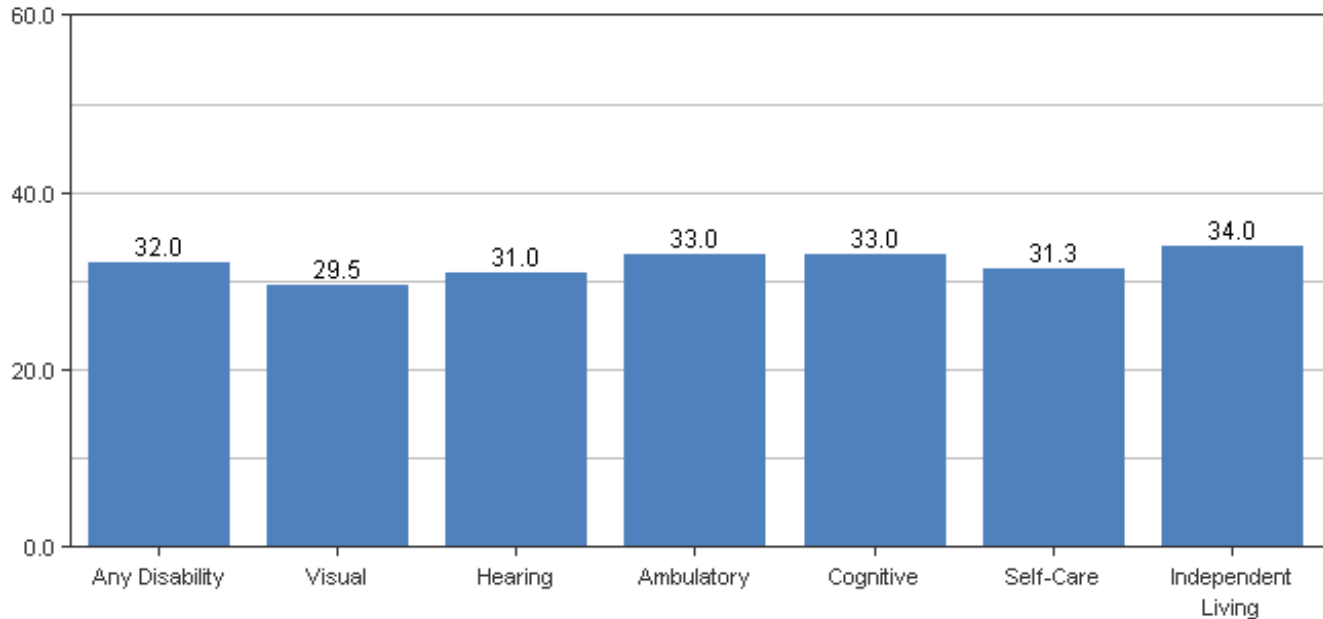
High School
Only: with
disability
32.0%

High School
Only: without
disability
23.7%

- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in NY was 32.0 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in NY was 23.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 8.3 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 34.0 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Visual Disability," 29.5 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only a high school diploma or equivalent by disability status in NY in 2012

Education: High School Diploma Only or Equivalent (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	23.7	0.30	2,509,700	33,890	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	32.0	1.07	319,600	12,850	997,500	10,876
Visual	29.5	2.56	49,300	5,080	167,100	1,606
Hearing	31.0	2.51	55,100	5,370	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	33.0	1.49	173,100	9,490	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	33.0	1.73	127,300	8,150	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	31.3	2.49	57,300	5,480	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	34.0	1.83	119,200	7,890	350,800	4,189

