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About the Disability Status Report

The 2016 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 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 2016 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.

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.

Puerto Rico Summary

These statistics indicate the social and economic status of non-institutionalized people with disabilities in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS).

Age: In 2016, the prevalence of disability in PR was:

- 21.4 percent for persons of all ages
- 1.4 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 11.0 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 8.7 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 18.1 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 37.5 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 62.9 percent for persons ages 75+

Disability Type: In 2016, the prevalence of the six disability types among persons of all ages in PR was:

- 6.4% reported a Visual Disability
- 4.3% reported a Hearing Disability
- 12.1% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 9.7% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 5.1% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 11.4% reported an Independent Living Disability

Gender: In 2016, 21.8 percent of females of all ages and 21.0 percent of males of all ages in PR reported a disability.

Hispanic/Latino: In 2016, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in PR was 21.6 percent.

Race: In PR in 2016, the prevalence of disability for working-age people (ages 21 to 64) was:

- 18.2 percent among Whites
- 16.3 percent among Black / African Americans
- 16.9 percent among Asians
- 23.9 percent among Native Americans
- 18.8 percent among persons of some other race(s)

Employment: In 2016, the employment rate of working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in PR was 23.1 percent.

Looking for Work: In PR in 2016, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 8.6 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment: In PR in 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 14.7 percent.

Annual Earnings: In 2016, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in PR was \$20,200.

Annual Household Income: In PR in 2016, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$18,500.

Poverty: In PR in 2016, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 50.5 percent.

Supplemental Security Income: 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.

Educational Attainment: In 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities in PR:

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 31.4 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 23.5 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 17.5 percent.

Veterans Service-Connected Disability: In 2016, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 30.1 percent in PR.

Health Insurance Coverage: In 2016 in PR, 94.4 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 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). The US disability prevalence rate for this population was 10.9%

Location	2016 (%)	Location	2016 (%)
Alabama	14.7	Montana	13.0
Alaska	12.3	Nebraska	10.2
Arizona	11.3	Nevada	11.4
Arkansas	15.6	New Hampshire	10.6
California	8.5	New Jersey	8.0
Colorado	9.0	New Mexico	13.3
Connecticut	8.7	New York	9.2
Delaware	9.8	North Carolina	12.3
District of Columbia	9.7	North Dakota	9.0
Florida	10.7	Ohio	12.3
Georgia	11.5	Oklahoma	15.1
Hawaii	8.0	Oregon	12.7
Idaho	12.2	Pennsylvania	12.2
Illinois	9.0	Puerto Rico	18.1
Indiana	12.4	Rhode Island	11.7
Iowa	10.1	South Carolina	13.3
Kansas	11.3	South Dakota	10.0
Kentucky	17.0	Tennessee	14.4
Louisiana	14.3	Texas	10.2
Maine	13.4	Utah	9.3
Maryland	9.1	Vermont	12.0
Massachusetts	9.3	Virginia	9.8
Michigan	13.1	Washington	11.3
Minnesota	8.9	West Virginia	18.5
Mississippi	15.1	Wisconsin	9.8
Missouri	13.2	Wyoming	12.4

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 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). The employment rate in the US for this population was 36.2% for people with disabilities and 78.9% for people without disabilities.

