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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.

Texas Summary

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

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

- 11.5 percent for persons of all ages
- 0.9 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 5.3 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 5.6 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 10.4 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 28.7 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 53.8 percent for persons ages 75+

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

- 2.4% reported a Visual Disability
- 3.3% reported a Hearing Disability
- 6.6% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 4.7% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 2.6% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 5.3% reported an Independent Living Disability

Gender: In 2012, 11.6 percent of females of all ages and 11.4 percent of males of all ages in TX reported a disability.

Hispanic/Latino: In 2012, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in TX was 9.6 percent.

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

- 10.1 percent among Whites
- 13.8 percent among Black / African Americans
- 4.2 percent among Asians
- 16.9 percent among Native Americans
- 10.6 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 TX was 37.4 percent.

Looking for Work: In TX in 2012, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 9.9 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment: In TX in 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 24.9 percent.

Annual Earnings: In 2012, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in TX was \$35,400.

Annual Household Income: In TX in 2012, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$38,900.

Poverty: In TX in 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 25.8 percent.

Supplemental Security Income: In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving SSI payments in TX was 18.1 percent.

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

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 30.8 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 31.0 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 12.4 percent.

Veterans Service-Connected Disability: In 2012, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 22.8 percent in TX.

Health Insurance Coverage: In 2012 in TX, 76.5 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

All Ages

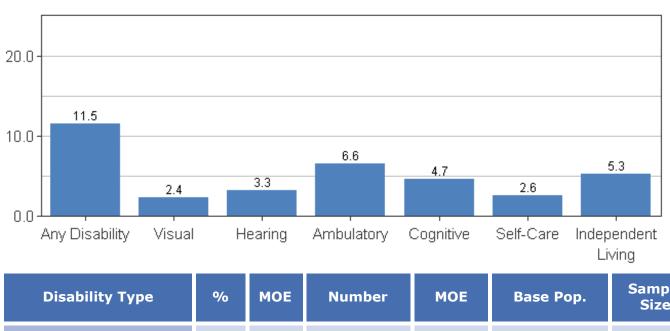
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in TX was 11.5 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 2,961,500 of the 25,682,200 individuals of all ages in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 6.6 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 2.4 percent.

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



Prevalence Rates: All Ages (%)

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	11.5	0.14	2,961,500	37,130	25,682,200	242,323
Visual	2.4	0.07	619,500	17,820	25,682,200	242,323
Hearing	3.3	0.08	855,300	20,840	25,682,200	242,323
Ambulatory	6.6	0.12	1,575,600	27,880	23,753,200	226,872
Cognitive	4.7	0.10	1,114,200	23,660	23,753,200	226,872
Self-Care	2.6	0.08	628,100	17,940	23,753,200	226,872
Independent Living	5.3	0.11	1,043,100	22,930	19,829,300	192,477

* **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.

Ages 4 years and under

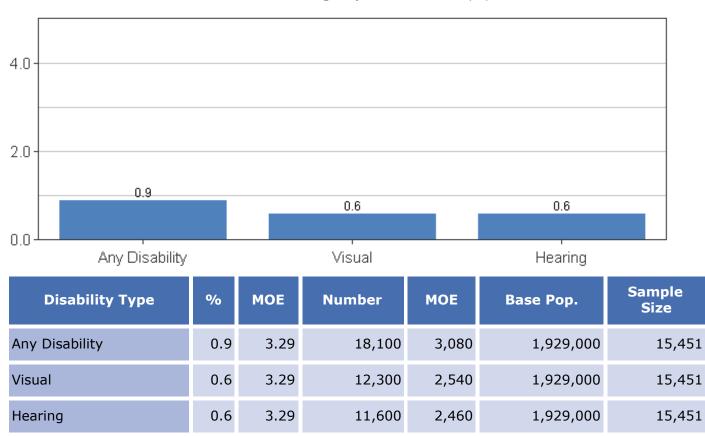
Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 4 and under in Texas, 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.



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in TX was 0.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 18,100 of the 1,929,000 children ages 0 to 4 in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, 0.6 percent reported a visual disability
- In TX in 2012, 0.6 percent reported a hearing disability

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



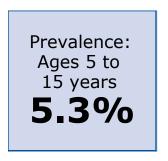
Prevalence Rates: Age 4 years and under (%)

Ages 5 to 15 years

Introduction

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

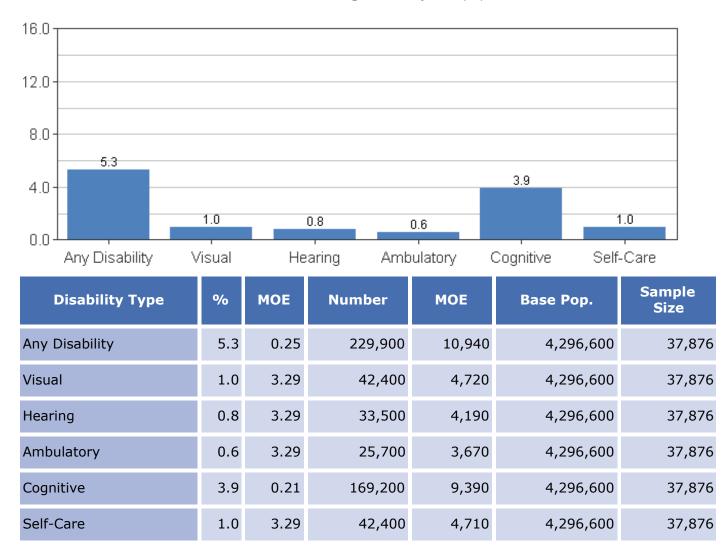
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- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in TX was 5.3 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 229,900 of the 4,296,600 individuals ages 5 to 15 in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the five types of disabilities* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 3.9 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 0.6 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 Texas in 2012