Education

Some College/Associate's Degree

Introduction

This section examines the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

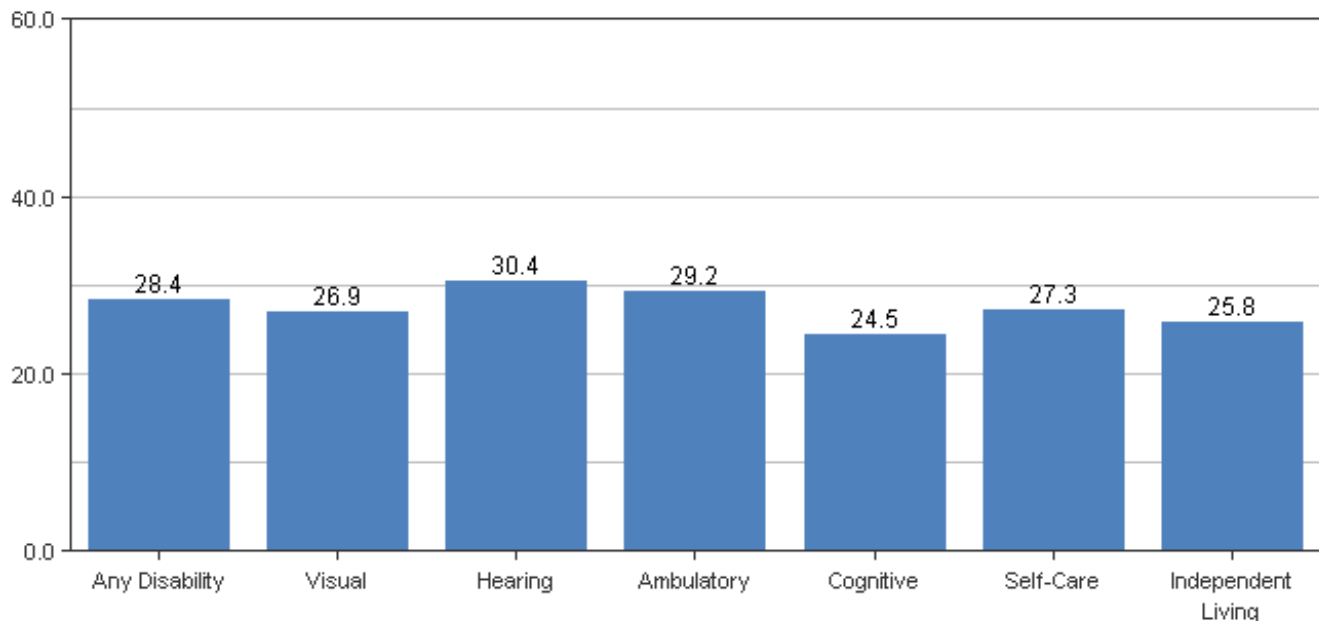
Some
College: with
disability
28.4%

Some
College:
without
disability
28.5%

- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in NY was 28.4 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in NY was 28.5 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was 0.1 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree was for people with "Hearing Disability," 30.4 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 24.5 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only some college or an Associate's degree by disability status in New York in 2012

Education: Some College/Associate's Degree Only (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	28.5	0.32	3,022,800	36,630	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	28.4	1.03	283,700	12,120	997,500	10,876
Visual	26.9	2.49	45,000	4,860	167,100	1,606
Hearing	30.4	2.50	54,100	5,320	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	29.2	1.44	153,100	8,930	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	24.5	1.59	94,500	7,030	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	27.3	2.39	49,900	5,110	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	25.8	1.69	90,700	6,880	350,800	4,189