Location	People with Disabilities 2016	People without Disabilities 2016	Location	People with Disabilities 2016	People without Disabilities 2016
Alabama	27.9	75.5	Montana	42.7	80.9
Alaska	49.4	77.6	Nebraska	49.8	85.7
Arizona	35.1	76.1	Nevada	42.6	77.6
Arkansas	32.0	77.6	New Hampshire	45.6	85.2
California	35.0	76.5	New Jersey	37.4	79.7
Colorado	42.8	81.5	New Mexico	31.6	73.9
Connecticut	39.0	81.4	New York	33.0	77.9
Delaware	36.2	79.2	North Carolina	35.2	78.3
District of Columbia	33.8	80.7	North Dakota	51.5	85.4
Florida	32.7	77.3	Ohio	35.7	80.2
Georgia	34.7	77.9	Oklahoma	36.5	77.7
Hawaii	40.5	81.2	Oregon	40.1	78.5
Idaho	42.9	77.9	Pennsylvania	35.2	80.0
Illinois	35.1	79.8	Puerto Rico	23.1	58.6
Indiana	36.9	81.2	Rhode Island	31.5	80.9
Iowa	45.8	84.3	South Carolina	33.4	78.0
Kansas	46.0	82.5	South Dakota	52.0	84.5
Kentucky	31.0	77.6	Tennessee	31.4	78.3
Louisiana	30.9	75.4	Texas	39.7	78.3
Maine	32.4	81.4	Utah	46.2	79.7
Maryland	42.2	82.5	Vermont	41.4	85.0
Massachusetts	38.9	82.3	Virginia	39.5	81.4
Michigan	33.6	78.3	Washington	39.2	79.0
Minnesota	48.7	85.5	West Virginia	27.9	72.6
Mississippi	29.0	74.8	Wisconsin	41.6	83.6
Missouri	34.2	81.0	Wyoming	47.0	80.6

Prevalence

All Ages

Introduction

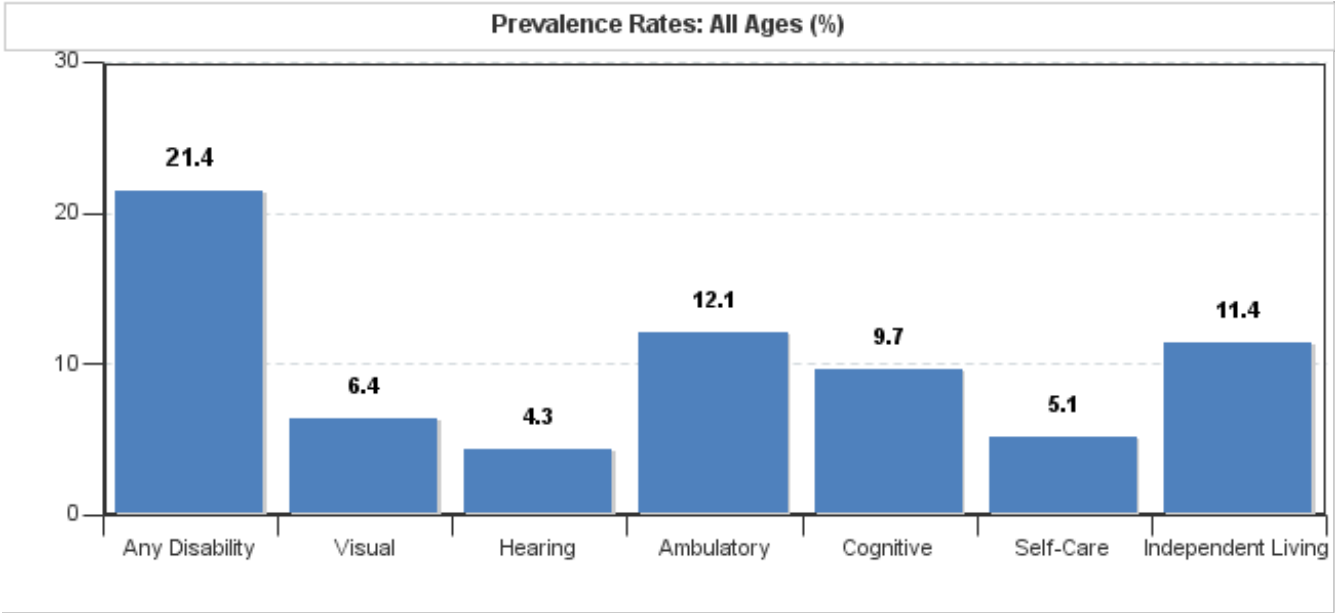
This section addresses the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
All Ages
21.4%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in PR was 21.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 726,100 of the 3,386,000 individuals of all ages in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 12.1 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 4.3 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Puerto Rico in 2016*



