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# The 2015 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](http://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 ADA Center through a grant from NIDILRR National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

**Puerto Rico:** A Puerto Rico Disability Status Report, based on the parallel 2015 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.

# Wisconsin Summary

These statistics indicate the social and economic status of non-institutionalized people with disabilities in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS).

**Age:** In 2015, the prevalence of disability in WI was:

- 11.9 percent for persons of all ages
- 0.7 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 5.5 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 5.8 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 10.1 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 21.2 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 45.8 percent for persons ages 75+

**Disability Type:** In 2015, the prevalence of the six disability types among persons of all ages in WI was:

- 1.7% reported a Visual Disability
- 3.5% reported a Hearing Disability
- 5.9% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 4.7% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 2.4% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 5.0% reported an Independent Living Disability

**Gender:** In 2015, 11.9 percent of females of all ages and 11.9 percent of males of all ages in WI reported a disability.

**Hispanic/Latino:** In 2015, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in WI was 9.1 percent.

**Race:** In WI in 2015, the prevalence of disability for working-age people (ages 21 to 64) was:

- 9.8 percent among Whites
- 14.2 percent among Black / African Americans
- 6.2 percent among Asians
- 18.3 percent among Native Americans
- 10.7 percent among persons of some other race(s)

**Employment:** In 2015, the employment rate of working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in WI was 42.3 percent.

**Looking for Work:** In WI in 2015, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 9.1 percent.

**Full-Time/Full-Year Employment:** In WI in 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 25.3 percent.

**Annual Earnings:** In 2015, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in WI was \$40,100.

**Annual Household Income:** In WI in 2015, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$44,100.

**Poverty:** In WI in 2015, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 25.2 percent.

**Supplemental Security Income:** In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving SSI payments in WI was 19.7 percent.

**Educational Attainment:** In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities in WI:

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 34.6 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 35.7 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 12.5 percent.

**Veterans Service-Connected Disability:** In 2015, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 22.5 percent in WI.

**Health Insurance Coverage:** In 2015 in WI, 93.2 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 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). The US disability prevalence rate for this population was 10.7%

<b>Location</b>	<b>2015 (%)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2015 (%)</b>
Alabama	<b>15.5</b>	Montana	<b>12.5</b>
Alaska	<b>10.8</b>	Nebraska	<b>9.8</b>
Arizona	<b>10.7</b>	Nevada	<b>11.6</b>
Arkansas	<b>15.9</b>	New Hampshire	<b>11.3</b>
California	<b>8.4</b>	New Jersey	<b>7.7</b>
Colorado	<b>8.6</b>	New Mexico	<b>13.0</b>
Connecticut	<b>8.7</b>	New York	<b>9.0</b>
Delaware	<b>9.4</b>	North Carolina	<b>12.4</b>
District of Columbia	<b>9.2</b>	North Dakota	<b>7.8</b>
Florida	<b>10.2</b>	Ohio	<b>12.6</b>
Georgia	<b>10.8</b>	Oklahoma	<b>14.2</b>
Hawaii	<b>8.2</b>	Oregon	<b>13.0</b>
Idaho	<b>12.4</b>	Pennsylvania	<b>11.9</b>
Illinois	<b>8.7</b>	Puerto Rico	<b>18.3</b>
Indiana	<b>12.5</b>	Rhode Island	<b>11.6</b>
Iowa	<b>10.0</b>	South Carolina	<b>13.0</b>
Kansas	<b>10.5</b>	South Dakota	<b>11.2</b>
Kentucky	<b>16.1</b>	Tennessee	<b>14.3</b>
Louisiana	<b>13.3</b>	Texas	<b>10.0</b>
Maine	<b>14.8</b>	Utah	<b>9.3</b>
Maryland	<b>8.6</b>	Vermont	<b>12.4</b>
Massachusetts	<b>9.4</b>	Virginia	<b>9.5</b>
Michigan	<b>13.0</b>	Washington	<b>11.2</b>
Minnesota	<b>9.0</b>	West Virginia	<b>17.8</b>
Mississippi	<b>15.3</b>	Wisconsin	<b>10.1</b>
Missouri	<b>13.1</b>	Wyoming	<b>11.2</b>



# 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 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). The employment rate in the US for this population was 35.2% for people with disabilities and 78.3% for people without disabilities.

Location	People with Disabilities 2015	People without Disabilities 2015	Location	People with Disabilities 2015	People without Disabilities 2015
Alabama	28.9	74.3	Montana	37.8	80.6
Alaska	41.4	78.3	Nebraska	47.7	85.3
Arizona	35.4	75.1	Nevada	40.7	75.9
Arkansas	30.1	76.2	New Hampshire	42.4	85.1
California	33.9	75.7	New Jersey	38.2	78.9
Colorado	42.1	81.2	New Mexico	30.2	73.7
Connecticut	34.8	81.2	New York	33.4	77.6
Delaware	33.3	79.5	North Carolina	33.3	78.1
District of Columbia	32.8	81.4	North Dakota	44.5	85.2
Florida	31.0	76.4	Ohio	35.6	79.5
Georgia	32.0	76.9	Oklahoma	35.4	77.8
Hawaii	43.2	80.5	Oregon	37.1	78.1
Idaho	41.0	79.1	Pennsylvania	35.9	79.4
Illinois	35.4	78.5	Puerto Rico	21.4	56.4
Indiana	35.9	79.6	Rhode Island	35.4	81.2
Iowa	45.2	84.3	South Carolina	29.4	76.6
Kansas	44.3	82.1	South Dakota	51.3	83.9
Kentucky	26.7	76.7	Tennessee	30.7	78.0
Louisiana	33.1	75.3	Texas	38.8	77.7
Maine	27.5	82.5	Utah	46.5	79.6
Maryland	42.4	81.2	Vermont	41.0	84.5
Massachusetts	34.7	81.6	Virginia	36.9	80.8
Michigan	31.3	77.1	Washington	37.4	78.5
Minnesota	48.9	84.8	West Virginia	25.8	72.5
Mississippi	28.1	73.5	Wisconsin	42.3	83.9
Missouri	34.5	81.0	Wyoming	59.9	80.3

# Prevalence

## All Ages

### Introduction

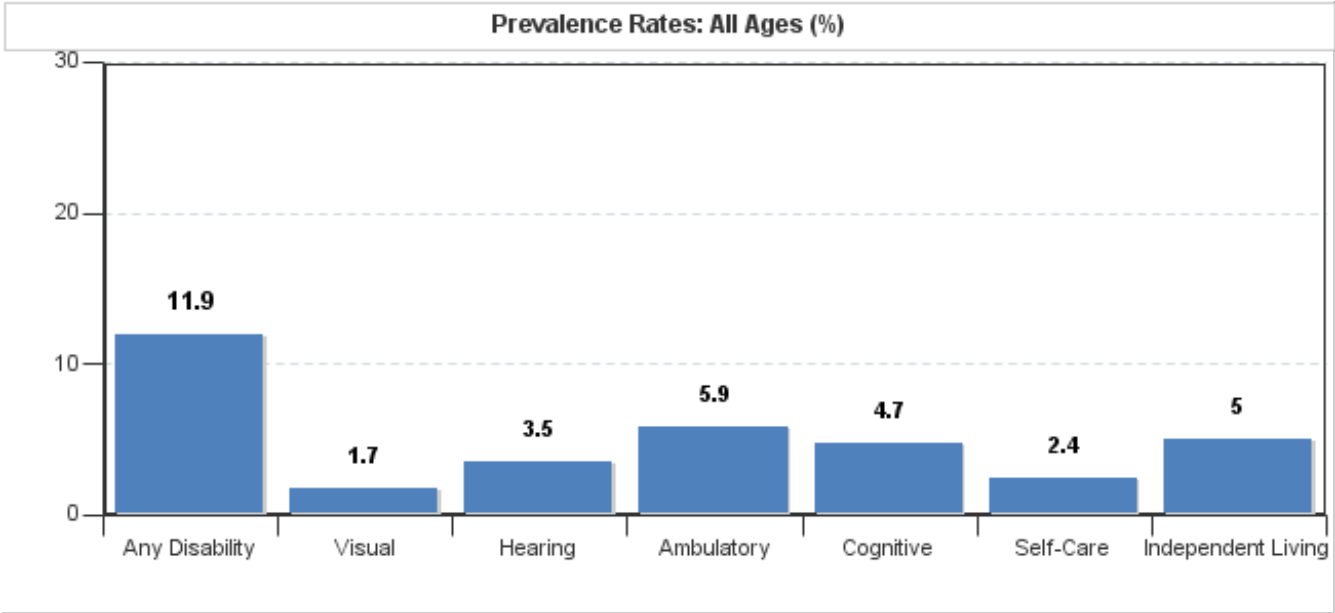
This section addresses the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
All Ages  
**11.9%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in WI was 11.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 678,900 of the 5,701,700 individuals of all ages in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 5.9 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 1.7 percent.

# Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Wisconsin in 2015\*



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	11.9	0.29	678,900	16,470	5,701,700	57,296
Visual	1.7	3.29	97,300	6,580	5,701,700	57,296
Hearing	3.5	0.16	198,300	9,310	5,701,700	57,296
Ambulatory	5.9	0.22	317,400	11,650	5,367,700	54,565
Cognitive	4.7	0.19	252,800	10,460	5,367,700	54,565
Self-Care	2.4	0.14	128,200	7,530	5,367,700	54,565
Independent Living	5.0	0.21	230,800	10,020	4,636,800	47,615

\* **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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). Only the two sensory disability questions were asked of this population. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

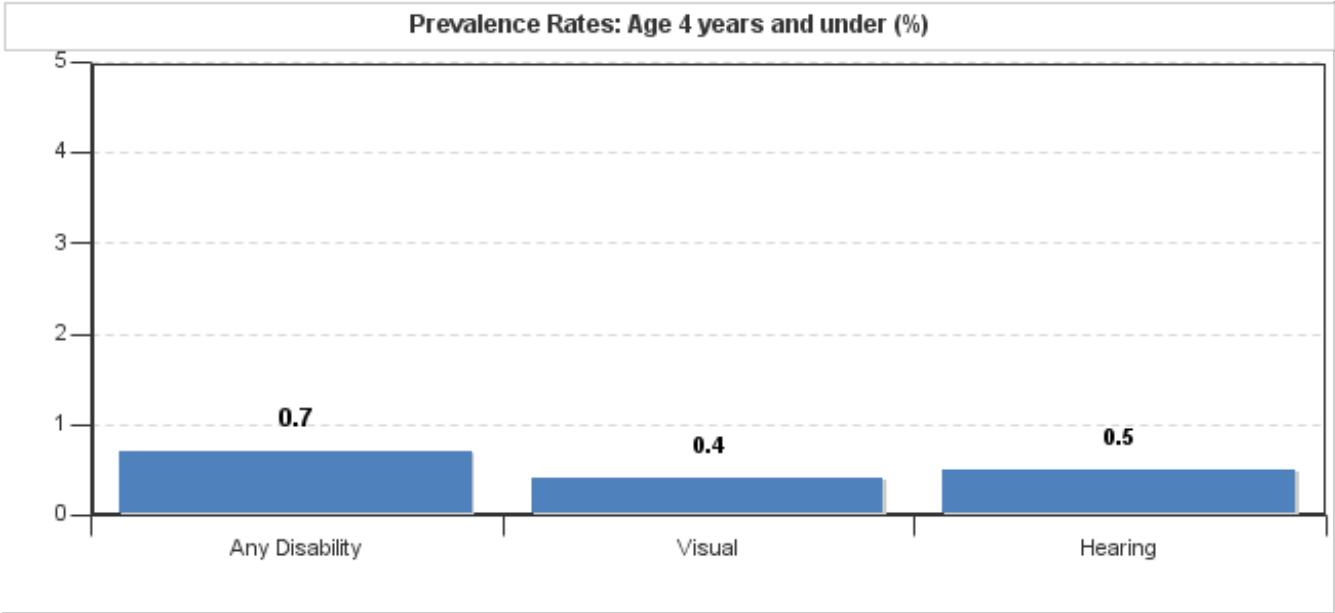
### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Ages 4 and  
under