Education

Bachelor's Degree or More

Introduction

This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: with
disability

15.7%

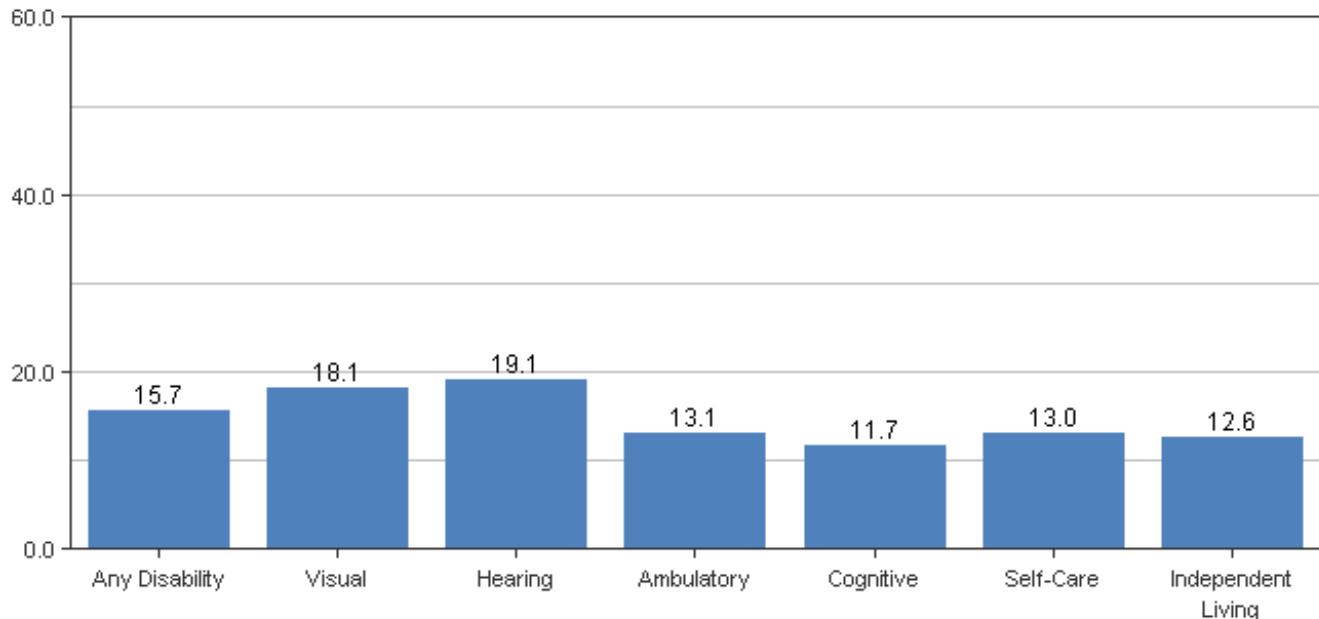
Bachelor's
Degree or
More: without
disability

36.9%

- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in NY was 15.7 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in NY was 36.9 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 21.2 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Hearing Disability," 19.1 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 11.7 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with a Bachelor's degree or more by disability status in New York in 2012

Education: Bachelor's Degree or More (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	36.9	0.34	3,907,600	40,520	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	15.7	0.83	156,400	9,020	997,500	10,876
Visual	18.1	2.16	30,300	3,990	167,100	1,606
Hearing	19.1	2.14	34,000	4,220	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	13.1	1.07	68,900	6,000	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	11.7	1.19	45,000	4,860	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	13.0	1.80	23,900	3,540	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	12.6	1.28	44,200	4,810	350,800	4,189

Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

Introduction

This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in New York. The 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (0-100%). A "service-connected" disability is one that has been determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as being a result of disease or injury incurred or aggravated during military service. Note that a veteran can receive disability compensation for a wide range of conditions, and a veteran with a service-connected disability may not report having one of the six ACS functional or activity limitation disabilities. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