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	21.4	0.47	726,100	16,090	3,386,000	29,756
Visual	6.4	0.28	218,400	9,620	3,386,000	29,756
Hearing	4.3	0.24	147,000	7,980	3,386,000	29,756
Ambulatory	12.1	0.39	390,000	12,500	3,226,200	28,585
Cognitive	9.7	0.35	314,300	11,370	3,226,200	28,585
Self-Care	5.1	0.26	165,600	8,450	3,226,200	28,585
Independent Living	11.4	0.40	322,700	11,500	2,829,500	25,586

* **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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). Only the two sensory disability questions were asked of this population. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

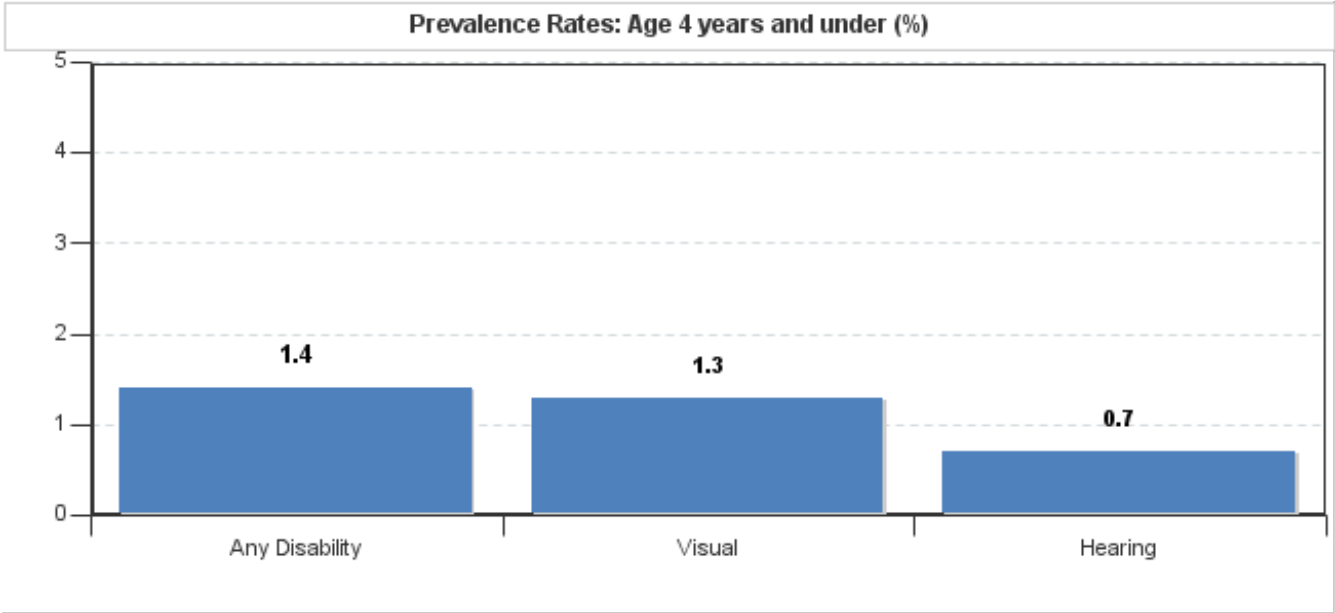
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 4 and
under

1.4%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in PR was 1.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 2,200 of the 159,700 children ages 0 to 4 in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, 1.3 percent reported a "Visual Disability"
- In PR in 2016, 0.7 percent reported a "Hearing Disability"

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 4 and under in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	1.4	3.29	2,200	1,000	159,700	1,171
Visual	1.3	3.29	2,100	960	159,700	1,171
Hearing	0.7	3.29	1,200	720	159,700	1,171

Prevalence

Ages 5 to 15 years

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 5 to 15 in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