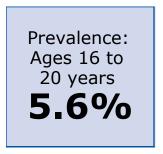
Prevalence Rates: Age 5 to 15 years (%)

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

Ages 16 to 20 years

Introduction

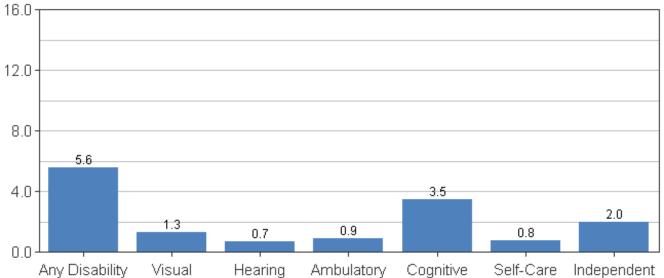
This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in TX was 5.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 107,400 of the 1,910,300 individuals ages 16 to 20 in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 3.5 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 0.7 percent.

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





Living

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	5.6	0.38	107,400	7,500	1,910,300	17,101
Visual	1.3	3.29	25,200	3,630	1,910,300	17,101
Hearing	0.7	3.29	12,600	2,570	1,910,300	17,101
Ambulatory	0.9	3.29	17,800	3,050	1,910,300	17,101
Cognitive	3.5	0.31	67,300	5,940	1,910,300	17,101
Self-Care	0.8	3.29	14,700	2,780	1,910,300	17,101
Independent Living	2.0	3.29	38,100	4,470	1,910,300	17,101

Ages 21 to 64 years

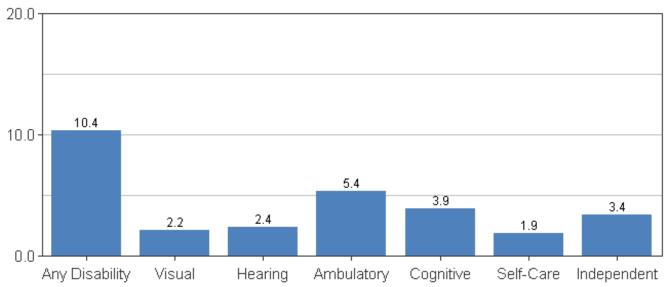
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in TX was 10.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 1,532,500 of the 14,792,400 individuals ages 21 to 64 in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 5.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Self-Care Disability," 1.9 percent.

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



Prevalence Rates: Age 21 to 64 years (%)

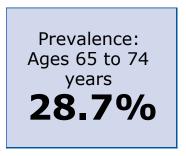
Living

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	10.4	0.18	1,532,500	27,520	14,792,400	136,229
Visual	2.2	0.09	320,100	12,880	14,792,400	136,229
Hearing	2.4	0.09	348,100	13,430	14,792,400	136,229
Ambulatory	5.4	0.14	804,000	20,230	14,792,400	136,229
Cognitive	3.9	0.12	582,400	17,290	14,792,400	136,229
Self-Care	1.9	3.29	283,300	12,130	14,792,400	136,229
Independent Living	3.4	0.11	509,500	16,200	14,792,400	136,229

Ages 65 to 74 years

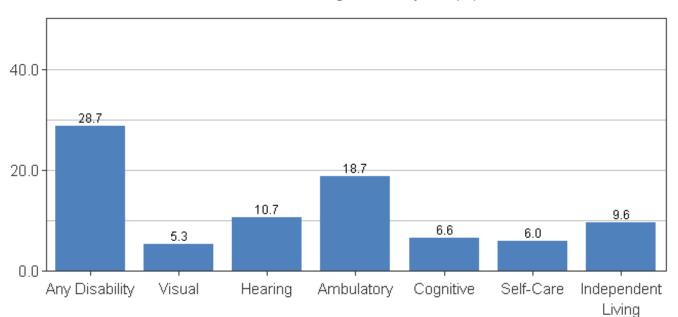
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in TX was 28.7 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 467,100 of the 1,626,700 individuals ages 65 to 74 in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 18.7 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 5.3 percent.