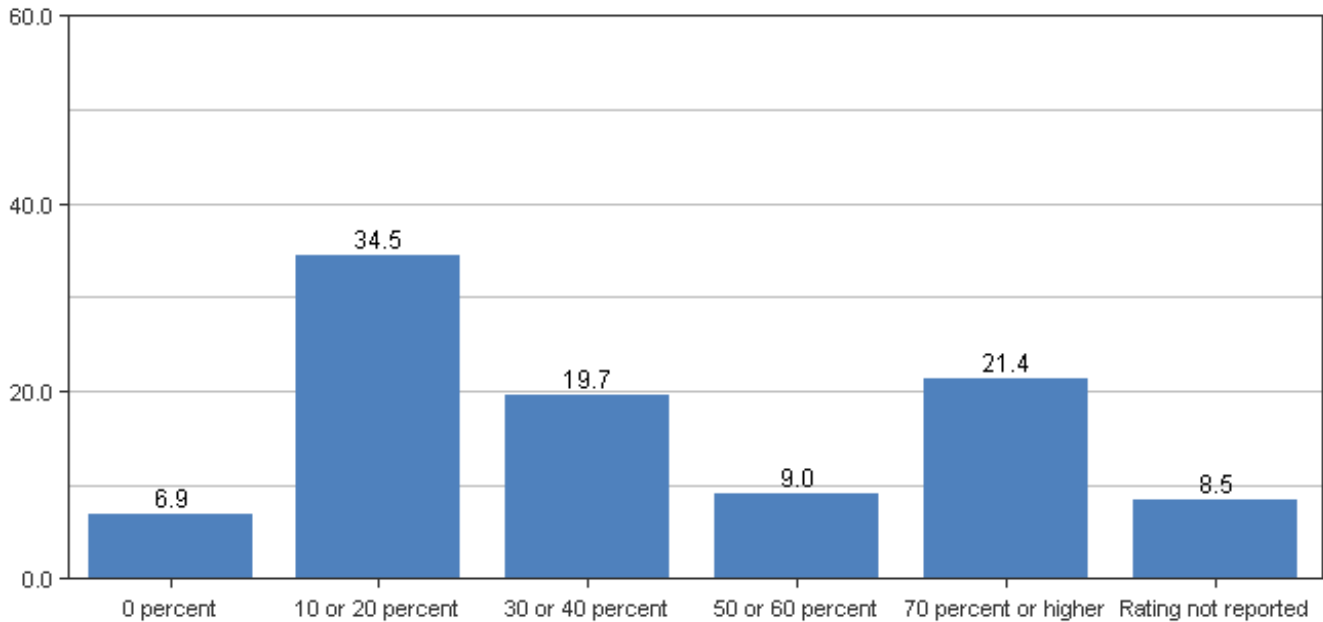
Quick Statistics

Veterans with a
Service-Connected
Disability
16.3%

- In 2012, there were 402,300 working-age civilian veterans in NY, of whom 65,700 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in NY with a VA service-connected disability was 16.3 percent.
- In 2012, 14,100 working-age civilian veterans in NY had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2012, 21.4 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in NY who had a service connected disability had a service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or above.

Disability rating of working-age civilian veterans (ages 21 to 64) with a service-connected disability in New York in 2012

Veteran Disability Rating (%)



Service-Connected Disability	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Has a service-connected disability rating (0-100%)	16.3	1.33	65,700	5,860	402,300	4,568
Disability rating of veterans with a service connected-disability						
0 percent	6.9	2.27	4,500	1,540	65,700	785
10 or 20 percent	34.5	4.25	22,700	3,450	65,700	785
30 or 40 percent	19.7	3.56	13,000	2,610	65,700	785
50 or 60 percent	9.0	2.56	5,900	1,760	65,700	785
70 percent or higher	21.4	3.67	14,100	2,720	65,700	785
Rating not reported	8.5	2.49	5,600	1,710	65,700	785

Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

This section examines the health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