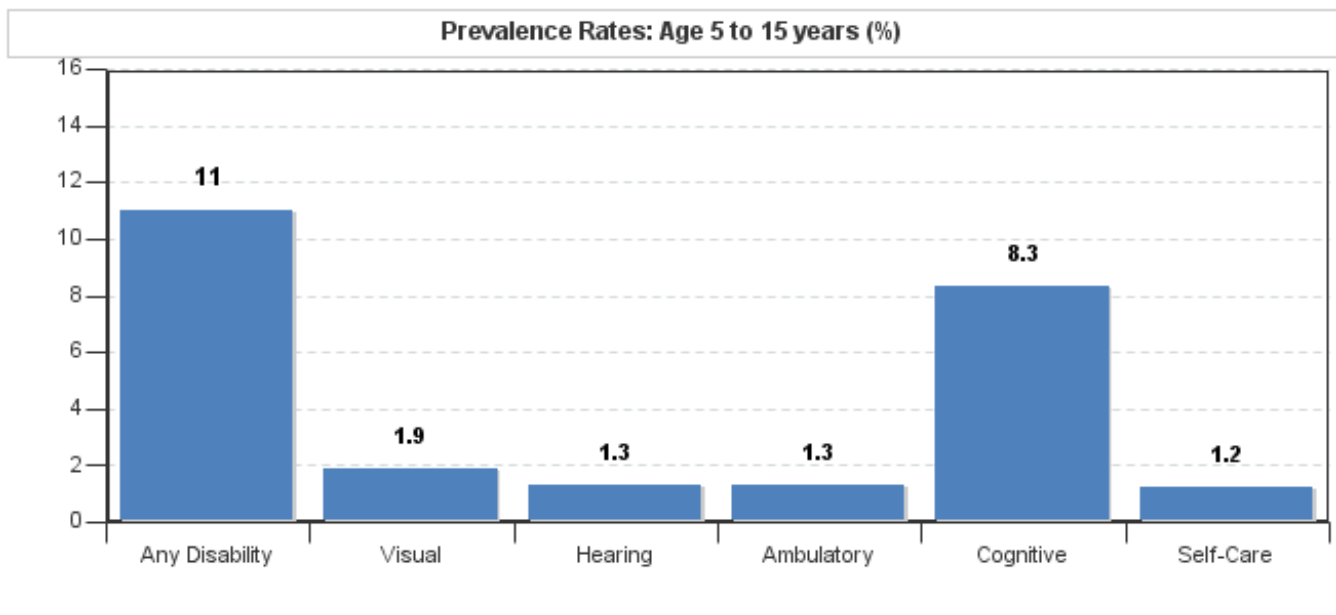
Prevalence:
Ages 5 to 15
years

11.0%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in PR was 11.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 48,400 of the 440,500 individuals ages 5 to 15 in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the five types of disabilities* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 8.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 1.2 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	11.0	1.00	48,400	4,650	440,500	3,351
Visual	1.9	3.29	8,400	1,950	440,500	3,351
Hearing	1.3	3.29	5,500	1,580	440,500	3,351
Ambulatory	1.3	3.29	5,500	1,580	440,500	3,351
Cognitive	8.3	0.88	36,400	4,040	440,500	3,351
Self-Care	1.2	3.29	5,300	1,550	440,500	3,351

* **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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