**0.7%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in WI was 0.7 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 2,400 of the 333,900 children ages 0 to 4 in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, 0.4 percent reported a visual disability
- In WI in 2015, 0.5 percent reported a hearing disability

# Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 4 and under in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	0.7	3.29	2,400	1,050	333,900	2,731
Visual	0.4	3.29	1,200	740	333,900	2,731
Hearing	0.5	3.29	1,800	890	333,900	2,731

# Prevalence

## Ages 5 to 15 years

### Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 5 to 15 in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS)\*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

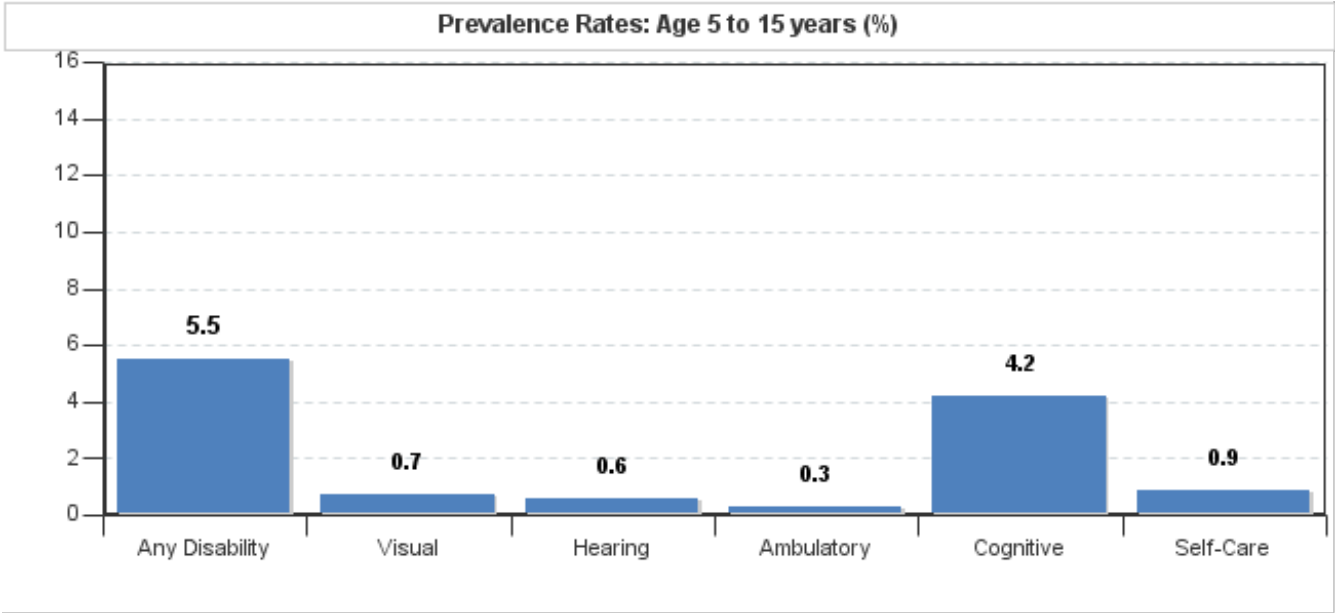
### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Ages 5 to  
15 years  
**5.5%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in WI was 5.5 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 44,100 of the 805,900 individuals ages 5 to 15 in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the five types of disabilities\* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 4.2 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 0.3 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	5.5	0.54	44,100	4,450	805,900	7,693
Visual	0.7	3.29	5,400	1,570	805,900	7,693
Hearing	0.6	3.29	4,800	1,470	805,900	7,693
Ambulatory	0.3	3.29	2,300	1,010	805,900	7,693
Cognitive	4.2	0.48	33,800	3,900	805,900	7,693
Self-Care	0.9	3.29	7,400	1,830	805,900	7,693

\* **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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

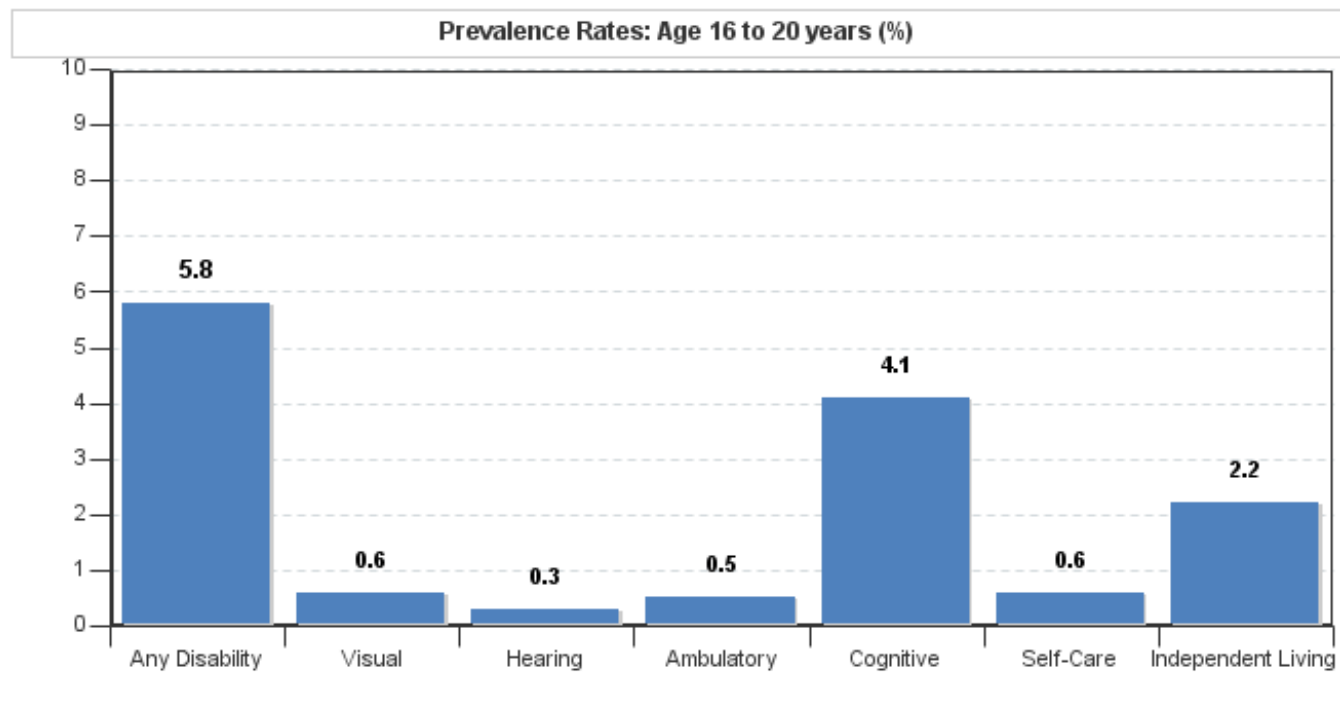
Prevalence:  
Ages 16 to  
20 years

**5.8%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in WI was 5.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 22,000 of the 378,300 individuals ages 16 to 20 in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 4.1 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 0.3 percent.



## Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	5.8	0.81	22,000	3,150	378,300	3,729
Visual	0.6	3.29	2,400	1,040	378,300	3,729
Hearing	0.3	3.29	1,300	760	378,300	3,729
Ambulatory	0.5	3.29	1,900	940	378,300	3,729
Cognitive	4.1	0.69	15,700	2,660	378,300	3,729
Self-Care	0.6	3.29	2,400	1,040	378,300	3,729
Independent Living	2.2	0.51	8,300	1,940	378,300	3,729

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

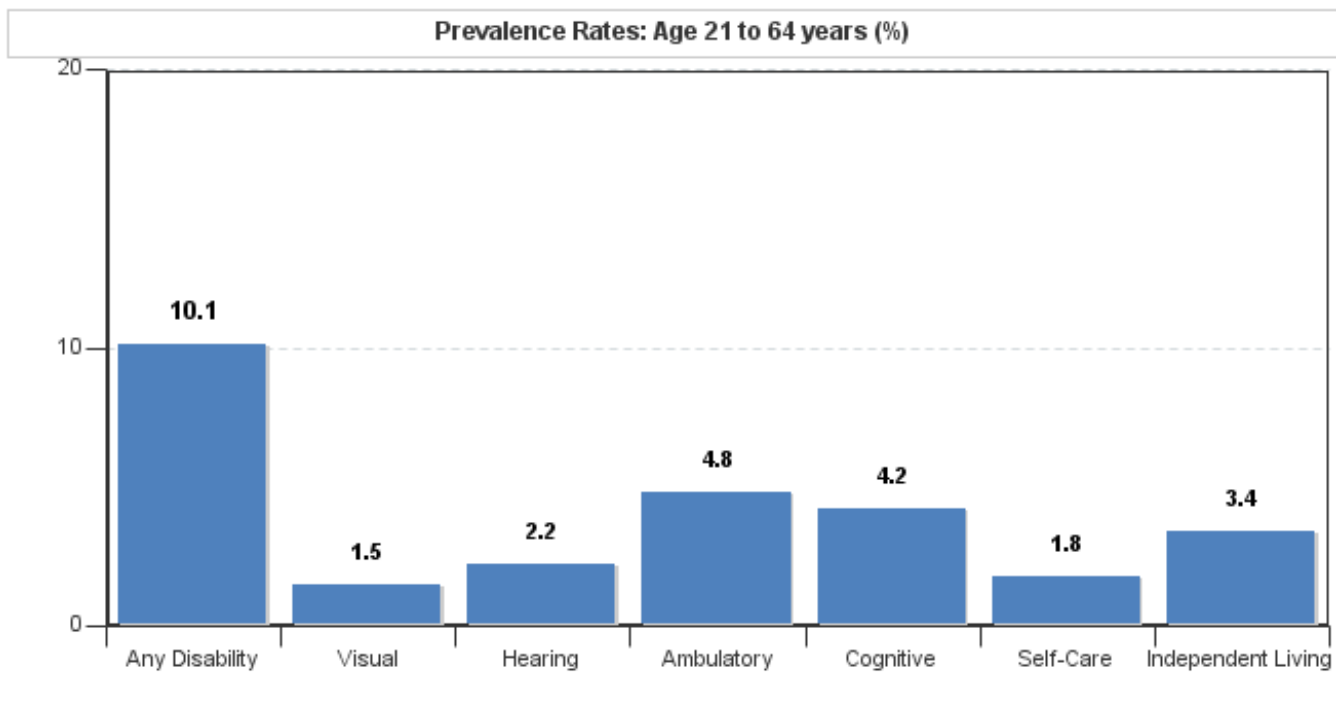
### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Ages 21 to 64  
years

**10.1%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in WI was 10.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 333,900 of the 3,311,100 individuals ages 21 to 64 in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 4.8 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Visual Disability," 1.5 percent.

## Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 21 to 64 in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	10.1	0.35	333,900	11,930	3,311,100	32,239
Visual	1.5	3.29	48,600	4,670	3,311,100	32,239
Hearing	2.2	0.17	72,000	5,670	3,311,100	32,239
Ambulatory	4.8	0.25	157,300	8,320	3,311,100	32,239
Cognitive	4.2	0.24	140,300	7,870	3,311,100	32,239
Self-Care	1.8	3.29	59,400	5,160	3,311,100	32,239
Independent Living	3.4	0.21	111,300	7,030	3,311,100	32,239

# Prevalence

## Ages 65 to 74 years

### Introduction

This section explores the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

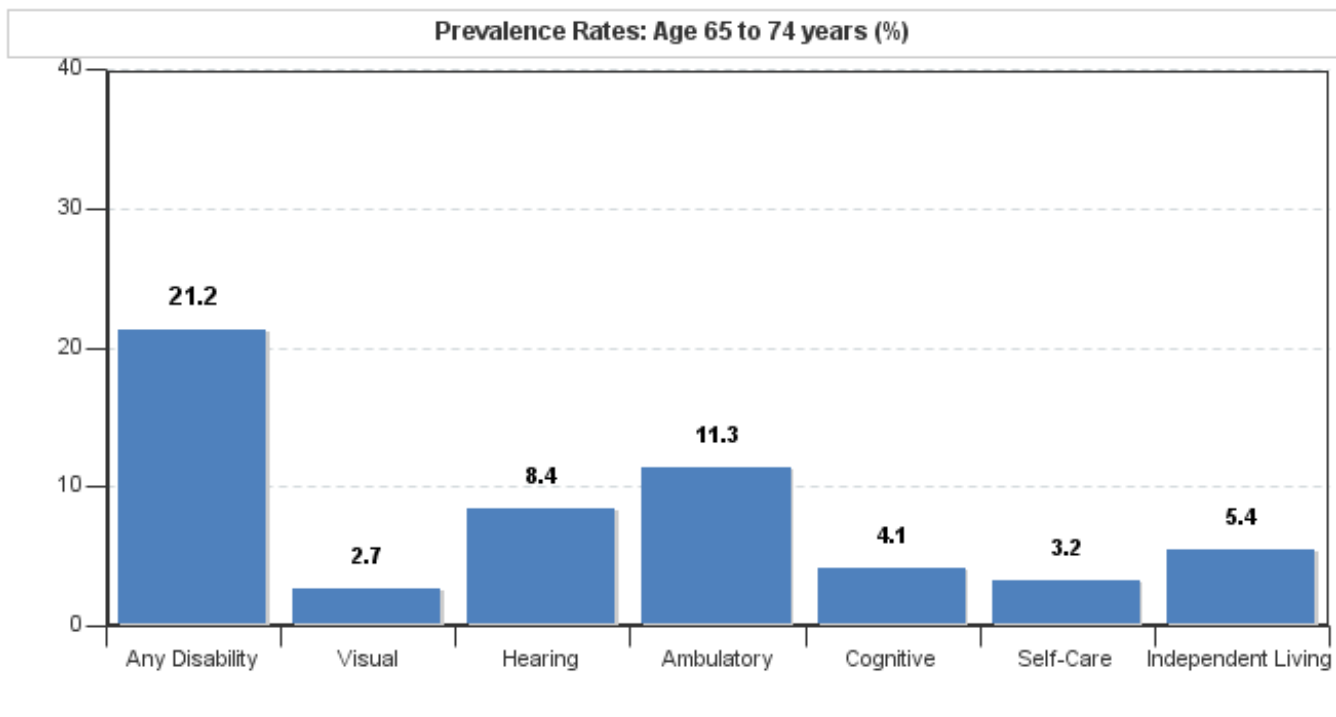
### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Ages 65 to 74  
years

**21.2%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in WI was 21.2 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 106,400 of the 501,100 individuals ages 65 to 74 in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 11.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 2.7 percent.

## Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	21.2	1.23	106,400	6,880	501,100	6,407
Visual	2.7	0.49	13,600	2,480	501,100	6,407
Hearing	8.4	0.83	42,100	4,350	501,100	6,407
Ambulatory	11.3	0.95	56,800	5,050	501,100	6,407
Cognitive	4.1	0.60	20,800	3,060	501,100	6,407
Self-Care	3.2	0.53	16,100	2,700	501,100	6,407
Independent Living	5.4	0.68	26,900	3,480	501,100	6,407

# Prevalence

## Ages 75 and Older

### Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

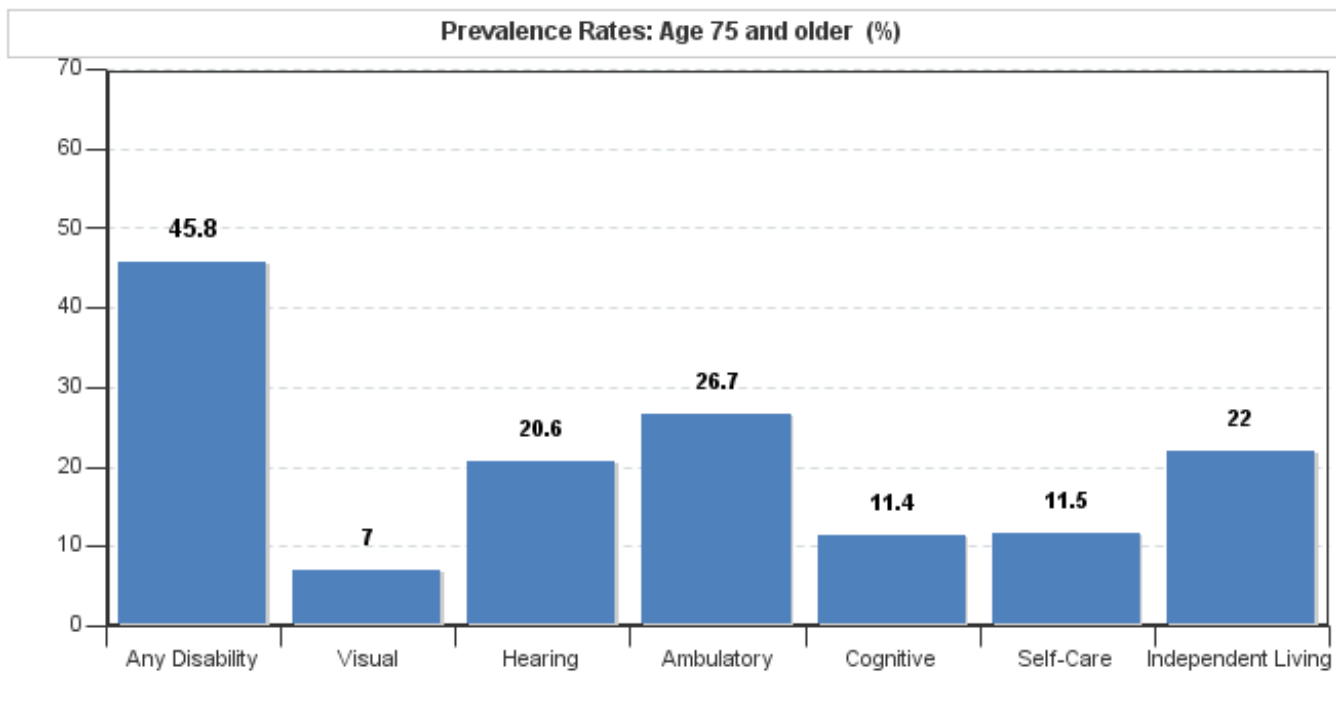
### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Ages 75 and  
Older

**45.8%**

- In 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in WI was 45.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 170,300 of the 371,400 individuals ages 75 and older in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 26.7 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 7.0 percent.

## Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	45.8	1.74	170,300	8,650	371,400	4,497
Visual	7.0	0.89	26,200	3,430	371,400	4,497
Hearing	20.6	1.41	76,300	5,840	371,400	4,497
Ambulatory	26.7	1.54	99,000	6,640	371,400	4,497
Cognitive	11.4	1.11	42,200	4,350	371,400	4,497
Self-Care	11.5	1.12	42,900	4,390	371,400	4,497
Independent Living	22.0	1.45	81,600	6,040	371,400	4,497

# Prevalence

## Gender and Age

### Introduction

This section examines the prevalence of disability among people by gender and age group in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS)\*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Males All  
Ages

**11.9%**

Prevalence:  
Female All  
Ages

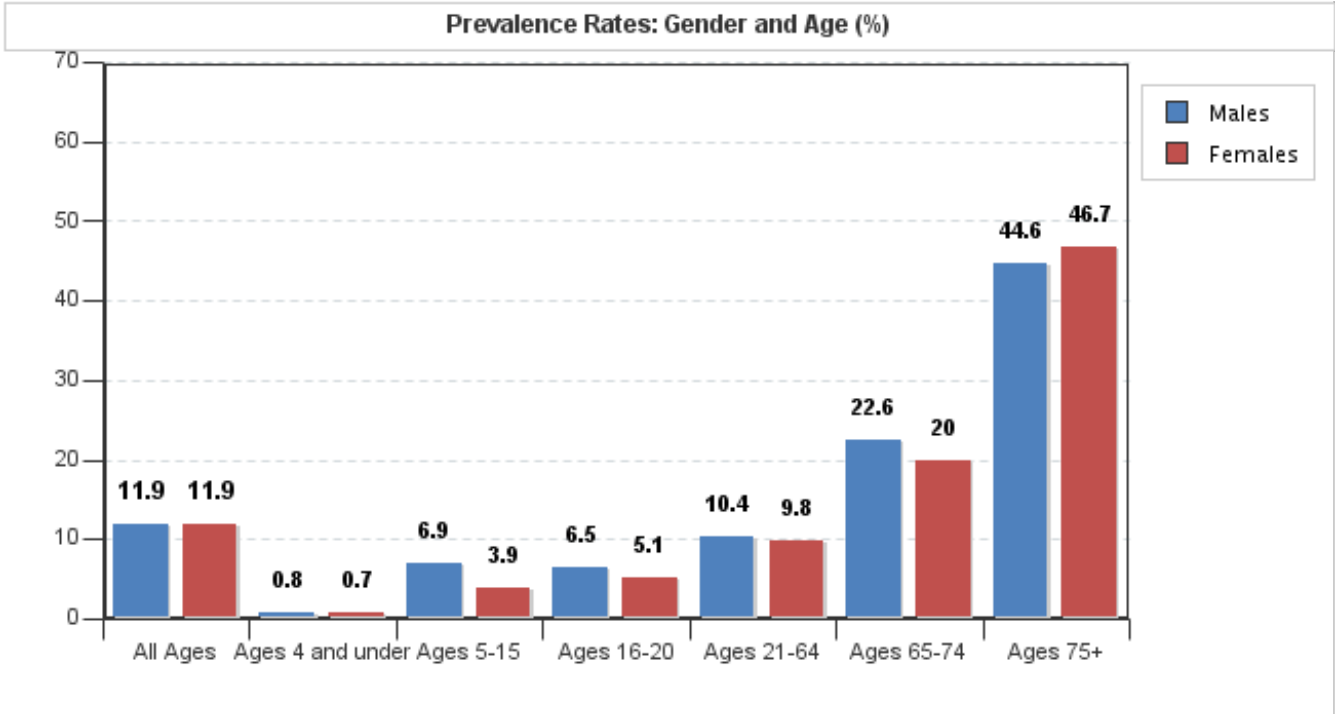
**11.9%**

- In WI in 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 11.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 335,700 of the 2,823,500 males of all ages in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 11.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 343,300 of the 2,878,100 females of all ages in WI 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Gender & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
<b>Males</b>						
Males: All Ages	11.9	0.41	335,700	11,960	2,823,500	28,607
Males: Ages 4 and under	0.8	3.29	1,300	770	173,400	1,439
Males: Ages 5-15	6.9	0.84	28,700	3,590	415,500	3,994
Males: Ages 16-20	6.5	1.20	12,300	2,360	190,400	1,899
Males: Ages 21-64	10.4	0.50	170,900	8,670	1,651,100	16,130
Males: Ages 65-74	22.6	1.81	54,300	4,930	240,300	3,163
Males: Ages 75+	44.6	2.70	68,200	5,520	152,900	1,982
<b>Females</b>						
Females: All Ages	11.9	0.41	343,300	12,090	2,878,100	28,689
Females: Ages 4 and under	0.7	3.29	1,100	710	160,600	1,292
Females: Ages 5-15	3.9	0.66	15,400	2,640	390,500	3,699
Females: Ages 16-20	5.1	1.08	9,700	2,090	187,900	1,830
Females: Ages 21-64	9.8	0.49	162,900	8,470	1,660,000	16,109
Females: Ages 65-74	20.0	1.67	52,100	4,840	260,800	3,244
Females: Ages 75+	46.7	2.27	102,100	6,740	218,400	2,515

\* **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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS)\*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