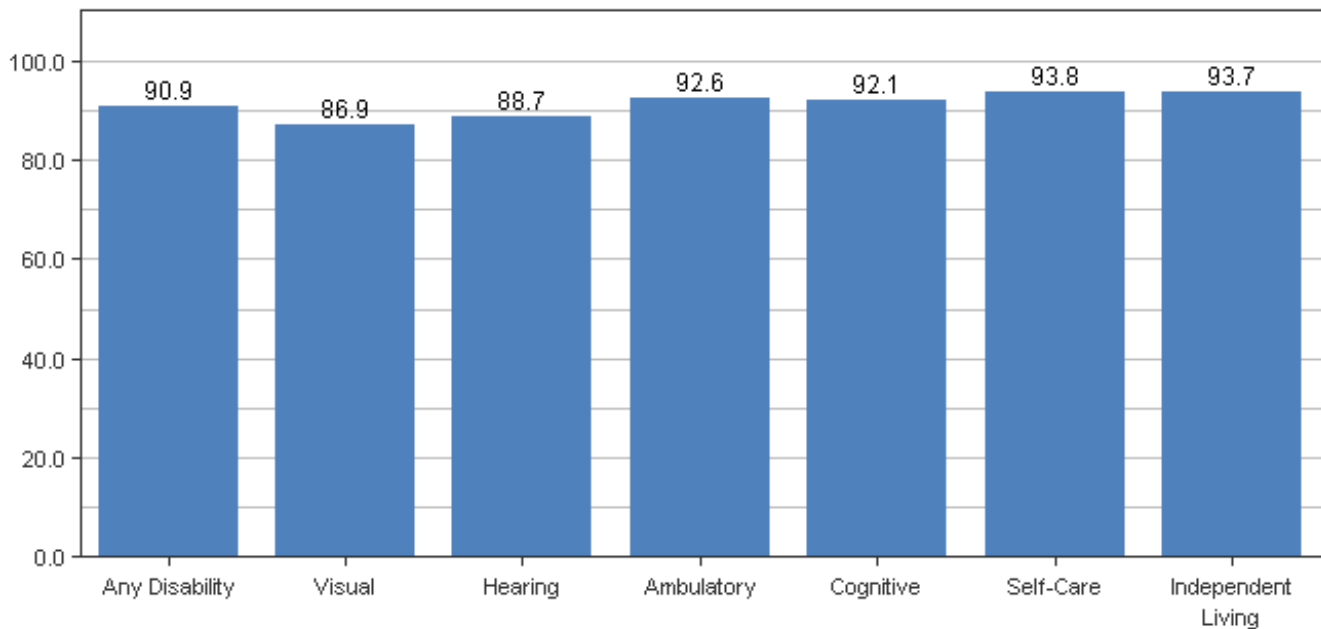
Health
Coverage:
with Disability
90.9%

Health
Coverage:
without
Disability
83.7%

- In 2012, 90.9 percent of working-age people with disabilities in NY had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2012, 83.7 percent of working-age people without disabilities in NY had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 7.2 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 93.8 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 86.9 percent.

Health Insurance Coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012

Health Insurance Coverage - By Disability Type (%)



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	83.7	0.26	8,870,900	50,460	10,593,200	99,972
Any Disability	90.9	0.66	906,800	21,310	997,500	10,876
Visual	86.9	1.89	145,200	8,700	167,100	1,606
Hearing	88.7	1.72	157,700	9,060	177,800	1,926
Ambulatory	92.6	0.83	485,200	15,760	524,000	5,572
Cognitive	92.1	0.99	355,600	13,540	386,200	4,484
Self-Care	93.8	1.29	171,500	9,450	182,800	2,164
Independent Living	93.7	0.94	328,800	13,030	350,800	4,189

Type of Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

This section examines the type of health insurance coverage for non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in New York, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). Note that people can report more than one type of insurance coverage. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Coverage
through
Employer/Union:
with Disability