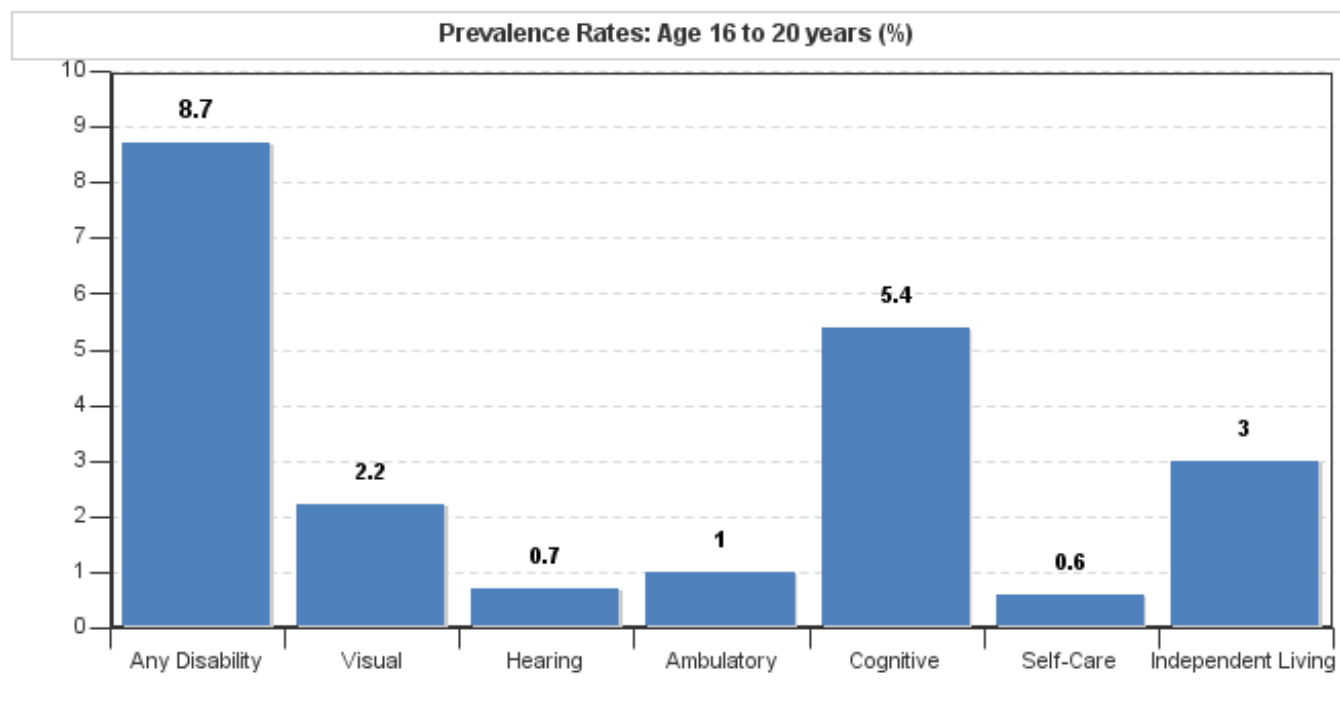
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 16 to
20 years

8.7%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in PR was 8.7 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 21,400 of the 245,800 individuals ages 16 to 20 in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 5.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 0.6 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	8.7	1.21	21,400	3,100	245,800	1,976
Visual	2.2	0.63	5,500	1,570	245,800	1,976
Hearing	0.7	3.29	1,700	880	245,800	1,976
Ambulatory	1.0	3.29	2,500	1,050	245,800	1,976
Cognitive	5.4	0.97	13,200	2,440	245,800	1,976
Self-Care	0.6	3.29	1,400	810	245,800	1,976
Independent Living	3.0	0.73	7,300	1,820	245,800	1,976