Prevalence:  
Hispanic All  
Ages

**9.1%**

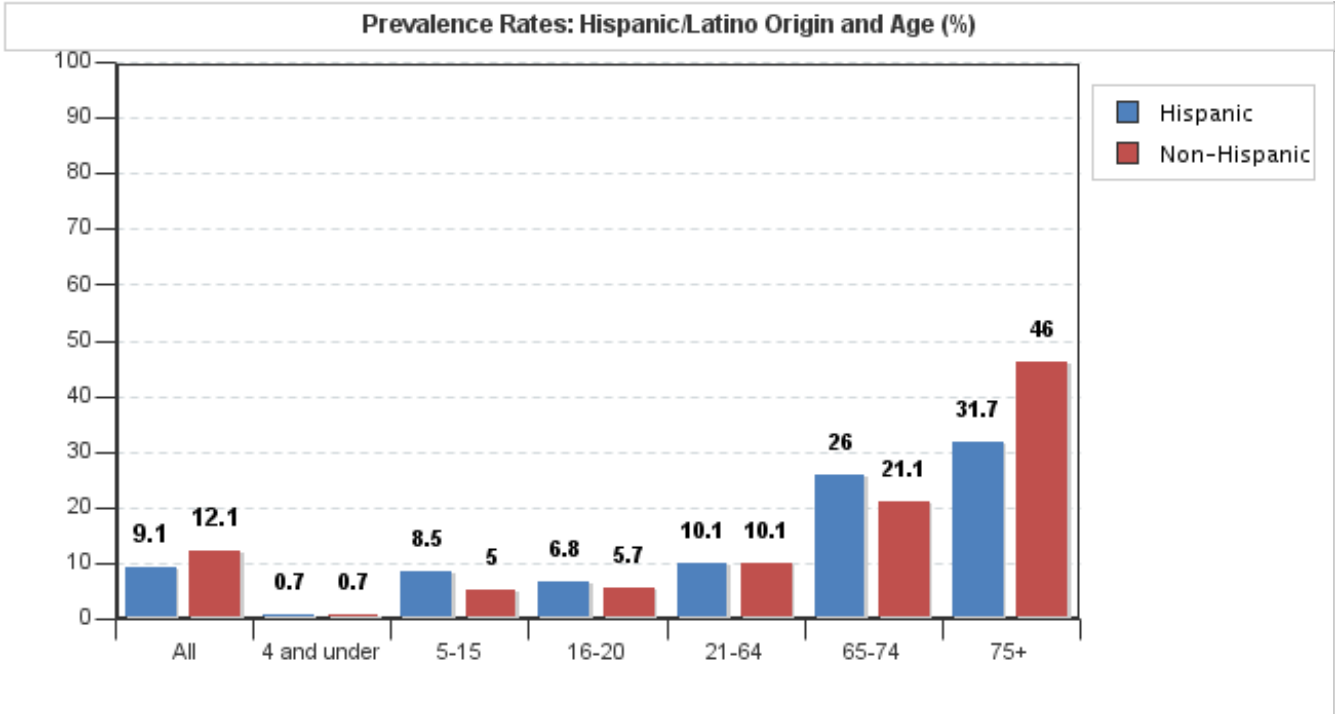
Prevalence:  
Non-Hispanic  
All Ages

**12.1%**

- In WI in 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 9.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 34,300 of the 376,900 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in WI reported one or more disabilities.
- In WI in 2015, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 12.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2015, 644,600 of the 5,324,800 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in WI 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
<b>Hispanic</b>						
Hispanic - All Ages	9.1	1.00	34,300	3,930	376,900	2,291
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.7	3.29	300	400	39,100	199
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	8.5	1.90	8,300	1,940	97,300	588
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	6.8	3.18	1,900	940	28,400	220
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	10.1	1.44	20,100	3,010	198,300	1,176
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	26.0	9.47	2,500	1,070	9,700	73
Hispanic - Ages 75+	31.7 <sup>†</sup>	15.57	1,300	760	4,000	35
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>						
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	12.1	0.30	644,600	16,100	5,324,800	55,005
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.7	3.29	2,200	990	294,800	2,532
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.0	0.55	35,800	4,010	708,600	7,105
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	5.7	0.84	20,000	3,010	349,900	3,509
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	10.1	0.36	313,800	11,590	3,112,800	31,063
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	21.1	1.24	103,900	6,800	491,400	6,334
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	46.0	1.75	169,000	8,620	367,300	4,462

\* **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.

† **Caution:** Estimate based on small sample size (less than 40 individuals).

# Prevalence

## Race

### Introduction

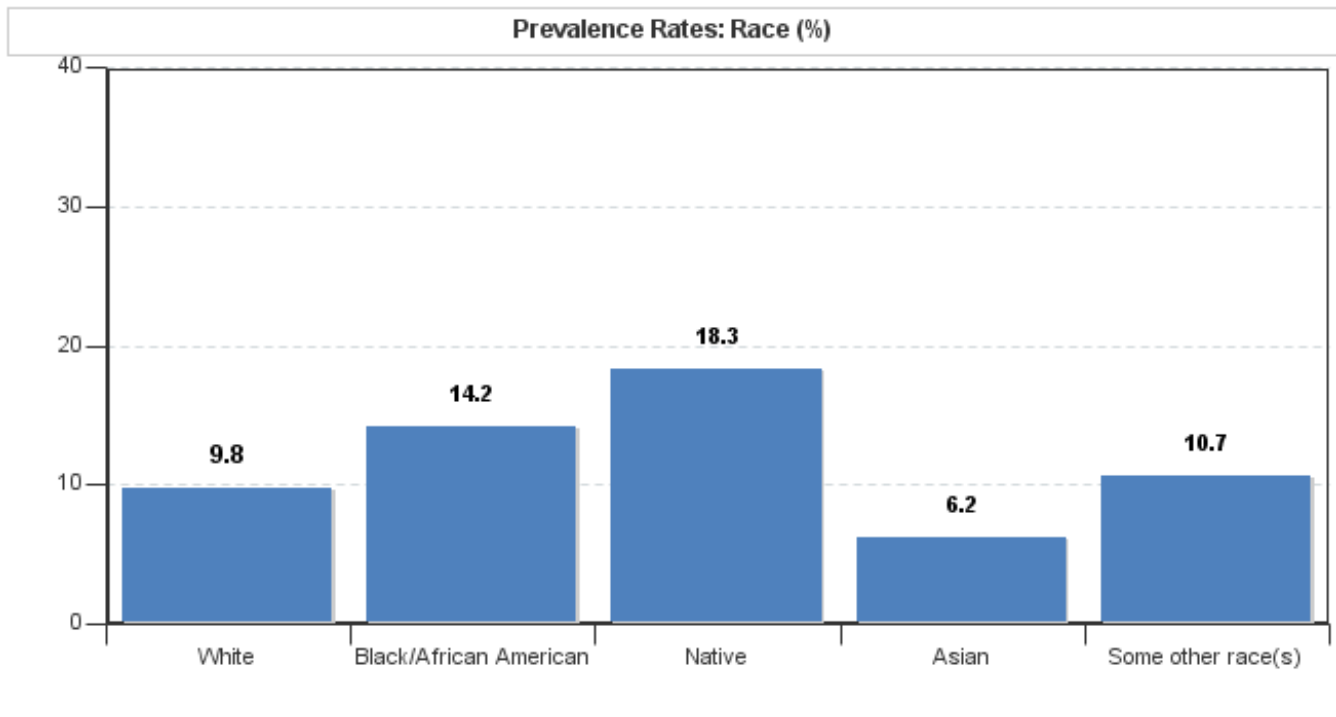
This section presents the disability prevalence rate among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race category in WI, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

In 2015, among working-age people in WI:

- 9.8 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 14.2 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 18.3 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 6.2 percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 10.7 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Race	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
White	9.8	0.37	282,700	11,030	2,881,600	29,682
Black/African American	14.2	1.67	28,200	3,560	198,700	1,031
Native American or Alaska Native	18.3	4.59	5,900	1,630	32,100	320
Asian	6.2	1.68	5,700	1,600	92,300	529
Some other race(s)	10.7	2.02	11,400	2,270	106,400	677

# Employment

## Introduction

This section examines the employment rates of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

## Quick Statistics

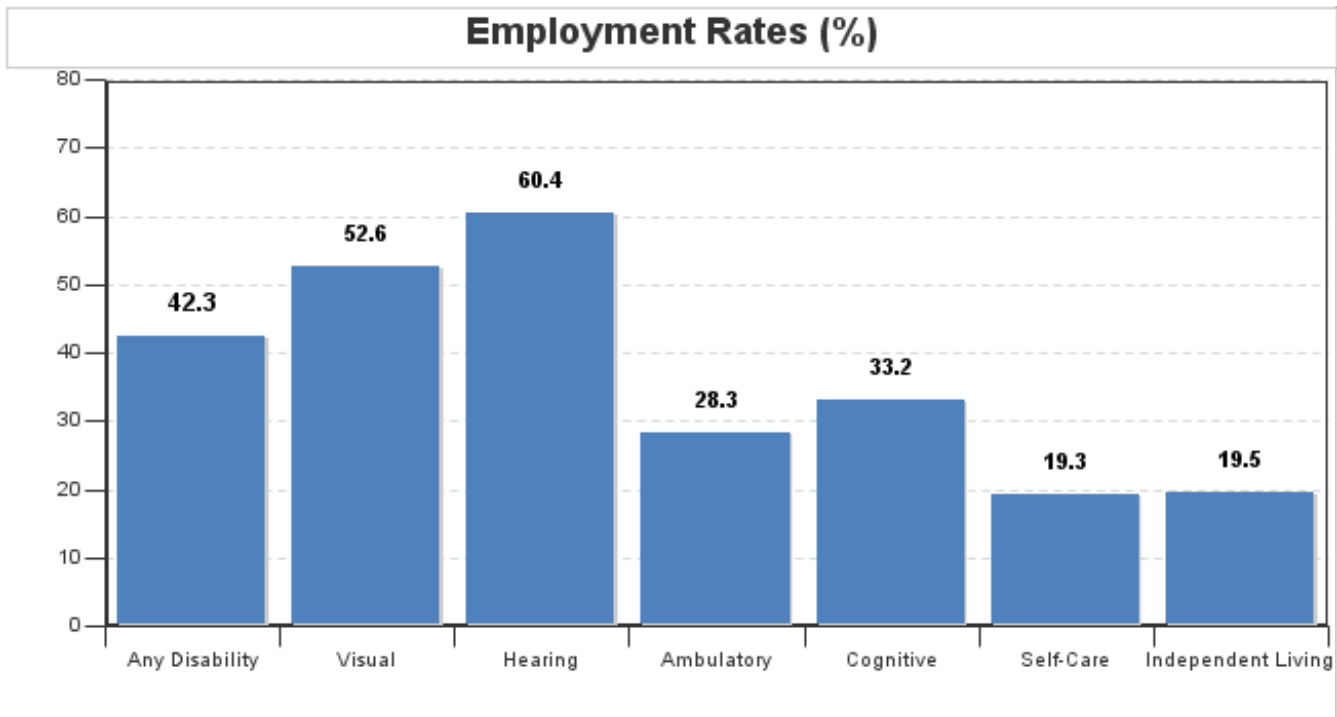
Employment:  
with disability  
**42.3%**

Employment:  
without  
disability  
**83.9%**

- In 2015, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in WI was 42.3 percent.
- In 2015, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in WI was 83.9 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 41.6 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 60.4 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 19.3 percent.



## Employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	83.9	0.42	2,497,000	23,270	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	42.3	1.68	141,400	7,290	333,900	3,353
Visual	52.6	4.82	25,500	3,390	48,600	486
Hearing	60.4	3.88	43,500	4,420	72,000	753
Ambulatory	28.3	2.42	44,500	4,470	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	33.2	2.68	46,600	4,580	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	19.3	3.44	11,500	2,280	59,400	637
Independent Living	19.5	2.53	21,700	3,130	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin who are not working but actively looking for work, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

## Quick Statistics

Actively  
Looking: with  
disability

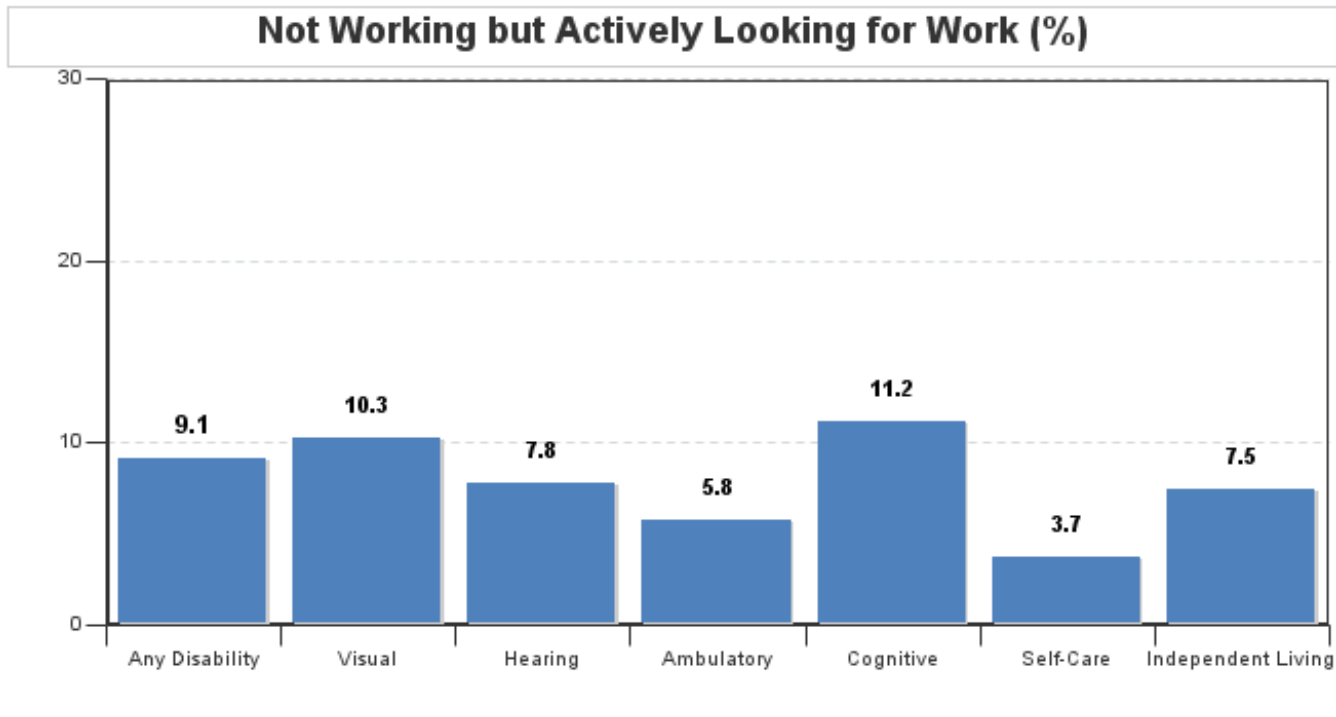
**9.1%**

Actively  
Looking:  
without  
disability

**19.2%**

- In 2015 in WI, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 9.1 percent.
- In 2015 in WI, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 19.2 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 10.1 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 "Cognitive Disability," 11.2 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	19.2	1.21	92,000	6,400	480,200	4,746
Any Disability	9.1	1.39	17,500	2,810	192,500	1,928
Visual	10.3	4.26	2,400	1,040	23,000	232
Hearing	7.8	3.38	2,200	1,000	28,500	279
Ambulatory	5.8	1.48	6,500	1,720	112,800	1,132
Cognitive	11.2	2.19	10,500	2,170	93,700	956
Self-Care	3.7	1.83	1,800	890	48,000	513
Independent Living	7.5	1.87	6,700	1,740	89,600	955

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

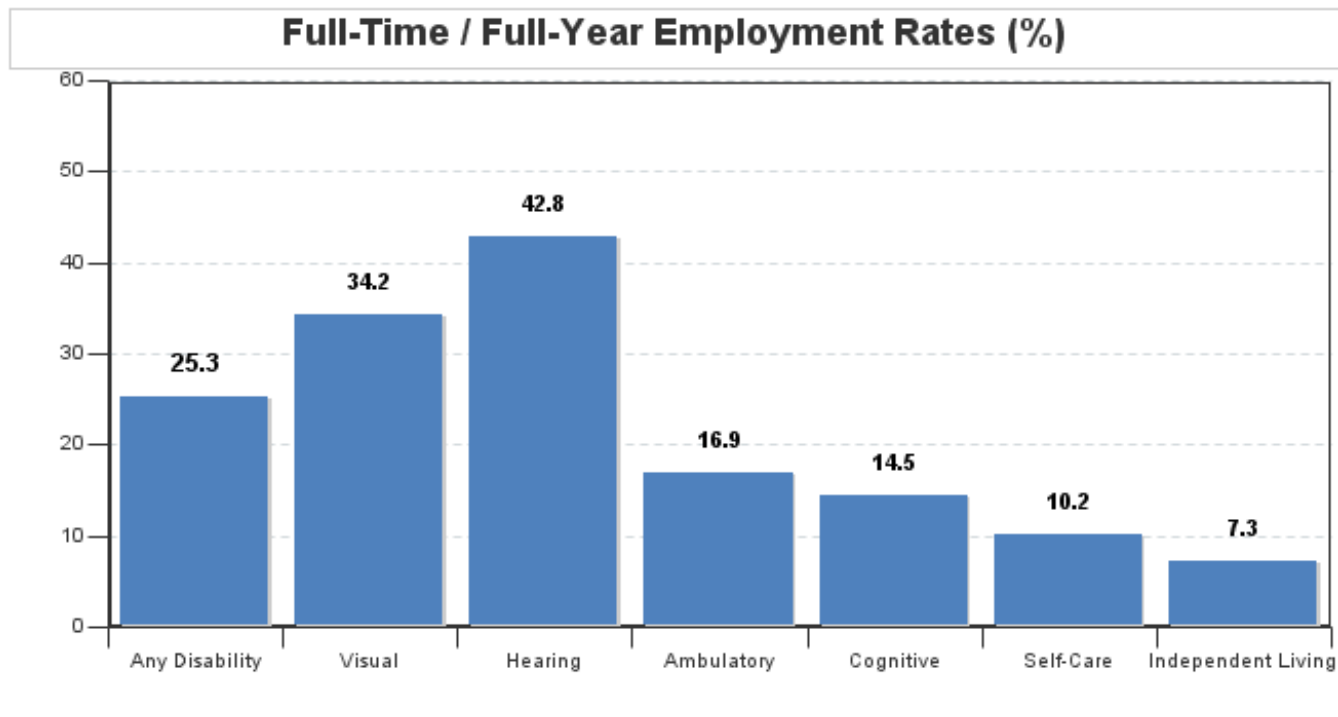
## Quick Statistics

FT / FY  
Employment:  
with disability  
**25.3%**

FT / FY  
Employment:  
without  
disability  
**62.3%**

- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in WI was 25.3 percent.
- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in WI was 62.3 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 37 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," 42.8 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 7.3 percent.

## Full-Time/Full-Year employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	62.3	0.60	1,853,500	23,870	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	25.3	1.60	84,400	6,140	333,900	3,353
Visual	34.2	4.58	16,600	2,740	48,600	486
Hearing	42.8	3.92	30,800	3,720	72,000	753
Ambulatory	16.9	2.01	26,600	3,460	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	14.5	2.00	20,300	3,030	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	10.2	2.64	6,100	1,660	59,400	637
Independent Living	7.3	1.66	8,100	1,920	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

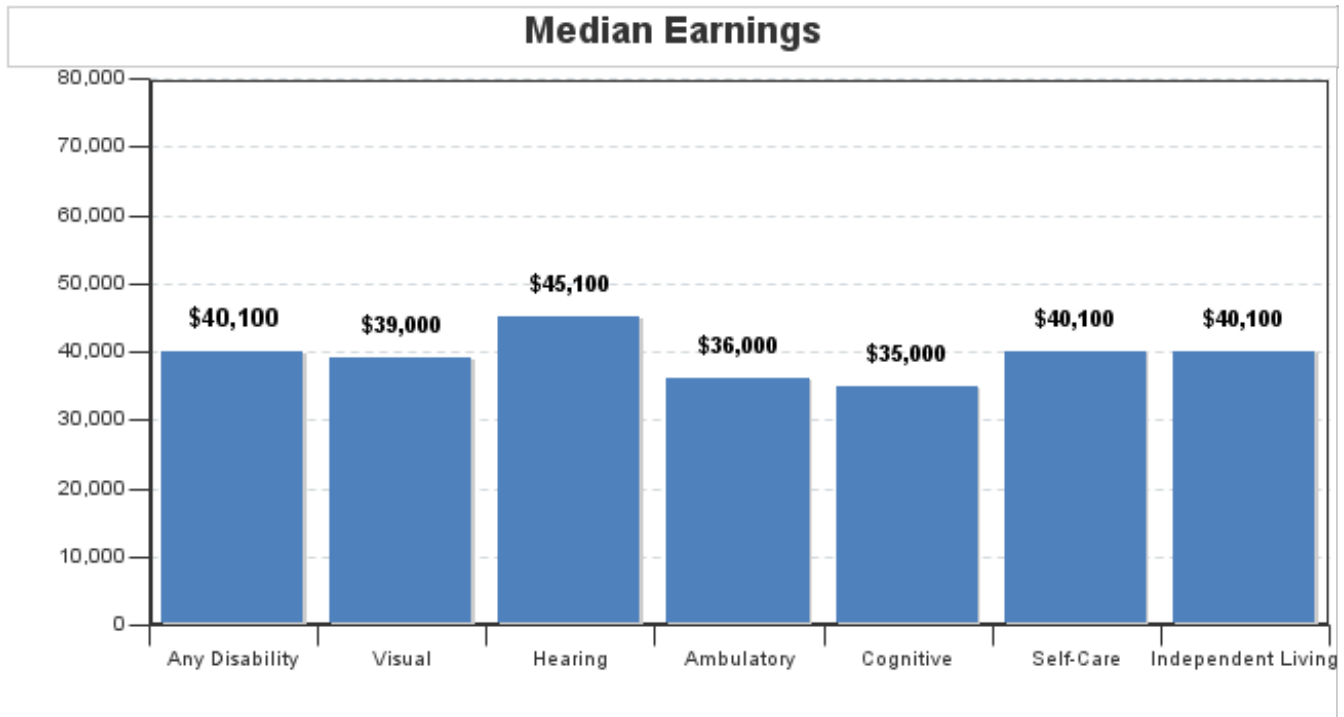
## Quick Statistics

Earnings: with disability  
**\$40,100**

Earnings: without disability  
**\$44,900**

- In 2015, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in WI was \$40,100.
- In 2015, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in WI was \$44,900.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$4,800.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Hearing Disability," \$45,100. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Cognitive Disability," \$35,000.