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



Prevalence Rates: Age 65 to 74 years (%)

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	28.7	0.81	467,100	15,520	1,626,700	20,607
Visual	5.3	0.40	86,800	6,740	1,626,700	20,607
Hearing	10.7	0.56	174,500	9,540	1,626,700	20,607
Ambulatory	18.7	0.70	304,500	12,570	1,626,700	20,607
Cognitive	6.6	0.45	107,700	7,510	1,626,700	20,607
Self-Care	6.0	0.43	98,000	7,160	1,626,700	20,607
Independent Living	9.6	0.53	155,600	9,010	1,626,700	20,607

Ages 75 and Older

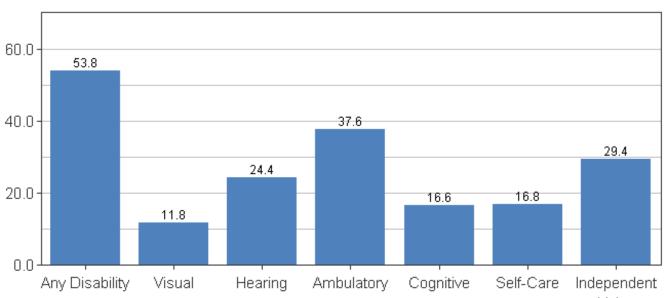
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in TX was 53.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 606,400 of the 1,127,200 individuals ages 75 and older in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 37.6 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 11.8 percent.

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



Prevalence Rates: Age 75 and older (%)

Living

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	53.8	1.08	606,400	17,630	1,127,200	15,059
Visual	11.8	0.70	132,700	8,330	1,127,200	15,059
Hearing	24.4	0.93	275,000	11,950	1,127,200	15,059
Ambulatory	37.6	1.05	423,600	14,790	1,127,200	15,059
Cognitive	16.6	0.80	187,600	9,890	1,127,200	15,059
Self-Care	16.8	0.81	189,700	9,940	1,127,200	15,059
Independent Living	29.4	0.98	331,400	13,110	1,127,200	15,059

Gender and Age

Introduction

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

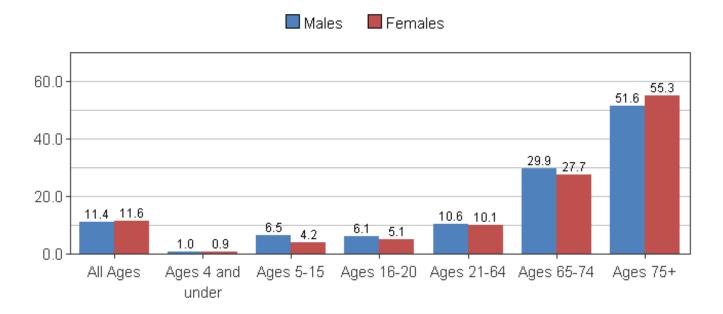
Quick Statistics

Prevalence: Males All Ages 11.4%	 In TX in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 11.4 percent. In other words, in 2012, 1,446,200 of the 12,657,500 males of all ages in TX reported one or more disabilities.
Prevalence: Female All Ages 11.6%	 In TX in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 11.6 percent. In other words, in 2012, 1,515,300 of the 13,024,700 females of all ages in TX reported one or more disabilities.

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

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

Prevalence Rates: Gender and Age (%)



Gender & Age	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size			
Males									
Males: All Ages	11.4	0.20	1,446,200	26,780	12,657,500	117,196			
Males: Ages 4 and under	1.0	3.29	9,900	2,280	984,300	7,871			
Males: Ages 5-15	6.5	0.38	142,200	8,620	2,193,100	19,390			
Males: Ages 16-20	6.1	0.55	59,900	5,600	982,900	8,645			
Males: Ages 21-64	10.6	0.26	770,500	19,810	7,278,300	65,432			
Males: Ages 65-74	29.9	1.20	228,000	10,890	762,000	9,610			
Males: Ages 75+	51.6	1.69	235,700	11,070	457,000	6,248			
Females									
Females: All Ages	11.6	0.20	1,515,300	27,370	13,024,700	125,127			
Females: Ages 4 and under	0.9	3.29	8,200	2,080	944,700	7,580			
Females: Ages 5-15	4.2	0.32	87,600	6,770	2,103,500	18,486			
Females: Ages 16-20	5.1	0.52	47,600	4,990	927,400	8,456			
Females: Ages 21-64	10.1	0.25	762,000	19,710	7,514,100	70,797			
Females: Ages 65-74	27.7	1.10	239,100	11,150	864,700	10,997			
Females: Ages 75+	55.3	1.39	370,700	13,850	670,200	8,811			

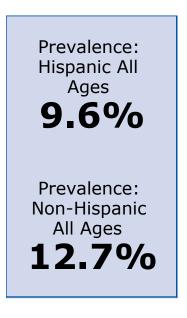
* **Note:** Children ages 0-4 were only asked about visual and hearing disabilities, children ages 5-15 were <u>not</u> asked the "Independent Living Disability" question.