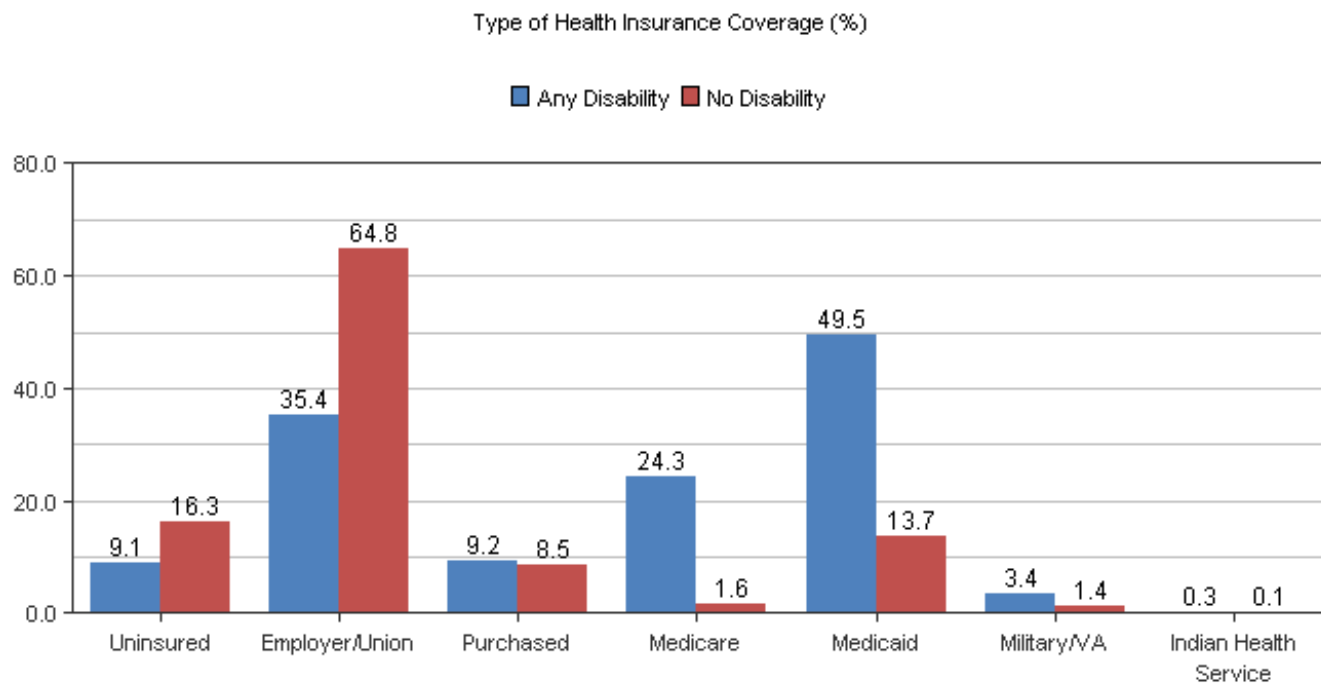
35.4%

Coverage
through
Employer/Union:
without
Disability

64.8%

- In 2012, 35.4 percent of working-age people with disabilities in NY reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2012, 64.8 percent of working-age people without disabilities in NY reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2012, 9.2 percent of working-age people with disabilities in NY reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2012, 24.3 percent of working-age people with disabilities in NY reported Medicare coverage and 49.5 percent reported Medicaid coverage (or other government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability).

Type of Health Insurance Coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in New York in 2012



Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability						
Uninsured	9.1	0.66	90,700	6,880	997,500	10,876
Employer/Union	35.4	1.10	353,300	13,500	997,500	10,876
Purchased	9.2	0.66	91,500	6,920	997,500	10,876
Medicare	24.3	0.98	242,400	11,210	997,500	10,876
Medicaid	49.5	1.15	493,900	15,900	997,500	10,876
Military/VA	3.4	0.42	34,100	4,230	997,500	10,876
Indian Health Service	0.3	3.29	2,800	1,220	997,500	10,876
No Disability						
Uninsured	16.3	0.26	1,722,300	28,720	10,593,200	99,972
Employer/Union	64.8	0.34	6,860,400	48,370	10,593,200	99,972
Purchased	8.5	0.20	900,200	21,230	10,593,200	99,972
Medicare	1.6	3.29	167,500	9,340	10,593,200	99,972
Medicaid	13.7	0.24	1,448,800	26,540	10,593,200	99,972
Military/VA	1.4	3.29	151,600	8,890	10,593,200	99,972
Indian Health Service	0.1	3.29	9,300	2,210	10,593,200	99,972

Glossary

Actively Looking for Work

A person is defined as ACTIVELY looking for work if he or she reports looking for work during the last four weeks.