## Median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) who work full-time/full-year by disability status in Wisconsin in 2015



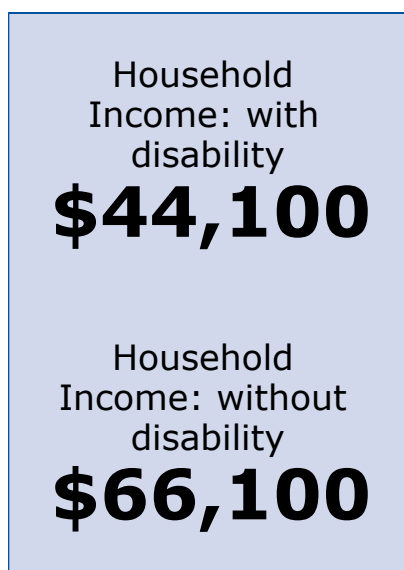
Disability Type	Median Earnings	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$44,900	\$550	1,854,000	18,254
Any Disability	\$40,100	\$2,420	84,000	864
Visual	\$39,000	\$5,620	17,000	168
Hearing	\$45,100	\$4,010	31,000	344
Ambulatory	\$36,000	\$3,920	27,000	256
Cognitive	\$35,000	\$4,050	20,000	185
Self-Care	\$40,100	\$8,750	6,000	57
Independent Living	\$40,100	\$8,050	8,000	85

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

## Quick Statistics

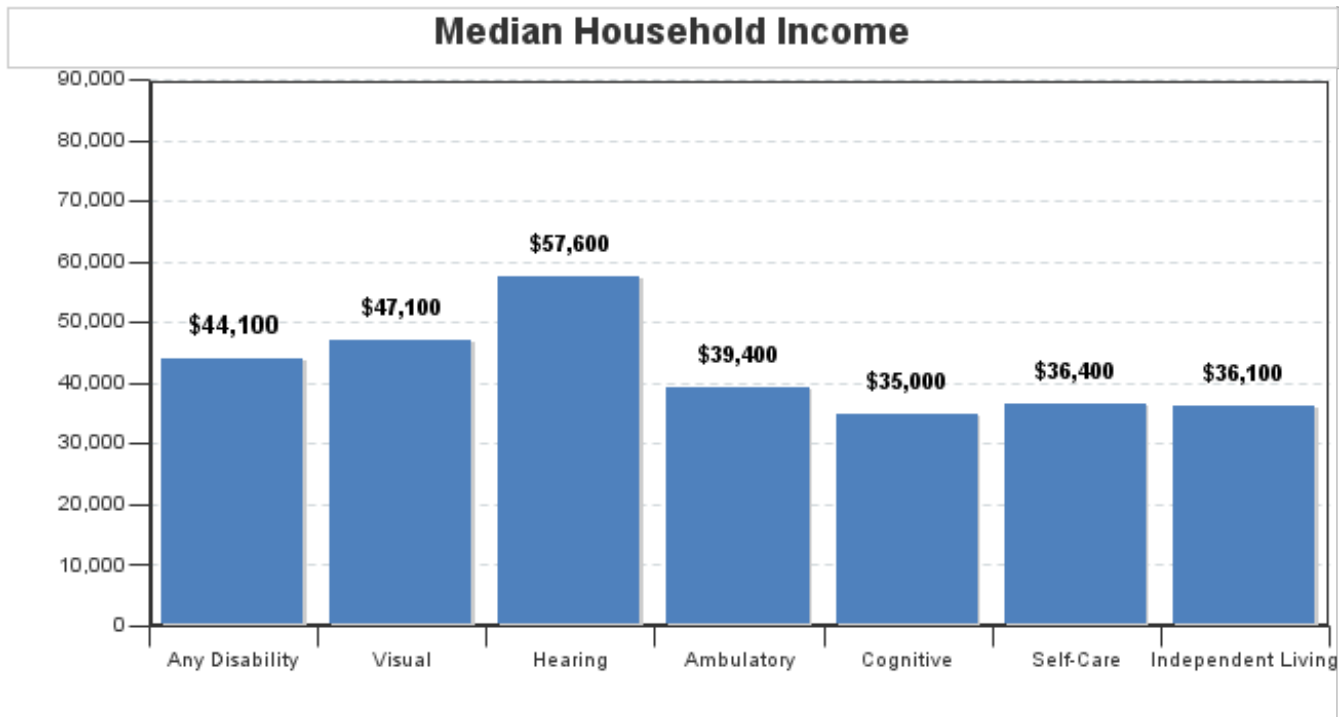


- In 2015, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities in WI was \$44,100.
- In 2015, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in WI was \$66,100.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$22,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$57,600. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Cognitive Disability" \$35,000 .

\* **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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	Median H.H. Income	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$66,100	\$1,110	1,564,000	15,262
Any Disability	\$44,100	2,280	277,000	2,739
Visual	\$47,100	6,620	44,000	440
Hearing	\$57,600	4,930	68,000	719
Ambulatory	\$39,400	3,120	136,000	1,344
Cognitive	\$35,000	3,180	115,000	1,093
Self-Care	\$36,400	5,460	50,000	486
Independent Living	\$36,100	4,170	90,000	938

\* **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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

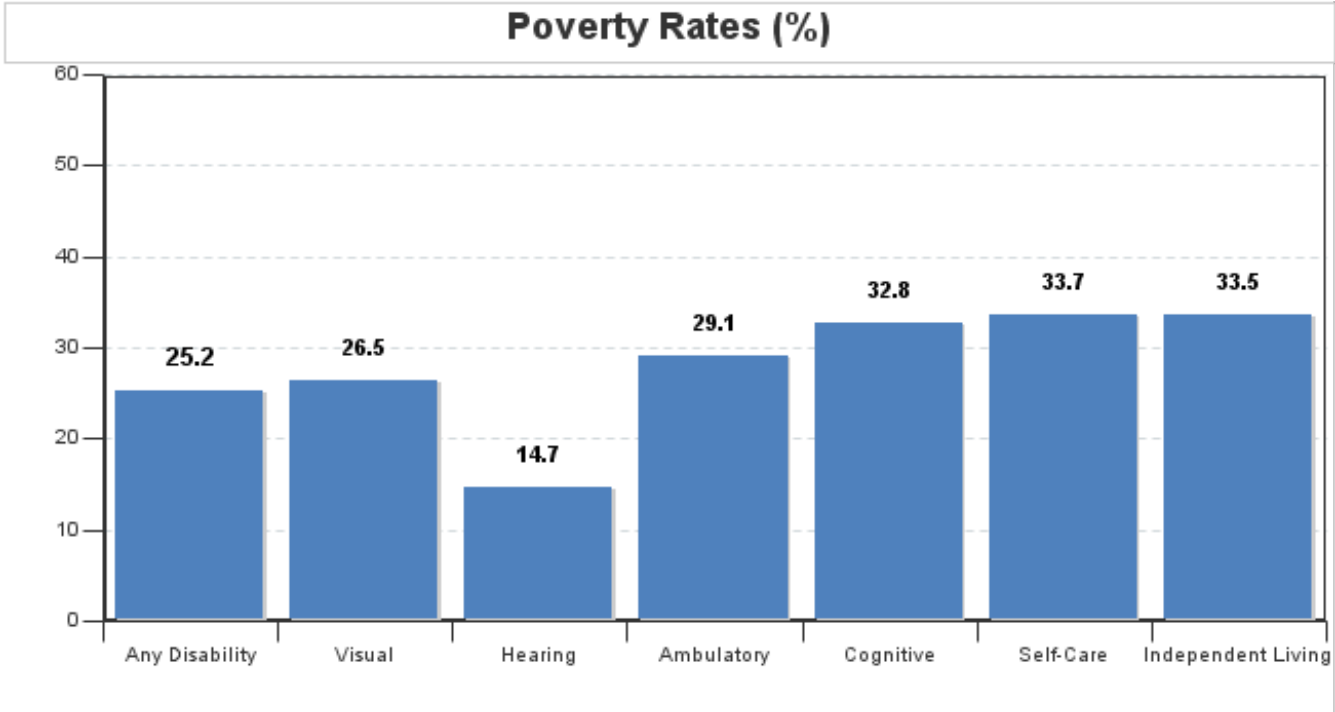
## Quick Statistics



- In 2015, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in WI was 25.2 percent.
- In 2015, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in WI was 9.1 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 16.1 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 33.7 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 14.7 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	9.1	0.52	268,600	15,740	2,967,600	28,708
Any Disability	25.2	2.34	84,100	8,950	333,600	3,350
Visual	26.5	6.24	12,800	3,520	48,400	484
Hearing	14.7	4.10	10,600	3,200	72,000	753
Ambulatory	29.1	3.56	45,800	6,630	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	32.8	3.90	46,000	6,640	140,300	1,400
Self-Care	33.7	6.03	20,000	4,390	59,400	637
Independent Living	33.5	4.40	37,300	5,990	111,300	1,199

\* **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

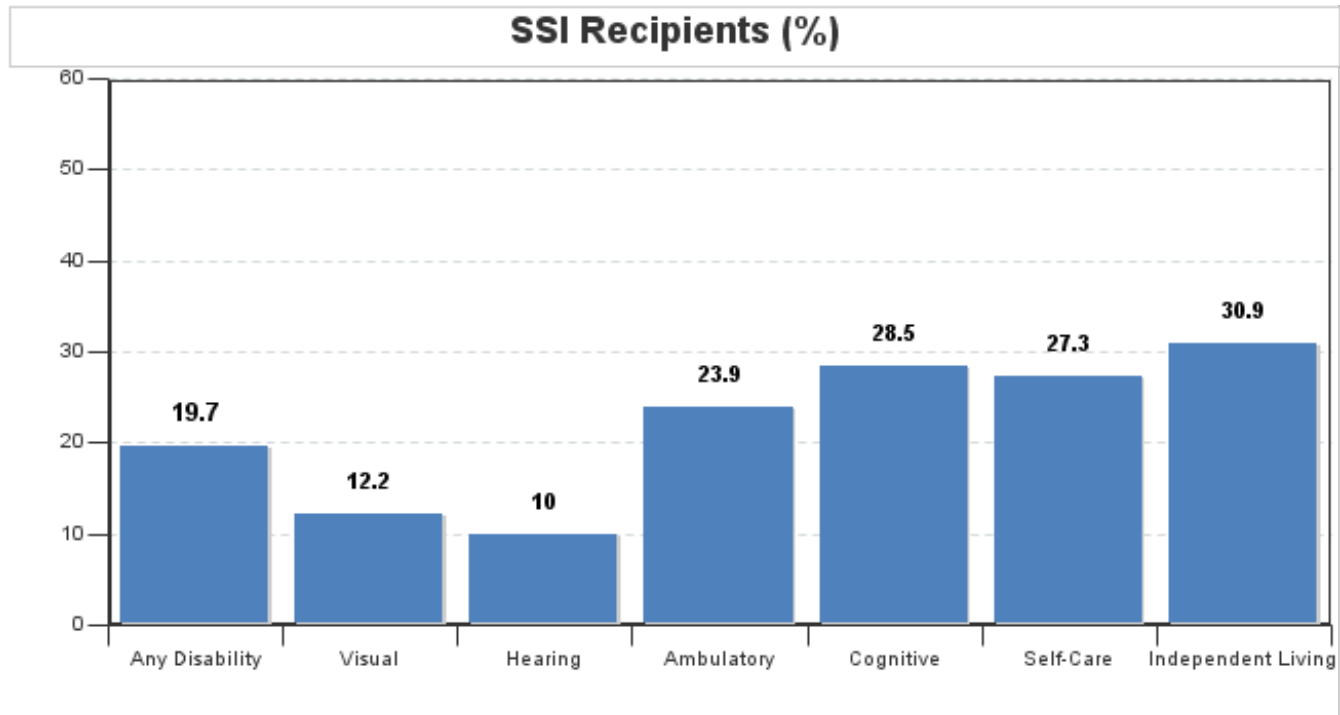
This section focuses on the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary. Please note that these results will differ from official Social Security Administration reports for several reasons. For additional information, please email [DisabilityStatistics@cornell.edu](mailto:DisabilityStatistics@cornell.edu).

## Quick Statistics

SSI  
Recipients:  
with disability  
**19.7%**

- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in WI was 19.7 percent.
- In 2015, the number of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in WI was 65,700.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage that received SSI was people with "Independent Living Disability," 30.9 percent. The lowest percentage that received SSI was people with "Hearing Disability," 10.0 percent.

## Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	19.7	1.46	65,700	5,420	333,900	3,353
Visual	12.2	3.16	5,900	1,640	48,600	486
Hearing	10.0	2.38	7,200	1,810	72,000	753
Ambulatory	23.9	2.29	37,700	4,120	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	28.5	2.56	40,000	4,240	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	27.3	3.89	16,200	2,700	59,400	637
Independent Living	30.9	2.95	34,400	3,940	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

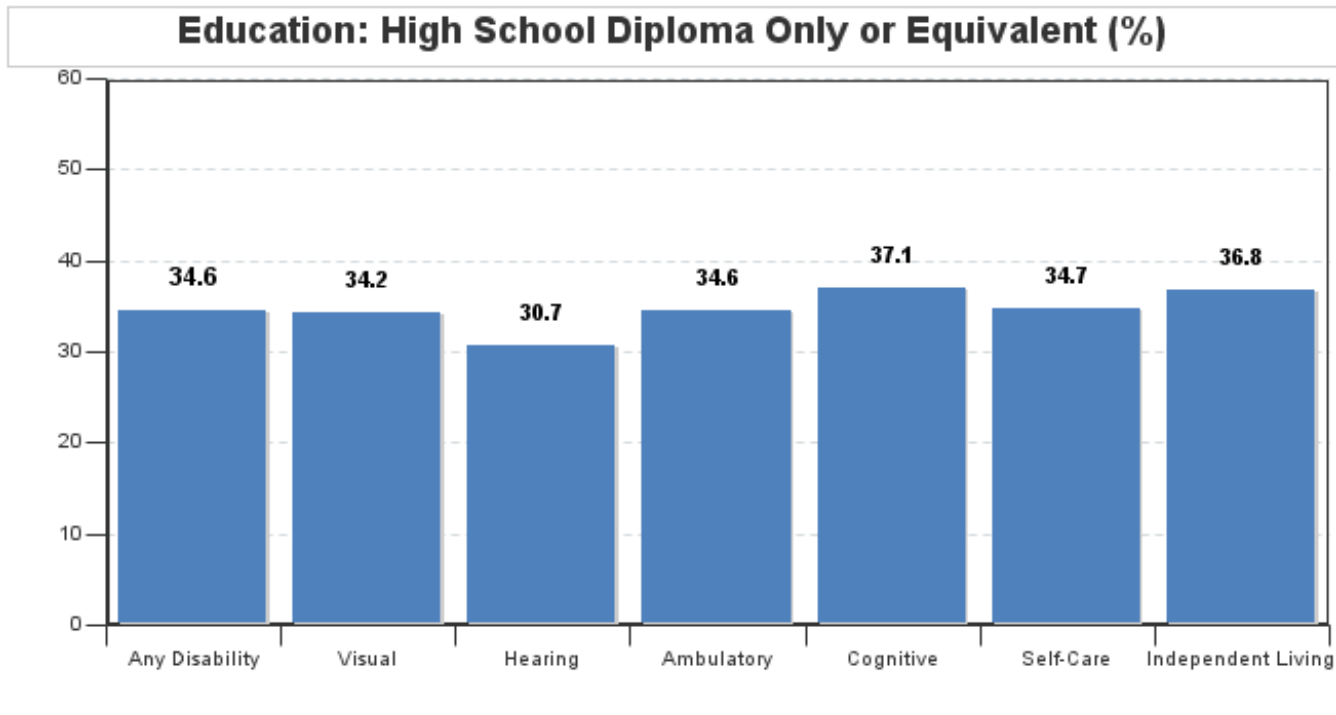
### Quick Statistics

High School  
Only: with  
disability  
**34.6%**

High School  
Only: without  
disability  
**26.9%**

- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in WI was 34.6 percent.
- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in WI was 26.9 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 7.7 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 "Cognitive Disability," 37.1 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Hearing Disability," 30.7 percent.

## Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only a high school diploma or equivalent by disability status in WI in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	26.9	0.55	799,500	17,660	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	34.6	1.75	115,600	7,160	333,900	3,353
Visual	34.2	4.58	16,600	2,740	48,600	486
Hearing	30.7	3.66	22,100	3,160	72,000	753
Ambulatory	34.6	2.55	54,500	4,940	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	37.1	2.74	52,100	4,840	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	34.7	4.16	20,600	3,050	59,400	637
Independent Living	36.8	3.08	40,900	4,290	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

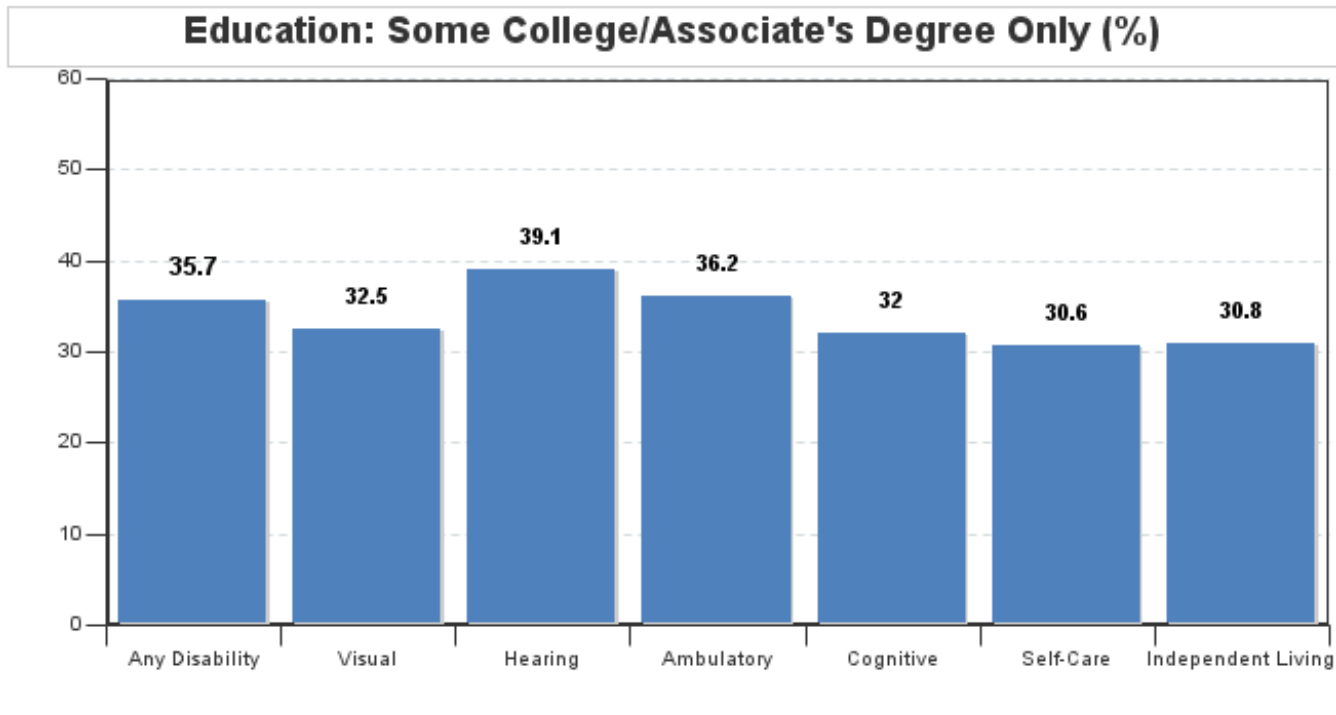
Some  
College: with  
disability  
**35.7%**

Some  
College:  
without  
disability  
**35.2%**

- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in WI was 35.7 percent.
- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in WI was 35.2 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was -0.5 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," 39.1 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 30.6 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	35.2	0.59	1,048,400	19,710	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	35.7	1.76	119,200	7,270	333,900	3,353
Visual	32.5	4.52	15,800	2,670	48,600	486
Hearing	39.1	3.87	28,100	3,560	72,000	753
Ambulatory	36.2	2.58	57,000	5,050	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	32.0	2.65	44,900	4,490	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	30.6	4.02	18,200	2,870	59,400	637
Independent Living	30.8	2.94	34,300	3,930	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

### Quick Statistics

Bachelor's  
Degree or  
More: with  
disability

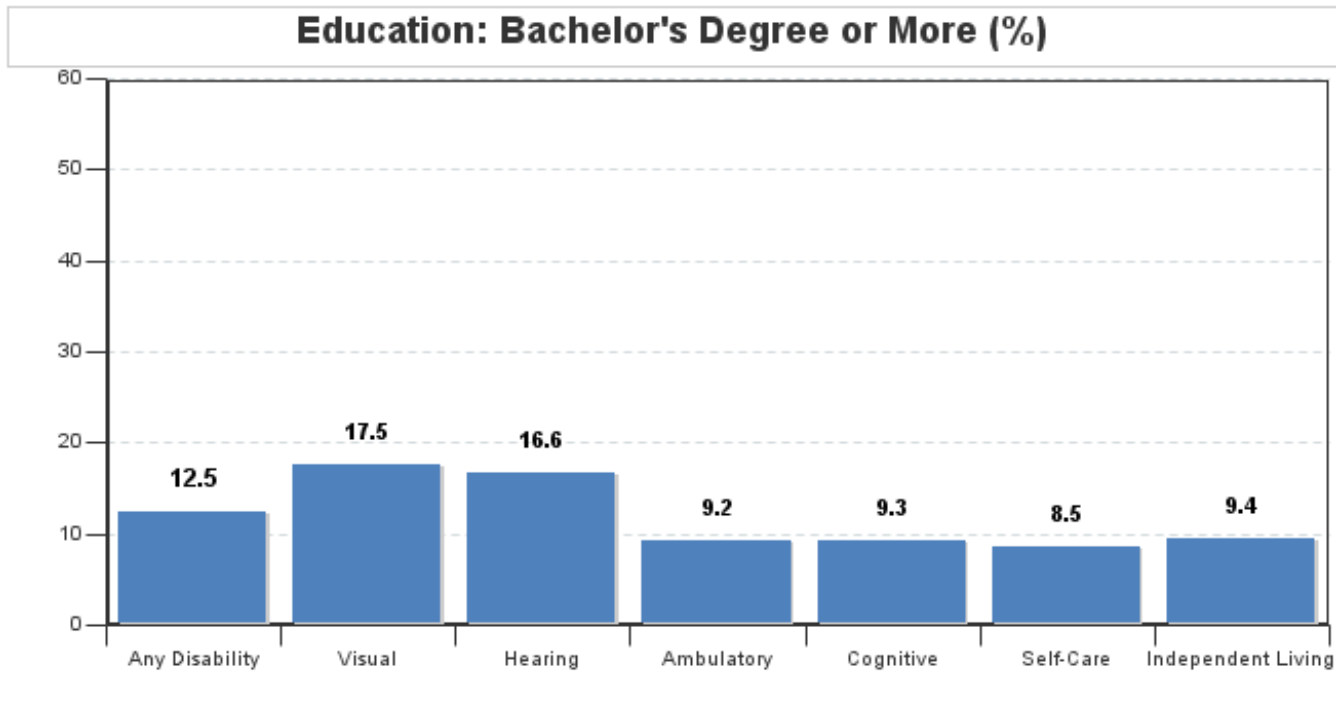
**12.5%**

Bachelor's  
Degree or  
More: without  
disability

**32.1%**

- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in WI was 12.5 percent.
- In 2015, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in WI was 32.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 19.6 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 "Visual Disability," 17.5 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 8.5 percent.

## Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with a Bachelor's degree or more by disability status in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	32.1	0.58	955,400	19,000	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	12.5	1.22	41,700	4,330	333,900	3,353
Visual	17.5	3.67	8,500	1,960	48,600	486
Hearing	16.6	2.95	11,900	2,320	72,000	753
Ambulatory	9.2	1.55	14,500	2,560	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	9.3	1.65	13,000	2,430	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	8.5	2.43	5,100	1,510	59,400	637
Independent Living	9.4	1.86	10,500	2,170	111,300	1,199

# Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

## Introduction

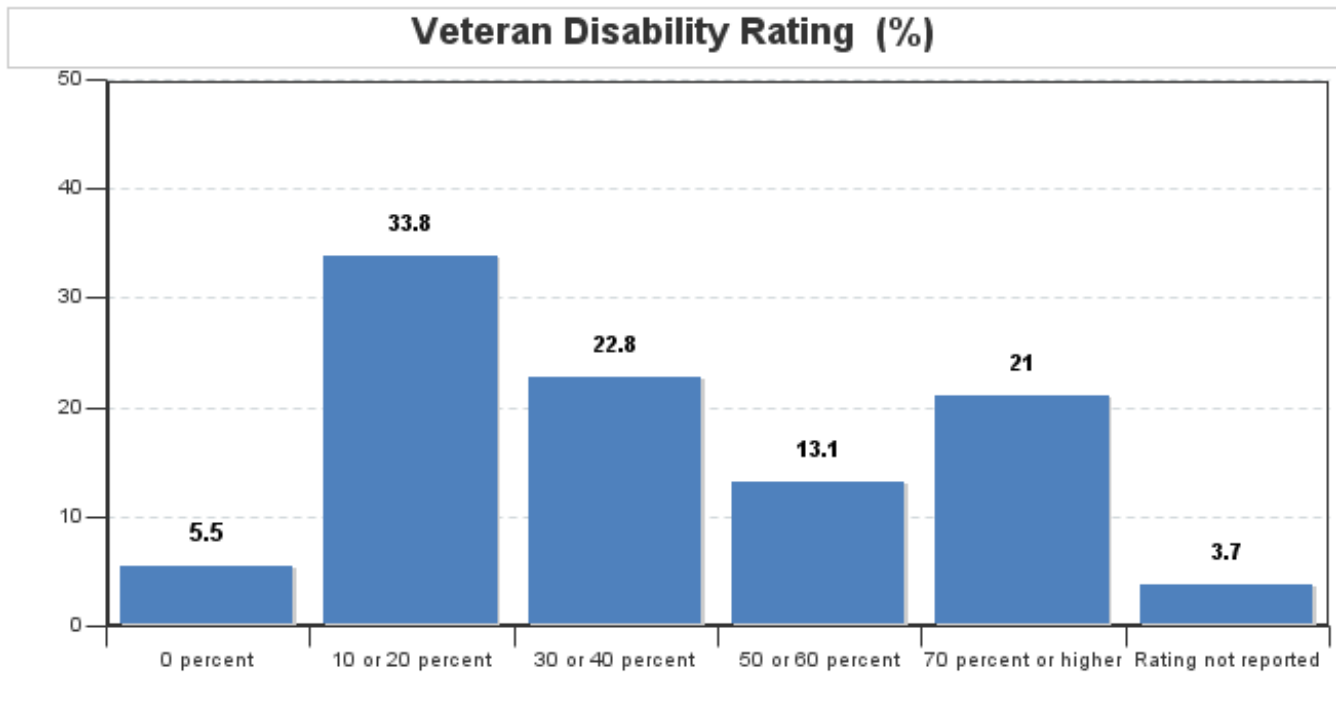
This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in Wisconsin. The 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (0-100%). 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  
**22.5%**

- In 2015, there were 166,900 working-age civilian veterans in WI, of whom 37,600 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2015, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in WI with a VA service-connected disability was 22.5 percent.
- In 2015, 7,900 working-age civilian veterans in WI had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2015, 21.0 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in WI 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Service-Connected Disability	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Has a service-connected disability rating (0-100%)	22.5	2.18	37,600	4,110	166,900	1,729
<b>Disability rating of veterans with a service connected-disability</b>						
0 percent	5.5	2.50	2,100	970	37,600	397
10 or 20 percent	33.8	5.19	12,700	2,390	37,600	397
30 or 40 percent	22.8	4.60	8,600	1,970	37,600	397
50 or 60 percent	13.1	3.70	4,900	1,490	37,600	397
70 percent or higher	21.0	4.47	7,900	1,890	37,600	397
Rating not reported	3.7	2.07	1,400	800	37,600	397

# Health Insurance Coverage

## Introduction

This section examines the health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

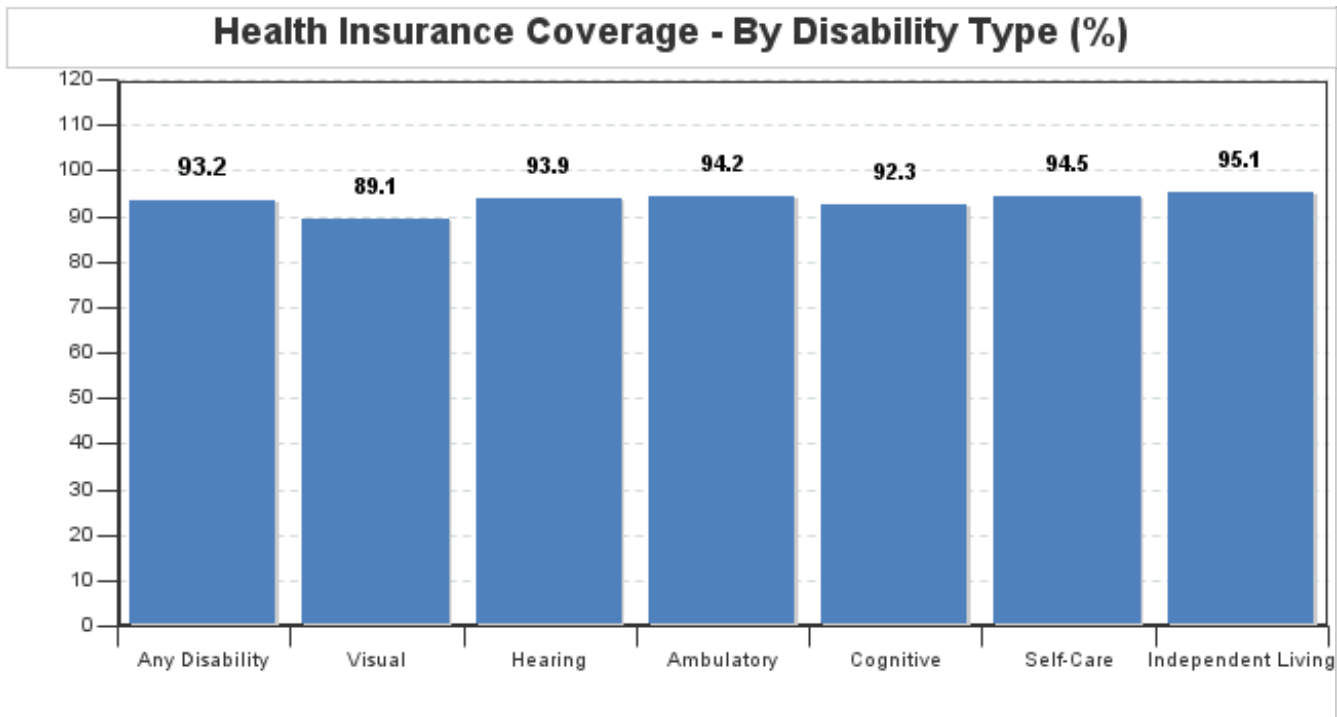
## Quick Statistics

Health  
Coverage:  
with Disability  
**93.2%**

Health  
Coverage:  
without  
Disability  
**92.1%**

- In 2015, 93.2 percent of working-age people with disabilities in WI had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2015, 92.1 percent of working-age people without disabilities in WI had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate 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 health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 95.1 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 89.1 percent.

## Health Insurance Coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	92.1	0.33	2,741,100	25,530	2,977,200	28,886
Any Disability	93.2	0.93	311,200	11,550	333,900	3,353
Visual	89.1	3.01	43,300	4,410	48,600	486
Hearing	93.9	1.90	67,600	5,500	72,000	753
Ambulatory	94.2	1.25	148,300	8,090	157,300	1,568
Cognitive	92.3	1.51	129,500	7,570	140,300	1,401
Self-Care	94.5	1.99	56,100	5,020	59,400	637
Independent Living	95.1	1.38	105,900	6,860	111,300	1,199

# 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 Wisconsin, using data from the 2015 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

**38.8%**

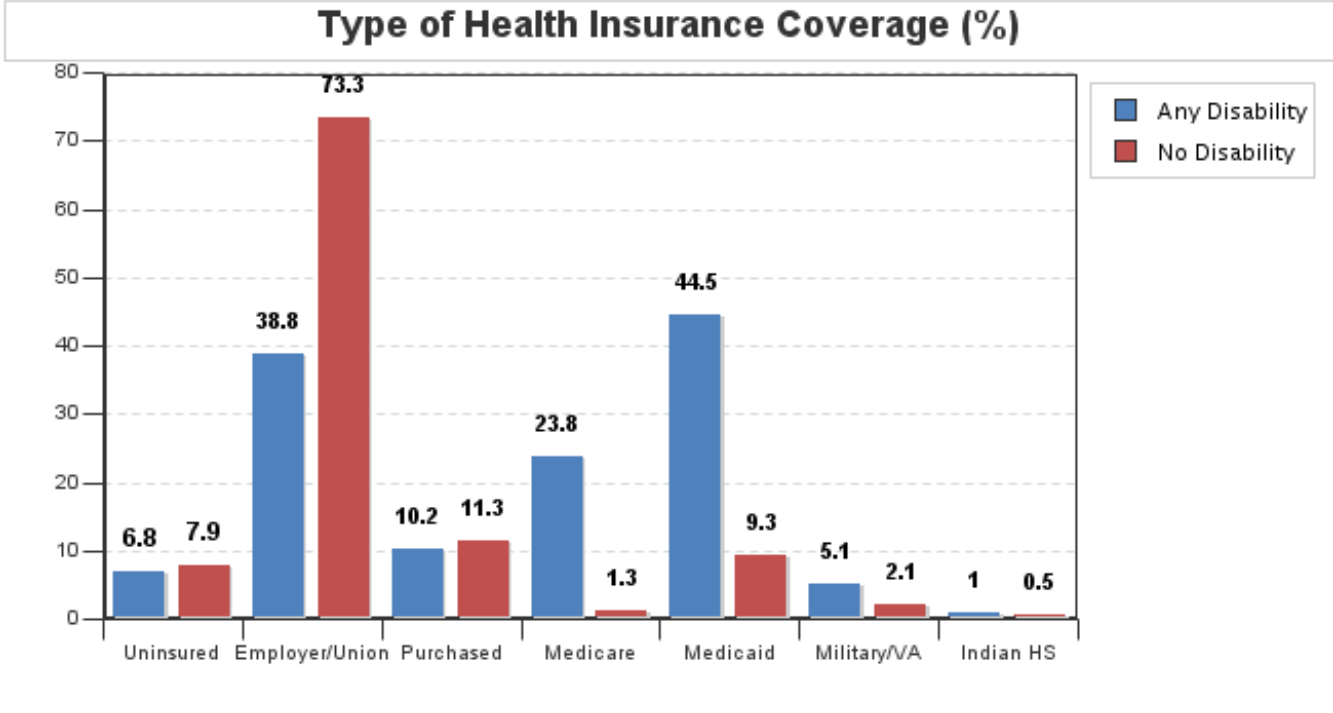
Coverage  
through  
Employer/Union:  
without  
Disability

**73.3%**

- In 2015, 38.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in WI reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2015, 73.3 percent of working-age people without disabilities in WI reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2015, 10.2 percent of working-age people with disabilities in WI reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2015, 23.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in WI reported Medicare coverage and 44.5 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 Wisconsin in 2015



Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
<b>Any Disability</b>						
Uninsured	6.8	0.93	22,600	3,190	333,900	3,353
Employer/Union	38.8	1.79	129,600	7,570	333,900	3,353
Purchased	10.2	1.11	34,000	3,910	333,900	3,353
Medicare	23.8	1.57	79,300	5,950	333,900	3,353
Medicaid	44.5	1.83	148,500	8,090	333,900	3,353
Military/VA	5.1	0.81	17,000	2,770	333,900	3,353
Indian Health Service	1.0	3.29	3,300	1,220	333,900	3,353
<b>No Disability</b>						
Uninsured	7.9	0.33	236,200	10,130	2,977,200	28,886
Employer/Union	73.3	0.55	2,183,600	24,790	2,977,200	28,886
Purchased	11.3	0.39	335,400	11,960	2,977,200	28,886
Medicare	1.3	3.29	40,100	4,240	2,977,200	28,886
Medicaid	9.3	0.36	275,600	10,900	2,977,200	28,886
Military/VA	2.1	0.18	61,700	5,260	2,977,200	28,886
Indian Health Service	0.5	3.29	13,800	2,500	2,977,200	28,886

# 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/](http://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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