Hispanic/Latino Origin and Age

Introduction

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

Quick Statistics

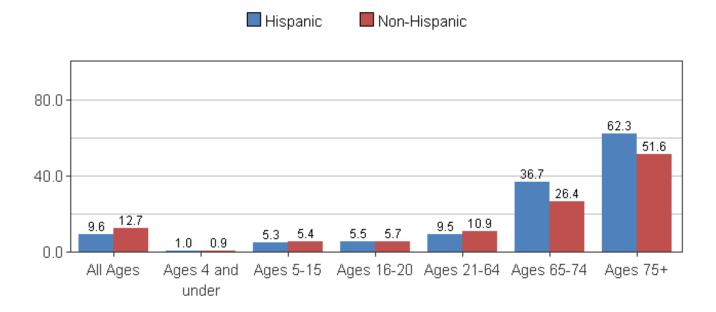


- In TX in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 9.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 945,900 of the 9,832,700 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in TX reported one or more disabilities.
- In TX in 2012, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 12.7 percent.
- In other words, in 2012, 2,015,600 of the 15,849,600 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in TX 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 Texas in 2012

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



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size		
Hispanic								
Hispanic - All Ages	9.6	0.22	945,900	21,880	9,832,700	82,826		
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	1.0	3.29	10,000	2,300	987,200	7,333		
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.3	0.36	111,500	7,630	2,090,100	17,574		
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	5.5	0.56	48,000	5,020	866,000	7,241		
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	9.5	0.29	502,600	16,090	5,302,100	43,953		
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	36.7	1.84	132,300	8,310	360,200	4,007		
Hispanic - Ages 75+	62.3	2.33	141,500	8,600	227,000	2,718		
Non-Hispanic								
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	12.7	0.19	2,015,600	31,250	15,849,600	159,497		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.9	3.29	8,100	2,060	941,900	8,118		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.4	0.35	118,400	7,870	2,206,500	20,302		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	5.7	0.52	59,400	5,580	1,044,300	9,860		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	10.9	0.23	1,030,000	22,790	9,490,300	92,276		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	26.4	0.90	334,900	13,180	1,266,400	16,600		
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	51.6	1.21	464,900	15,480	900,200	12,341		

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

Race

Introduction

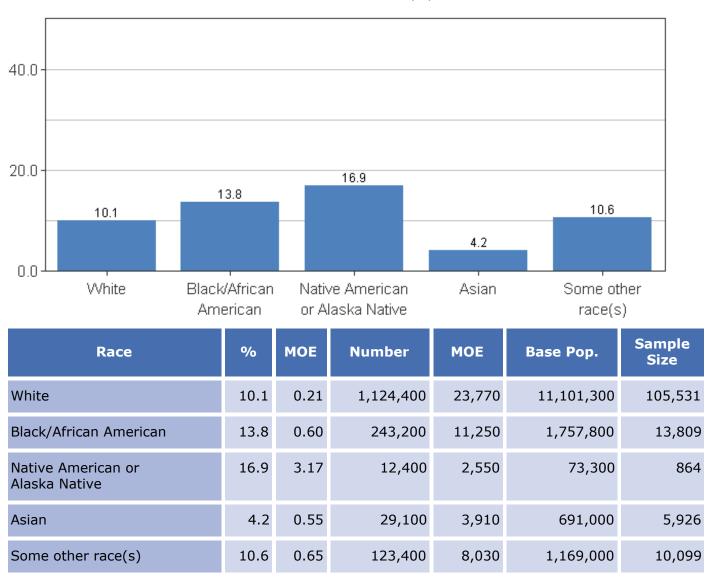
This section presents the disability prevalence rate among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race category in TX, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

In 2012, among working-age people in TX:

- 10.1 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 13.8 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 16.9 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 4.2 percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 10.6 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 Texas in 2012

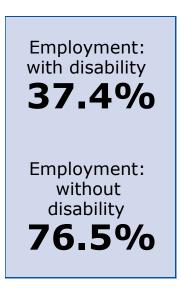


Prevalence Rates: Race (%)

Employment

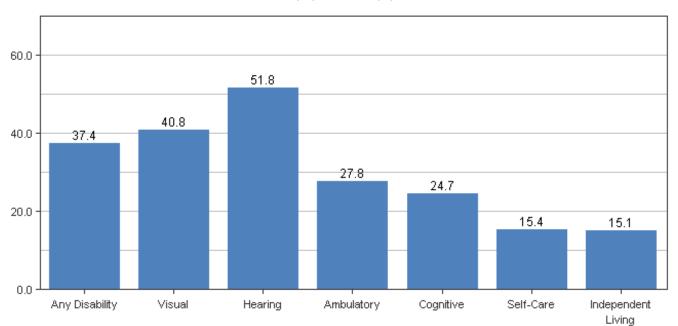
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in TX was 37.4 percent.
- In 2012, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in TX was 76.5 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 39.1 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 51.8 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Independent Living Disability," 15.1 percent.

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



Employment Rates (%)

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	76.5	0.27	10,141,200	56,760	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	37.4	0.90	572,900	17,150	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	40.8	1.99	130,700	8,260	320,100	3,026
Hearing	51.8	1.94	180,400	9,700	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	27.8	1.14	223,200	10,780	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	24.7	1.29	143,600	8,660	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	15.4	1.55	43,700	4,790	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	15.1	1.15	76,900	6,350	509,500	5,321

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 Texas who are not working but actively looking for work, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

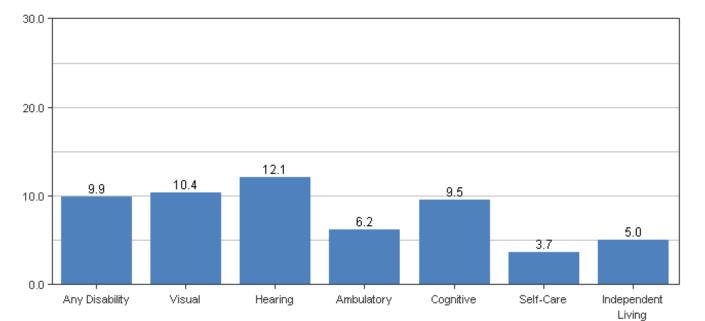
Quick Statistics

Actively Looking: with disability **9.9%**

Actively Looking: without disability **22.7%**

- In 2012 in TX, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 9.9 percent.
- In 2012 in TX, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 22.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 12.8 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," 12.1 percent. The lowest percentage was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 3.7 percent.