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

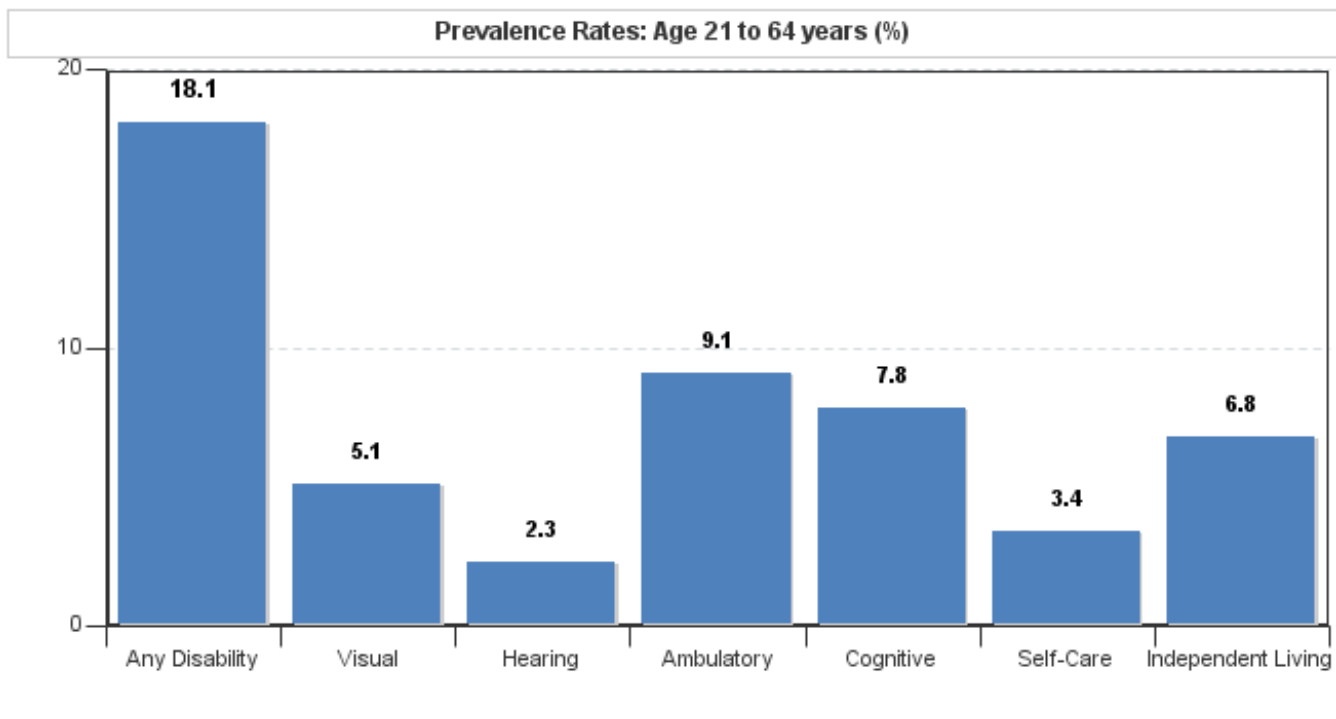
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Prevalence:
Ages 21 to 64
years

18.1%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in PR was 18.1 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 344,200 of the 1,900,400 individuals ages 21 to 64 in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 9.1 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Hearing Disability," 2.3 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 21 to 64 in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	18.1	0.59	344,200	11,840	1,900,400	15,880
Visual	5.1	0.34	96,400	6,510	1,900,400	15,880
Hearing	2.3	0.23	43,300	4,400	1,900,400	15,880
Ambulatory	9.1	0.44	173,600	8,640	1,900,400	15,880
Cognitive	7.8	0.41	148,500	8,020	1,900,400	15,880
Self-Care	3.4	0.28	65,400	5,390	1,900,400	15,880
Independent Living	6.8	0.39	128,800	7,490	1,900,400	15,880