Ambulatory Disability

This disability type is based on the question (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): Does this person have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

Base Population (Base Pop.)

The estimated number of individuals upon which the calculation is based. (For percentages, this is the denominator).

Cognitive Disability

This disability type is based on the question (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

Disability and Disability Types

The ACS definition of disability is based on six questions. A person is coded as having a disability if he or she or a proxy respondent answers affirmatively for one or more of these six categories.

- Hearing Disability (*asked of all ages*): Is this person deaf or does he/she have serious difficulty hearing?
- Visual Disability (*asked of all ages*): Is this person blind or does he/she have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
- Cognitive Disability (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?
- Ambulatory Disability (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): Does this person have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
- Self-care Disability (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): Does this person have difficulty dressing or bathing?
- Independent Living Disability (*asked of persons ages 15 or older*): Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

Earnings

Earnings are defined as wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs including self-employment income (NET income after business expenses) from own nonfarm businesses or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships.

Education

Our definition is based on the responses to the question: "What is the highest degree or level of school this person has completed? If currently enrolled, mark the previous grade or highest degree received." Our category "high school diploma/equivalent" includes those marking the ACS option "Regular high school diploma — GED or alternative credential." Our category "Some college/Associate's degree" includes those marking the ACS options: some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit; one or more years of college credit but no degree, or "Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)." Our category "a Bachelor's or more" includes those marking the ACS options: "Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)"; "Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)"; "Professional degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)"; or "Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)." Note in 2008 changes were made to some of the response categories and the layout of this question.

Employment

A person is considered employed if he or she is either

- a. "at work": those who did any work at all during the reference week as a paid employee (worked in his or her own business or profession, worked on his or her own farm, or worked 15 or more hours as an unpaid worker on a family farm or business) or
- b. were "with a job but not at work," : had a job but temporarily did not work at that job during the reference week due to illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, vacation or other personal reasons. The reference week is defined as the week preceding the date the questionnaire was completed.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment

A person is considered employed full-time/full-year if he or she worked 35 hours or more per week (full-time) and 50 or more weeks per year (full-year). The reference period is defined as the year preceding the date the questionnaire was completed. Note: this does not signify whether a person is eligible for fringe benefits. The question and response categories regarding weeks worked per year was changed in 2008.

Group Quarters (GQ)

A GQ is a place where people live or stay that is normally owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or services for the residents. These services may include custodial or medical care as well as other types of assistance, and residency is commonly restricted to those receiving these services. People living in group quarters are usually not related to each other. Group quarters include such places as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories. See the definitions of institutional GQs and non-institutional GQs for more information. In addition, a description of the types of group quarters included in the 2008 ACS is located on the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site at www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/

Health Insurance Coverage

Is based on the following question: Is this person CURRENTLY covered by any of the following types of health insurance or health coverage plans? Mark "Yes" or "No" for EACH type of coverage in items a – h.

- a. Insurance through a current or former employer or union (of this person or another family member)
- b. Insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (by this person or another family member)
- c. Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities
- d. Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability
- e. VA (including those who have ever used or enrolled for VA health care)
- f. TRICARE or other military health care
- g. Indian Health Service
- h. Any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan – Specify (Note: "Other type" were recoded into one of the categories a-g by the Census Bureau)

Hearing Disability

This disability type is based on the question (*asked of all ages*): Is this person deaf or does he/she have serious difficulty hearing?