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



Not Working but Actively Looking for Work (%)

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	22.7	0.54	708,600	19,030	3,118,600	29,107
Any Disability	9.9	0.70	94,600	7,030	959,700	9,925
Visual	10.4	1.61	19,800	3,220	189,400	1,860
Hearing	12.1	1.82	20,300	3,270	167,700	1,721
Ambulatory	6.2	0.73	36,200	4,350	580,800	6,159
Cognitive	9.5	1.01	41,800	4,680	438,800	4,429
Self-Care	3.7	0.88	8,900	2,170	239,600	2,481
Independent Living	5.0	0.76	21,400	3,350	432,600	4,484

Full-Time / Full-Year Employment

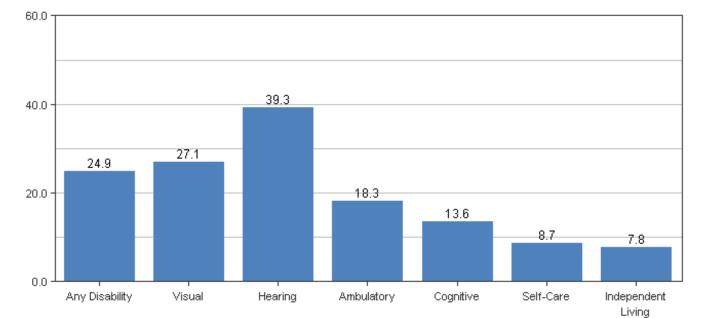
Introduction

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



- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in TX was 24.9 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in TX was 59.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 34.2 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," 39.3 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 7.8 percent.

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



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

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	59.1	0.31	7,839,700	53,650	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	24.9	0.80	381,500	14,050	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	27.1	1.80	86,800	6,740	320,100	3,026
Hearing	39.3	1.90	137,000	8,460	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	18.3	0.99	147,000	8,760	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	13.6	1.03	79,200	6,440	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	8.7	1.21	24,700	3,600	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	7.8	0.86	39,500	4,550	509,500	5,321

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

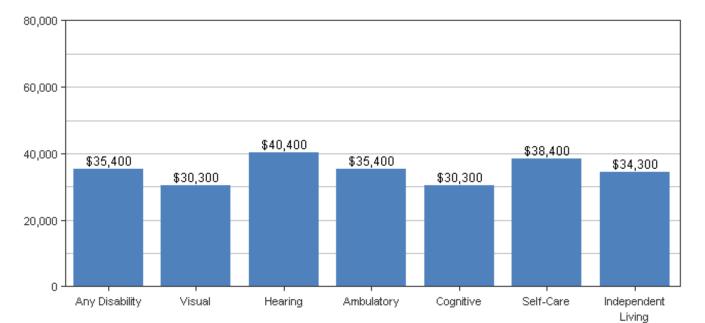
Introduction

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 Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.



- In 2012, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in TX was \$35,400.
- In 2012, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in TX was \$40,400.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$5,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Hearing Disability," \$40,400. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Visual Disability," \$30,300.

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



Median Earnings

Disability Type	Median Earnings	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$40,400	\$350	7,840,000	70,643
Any Disability	\$35,400	\$1,330	382,000	3,758
Visual	\$30,300	\$2,690	87,000	762
Hearing	\$40,400	\$2,550	137,000	1,349
Ambulatory	\$35,400	\$2,000	147,000	1,459
Cognitive	\$30,300	\$2,710	79,000	746
Self-Care	\$38,400	\$4,730	25,000	260
Independent Living	\$34,300	\$3,740	39,000	409

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 Texas, 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 TX was \$38,900.
- In 2012, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in TX was \$58,600.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$19,700.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$48,600. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Self-Care Disability" \$31,500.