Prevalence

Ages 65 to 74 years

Introduction

This section explores the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

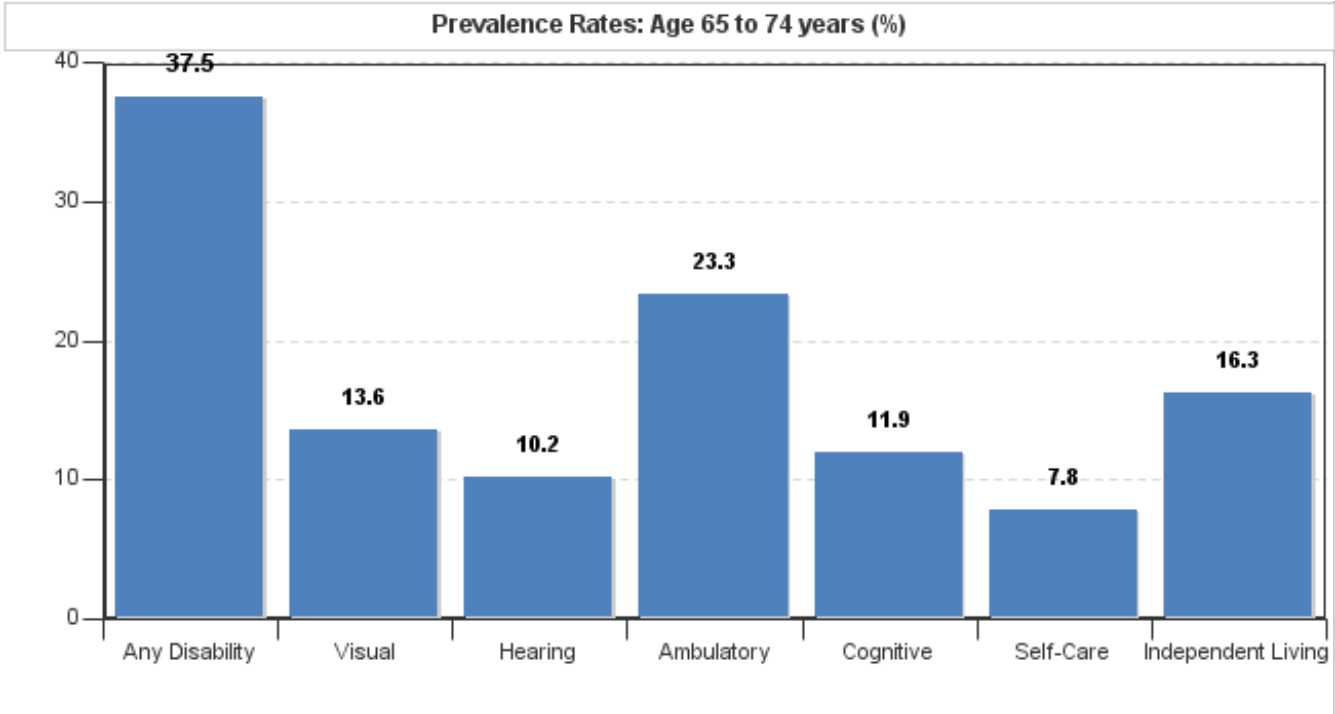
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Prevalence:
Ages 65 to 74
years

37.5%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in PR was 37.5 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 136,700 of the 364,200 individuals ages 65 to 74 in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 23.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 7.8 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	37.5	1.71	136,700	7,710	364,200	4,125
Visual	13.6	1.21	49,700	4,710	364,200	4,125
Hearing	10.2	1.06	37,000	4,070	364,200	4,125
Ambulatory	23.3	1.49	84,900	6,120	364,200	4,125
Cognitive	11.9	1.14	43,400	4,400	364,200	4,125
Self-Care	7.8	0.94	28,300	3,560	364,200	4,125
Independent Living	16.3	1.30	59,600	5,150	364,200	4,125