Hispanic or Latino Origin

People of Hispanic or Latino origin are those who classify themselves in a specific Hispanic or Latino category in response to the question, "Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?" Specifically, those of Hispanic or Latino origin are those who are Cuban; Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano; Puerto Rican; or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. Origin may be the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Household Income

Household Income is defined as the total income of a household including: wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs; self-employment income (NET income after business expenses) from own non-farm or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from real estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement; Supplemental Security Income; any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office; retirement, survivor or disability pensions; and any other regularly received income (e.g., Veterans' payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony). Median household income is calculated with the household as the unit of analysis, using household weights without adjusting for household size.

Independent Living Disability

This disability type is based on the question (*asked of persons ages 15 or older*): Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does this person have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctors office or shopping?

Institutional Group Quarters (GQs)

Includes facilities for people under formally authorized, supervised care or custody at the time of enumeration. Generally, restricted to the institution, under the care or supervision of trained staff, and classified as "patients" or "inmates." Includes: correctional, nursing, and in-patient hospice facilities, psychiatric hospitals, juvenile group homes and residential treatment centers.

Margin of Error (MOE)

Data, such as data from the American Community Survey, is based on a sample, and therefore statistics derived from this data are subject to sampling variability. The margin of error (MOE) is a measure of the degree of sampling variability. In a random sample, the degree of sampling variation is determined by the underlying variability of the phenomena being estimated (e.g., income) and the size of the sample (i.e., the number of survey participants used to calculate the statistic). The smaller the margin of error, the lower the sampling variability and the more "precise" the estimate. A margin of error is the difference between an estimate and its upper or lower confidence bounds. Confidence bounds are calculated by adding the MOE to the estimate (upper bound) and subtracting the MOE from the estimate (lower bound). All margins of error in this report are based on a 90 percent confidence level. This means that there is a 90% certainty that the actual value lies somewhere between the upper and lower confidence bounds.

Non-Institutional Group Quarters (GQs)

Includes facilities that are not classified as institutional group quarters; such as college/university housing, group homes intended for adults, residential treatment facilities for adults, workers' group living quarters and Job Corps centers and religious group quarters.

Not Working but Actively Looking for Work

A person is defined as not working but actively looking for work if he or she reports not being employed, but has been looking for work during the last four weeks.

Number

This term appears in the tables; it refers to estimated number of people in the category. (for percentages, this is the numerator).

Poverty

The poverty measure is computed based upon the standards defined in Directive 14 from the Office of Management and Budget. These standards use poverty thresholds created in 1982 and index these thresholds to 2008 dollars using poverty factors based upon the Consumer Price Index. They use the family as the income sharing unit and family income is the sum of total income from each family member living in the household. The poverty threshold depends upon the size of the family; the age of the householder; and the number of related children under the age of 18.

Race

Race categories are based on the question, "[w]hat is this person's race? Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be." Responses include the following: White; Black or African-American; American Indian or Alaska Native (print name of enrolled or principal tribe); Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian (Print Race); Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; Other Pacific Islander (Print Race Below); Some other race (print race below). "Other race" also contains people who report more than one race.

Sample Size

The number of survey participants used to calculate the statistic.

Self-care Disability

This disability type is based on the question (*asked of persons ages 5 or older*): 17c. Does this person have difficulty dressing or bathing?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

A person is defined as receiving SSI payments if he or she reports receiving (SSI) income in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Note: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) does not apply to Puerto Rico. SSI is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Veteran Service-Connected Disability

A disease or injury determined to have occurred in or to have been aggravated by military service. A disability is evaluated according to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities in Title 38, CFR, and Part 4. Extent of disability is expressed as a

percentage from 0% (for conditions that exist but are not disabling to a compensable degree) to 100%, in increments of 10%. This information was determined by the following two part question:

a. **Does this person have a VA service-connected disability rating?**

Yes (such as 0%, 10%, 20%, ... , 100%)

No *SKIP* to question 28a

b. **What is this person's service-connected disability rating?"**

Responses included: 0 percent; 10 or 20 percent; 30 or 40 percent; 50 or 60 percent; 70 percent or higher

Visual Disability

This disability type is based on the question: *(asked of all ages)*: Is this person blind or does he/she have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?

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