* **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 Texas in 2012

Median Household Income

80,000 60,000 \$48,600 \$38,900 40,000 \$35,400 \$34,300 \$33,900 \$33,000 \$31,500 20,000 0 Any Disability Visual Ambulatory Cognitive Self-Care Independent Hearing

Median Sample **Disability Type** MOE Base Pop. H.H. Income Size No Disability \$58,600 \$730 62,388 6,482,000 Any Disability 1,194,000 \$38,900 1,280 13,030 Visual \$34,300 2,360 269,000 2,713 Hearing \$48,600 300,000 2,940 3,216 Ambulatory \$35,400 1,610 673,000 7,455 Cognitive \$33,900 1,940 448,000 4,916 Self-Care \$31,500 2,470 234,000 2,649 Independent Living \$33,000 1,960 403,000 4,653

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

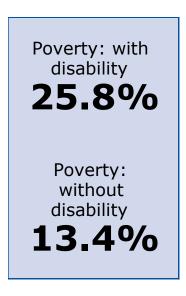
Living

Poverty

Introduction

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

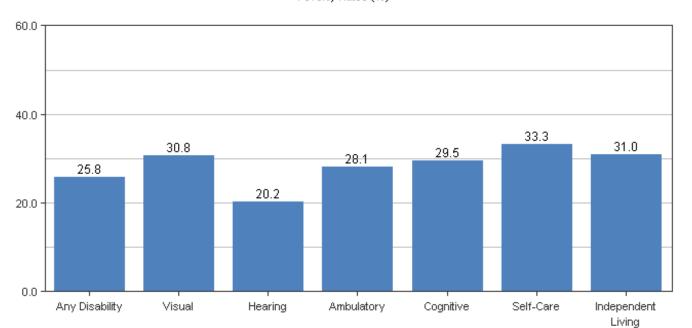
Quick Statistics



- In 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in TX was 25.8 percent.
- In 2012, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in TX was 13.4 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 12.4 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 33.3 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 20.2 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 Texas in 2012



Poverty Rates (%)

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	13.4	0.31	1,764,900	41,990	13,217,500	120,035
Any Disability	25.8	1.16	394,000	20,390	1,530,000	15,528
Visual	30.8	2.67	98,300	10,250	319,600	3,018
Hearing	20.2	2.23	70,100	8,660	347,500	3,505
Ambulatory	28.1	1.64	225,800	15,490	803,600	8,378
Cognitive	29.5	1.96	171,400	13,510	580,900	5,807
Self-Care	33.3	2.90	94,400	10,040	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	31.0	2.12	158,200	12,980	509,500	5,320

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

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

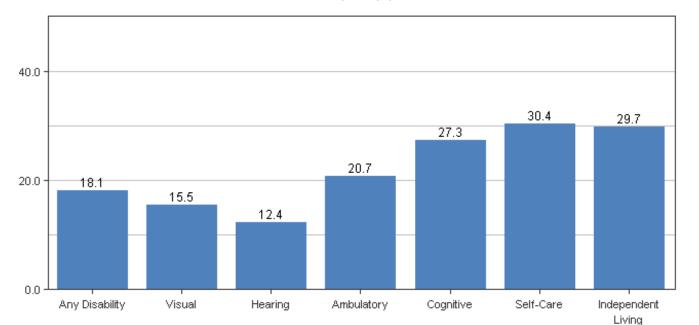
Introduction

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 Texas, 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.



- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in TX was 18.1 percent.
- In 2012, the number of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in TX was 277,700.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage that received SSI was people with "Self-Care Disability," 30.4 percent. The lowest percentage that received SSI was people with "Hearing Disability," 12.4 percent.

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



SSI Recipients (%)

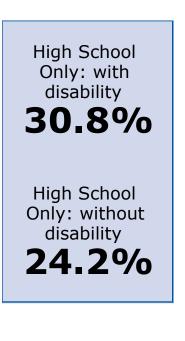
Sample MOE Base Pop. **Disability Type** % Number MOE Size Any Disability 18.1 0.71 277,700 12,010 1,532,500 15,568 Visual 15.5 1.47 49,500 5,090 320,100 3,026 Hearing 12.4 1.28 43,300 4,760 348,100 3,515 Ambulatory 20.7 166,000 9,310 804,000 8,383 1.04 Cognitive 27.3 1.34 158,900 9,110 582,400 5,832 Self-Care 30.4 1.98 86,100 6,710 283,300 2,946 Independent Living 29.7 1.47 151,300 8,890 509,500 5,321

Education

High School Diploma/Equivalent

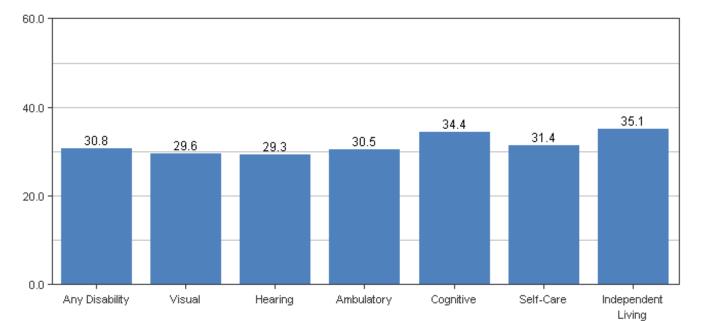
Introduction

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 Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.



- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in TX was 30.8 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in TX was 24.2 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 6.6 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," 35.1 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Hearing Disability," 29.3 percent.

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



Education: High School Diploma Only or Equivalent (%)

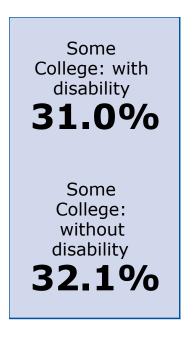
Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	24.2	0.27	3,209,400	38,440	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	30.8	0.85	472,400	15,610	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	29.6	1.85	94,700	7,040	320,100	3,026
Hearing	29.3	1.77	102,200	7,310	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	30.5	1.18	245,600	11,300	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	34.4	1.43	200,600	10,220	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	31.4	2.00	88,900	6,820	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	35.1	1.53	179,000	9,660	509,500	5,321

Education

Some College/Associate's Degree

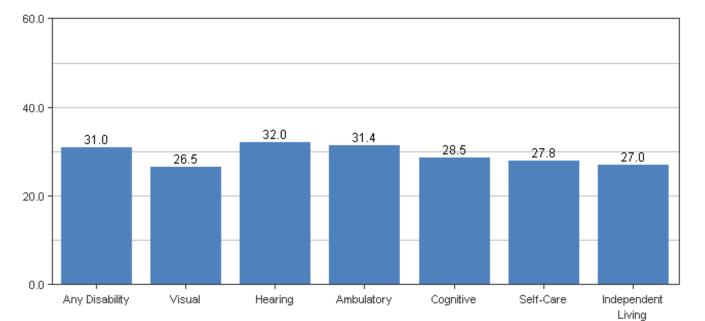
Introduction

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 Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.



- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in TX was 31.0 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in TX was 32.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was 1.1 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," 32.0 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Visual Disability," 26.5 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 Texas in 2012



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

Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	32.1	0.29	4,253,300	43,230	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	31.0	0.86	475,500	15,660	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	26.5	1.79	84,900	6,660	320,100	3,026
Hearing	32.0	1.81	111,400	7,630	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	31.4	1.19	252,400	11,460	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	28.5	1.36	166,200	9,310	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	27.8	1.93	78,800	6,420	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	27.0	1.43	137,700	8,480	509,500	5,321

Education

Bachelor's Degree or More

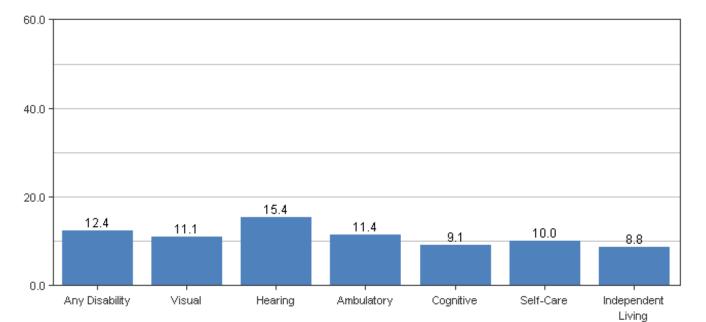
Introduction

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 Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.



- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in TX was 12.4 percent.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in TX was 28.3 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 15.9 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," 15.4 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 8.8 percent.

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



Education: Bachelor's Degree or More (%)

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	ΜΟΕ	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	28.3	0.28	3,758,500	41,100	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	12.4	0.61	190,100	9,950	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	11.1	1.27	35,600	4,320	320,100	3,026
Hearing	15.4	1.40	53,600	5,300	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	11.4	0.81	91,800	6,930	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	9.1	0.86	53,300	5,280	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	10.0	1.29	28,400	3,860	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	8.8	0.91	44,700	4,840	509,500	5,321

Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

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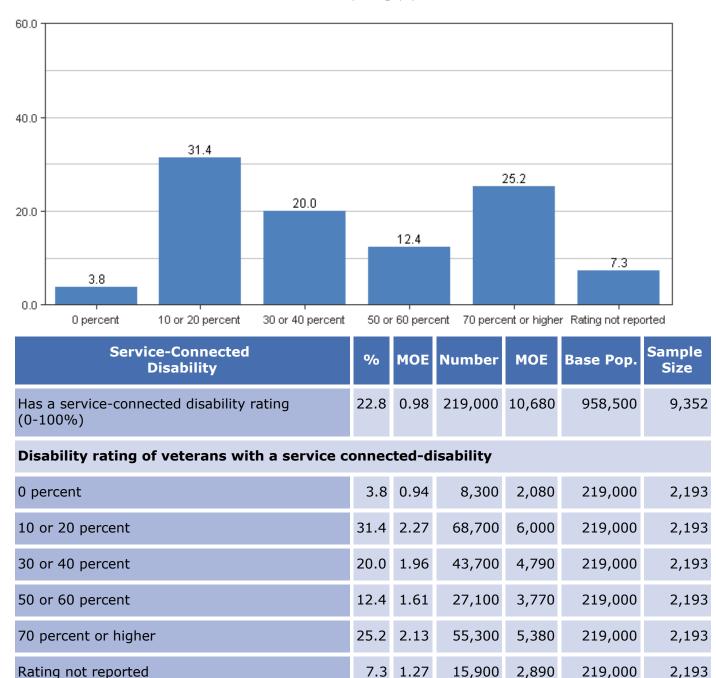
This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in Texas. The 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (0-100%). 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 **22.8%**

- In 2012, there were 958,500 working-age civilian veterans in TX, of whom 219,000 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2012, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in TX with a VA service-connected disability was 22.8 percent.
- In 2012, 55,300 working-age civilian veterans in TX had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2012, 25.2 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in TX 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 Texas in 2012

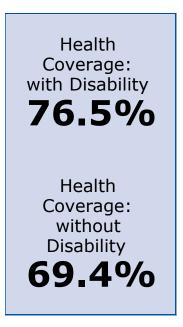


Veteran Disability Rating (%)

Health Insurance Coverage

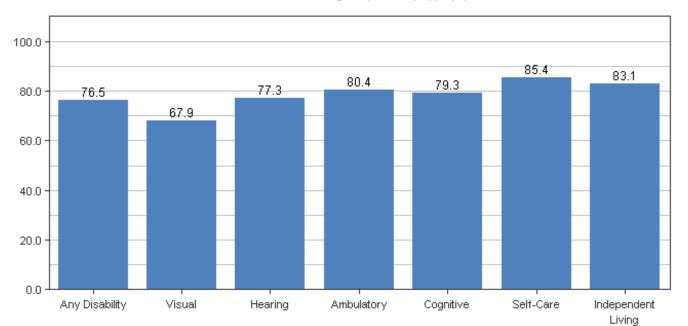
Introduction

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



- In 2012, 76.5 percent of working-age people with disabilities in TX had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2012, 69.4 percent of working-age people without disabilities in TX had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 7.1 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," 85.4 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 67.9 percent.

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



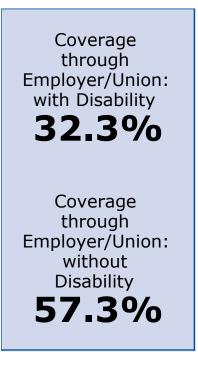
Health Insurance Coverage - By Disability Type (%)

Disability Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	69.4	0.31	9,197,200	59,890	13,259,900	120,661
Any Disability	76.5	0.84	1,172,700	25,980	1,532,500	15,568
Visual	67.9	2.03	217,400	11,400	320,100	3,026
Hearing	77.3	1.74	269,000	12,670	348,100	3,515
Ambulatory	80.4	1.09	646,200	19,490	804,000	8,383
Cognitive	79.3	1.30	461,900	16,540	582,400	5,832
Self-Care	85.4	1.63	242,000	12,020	283,300	2,946
Independent Living	83.1	1.29	423,600	15,850	509,500	5,321

Type of Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

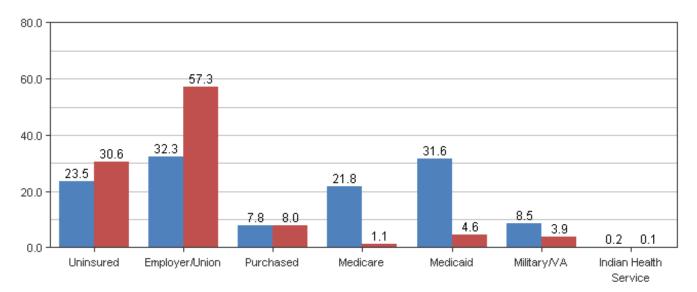
This section examines the type of health insurance coverage for non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Texas, using data from the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). Note that people can report more than one type of insurance coverage. For definitions of terms,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



- In 2012, 32.3 percent of working-age people with disabilities in TX reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2012, 57.3 percent of working-age people without disabilities in TX reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2012, 7.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in TX reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2012, 21.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in TX reported Medicare coverage and 31.6 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 Texas in 2012

Type of Health Insurance Coverage (%)



📕 Any Disability 📕 No Disability

Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	ΜΟΕ	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size			
Any Disability									
Uninsured	23.5	0.84	359,800	14,620	1,532,500	15,568			
Employer/Union	32.3	0.93	495,000	17,110	1,532,500	15,568			
Purchased	7.8	0.53	119,400	8,460	1,532,500	15,568			
Medicare	21.8	0.82	334,800	14,110	1,532,500	15,568			
Medicaid	31.6	0.92	485,000	16,940	1,532,500	15,568			
Military/VA	8.5	0.55	130,900	8,860	1,532,500	15,568			
Indian Health Service	0.2	3.29	2,900	1,330	1,532,500	15,568			
No Disability									
Uninsured	30.6	0.31	4,062,600	45,460	13,259,900	120,661			
Employer/Union	57.3	0.33	7,594,400	56,950	13,259,900	120,661			
Purchased	8.0	0.18	1,064,800	24,810	13,259,900	120,661			
Medicare	1.1	3.29	145,200	9,330	13,259,900	120,661			
Medicaid	4.6	0.14	606,300	18,890	13,259,900	120,661			
Military/VA	3.9	0.13	512,600	17,400	13,259,900	120,661			
Indian Health Service	0.1	3.29	10,000	2,460	13,259,900	120,661			

Glossary

Actively Looking for Work

A person is defined as <u>ACTIVELY</u> 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?
- <u>Visual Disability</u> (asked of all ages): Is this person blind or does he/she have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
- <u>Cognitive Disability</u> (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?
- <u>Ambulatory Disability</u> (asked of persons ages 5 or older): Does this person have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
- <u>Self-care Disability</u> (asked of persons ages 5 or older): Does this person have difficulty dressing or bathing?
- <u>Independent Living Disability</u> (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 Chamarro; 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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