Prevalence

Ages 75 and Older

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

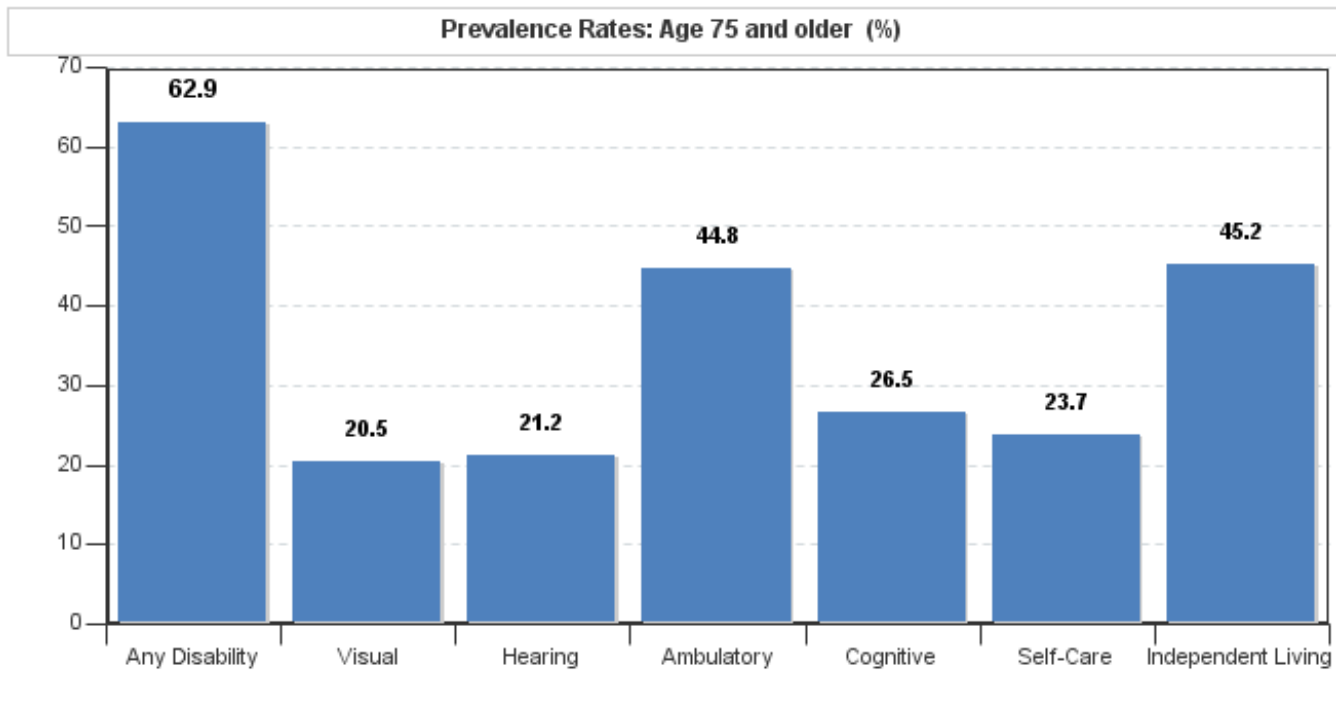
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Prevalence:
Ages 75 and
Older

62.9%

- In 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in PR was 62.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 173,100 of the 275,200 individuals ages 75 and older in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Independent Living Disability," 45.2 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 20.5 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	62.9	1.96	173,100	8,630	275,200	3,253
Visual	20.5	1.64	56,300	5,010	275,200	3,253
Hearing	21.2	1.66	58,300	5,090	275,200	3,253
Ambulatory	44.8	2.02	123,400	7,340	275,200	3,253
Cognitive	26.5	1.79	72,800	5,680	275,200	3,253
Self-Care	23.7	1.72	65,100	5,380	275,200	3,253
Independent Living	45.2	2.02	124,400	7,370	275,200	3,253

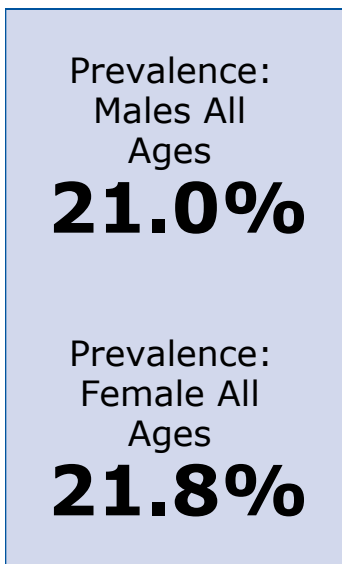
Prevalence

Gender and Age

Introduction

This section examines the prevalence of disability among people by gender and age group in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

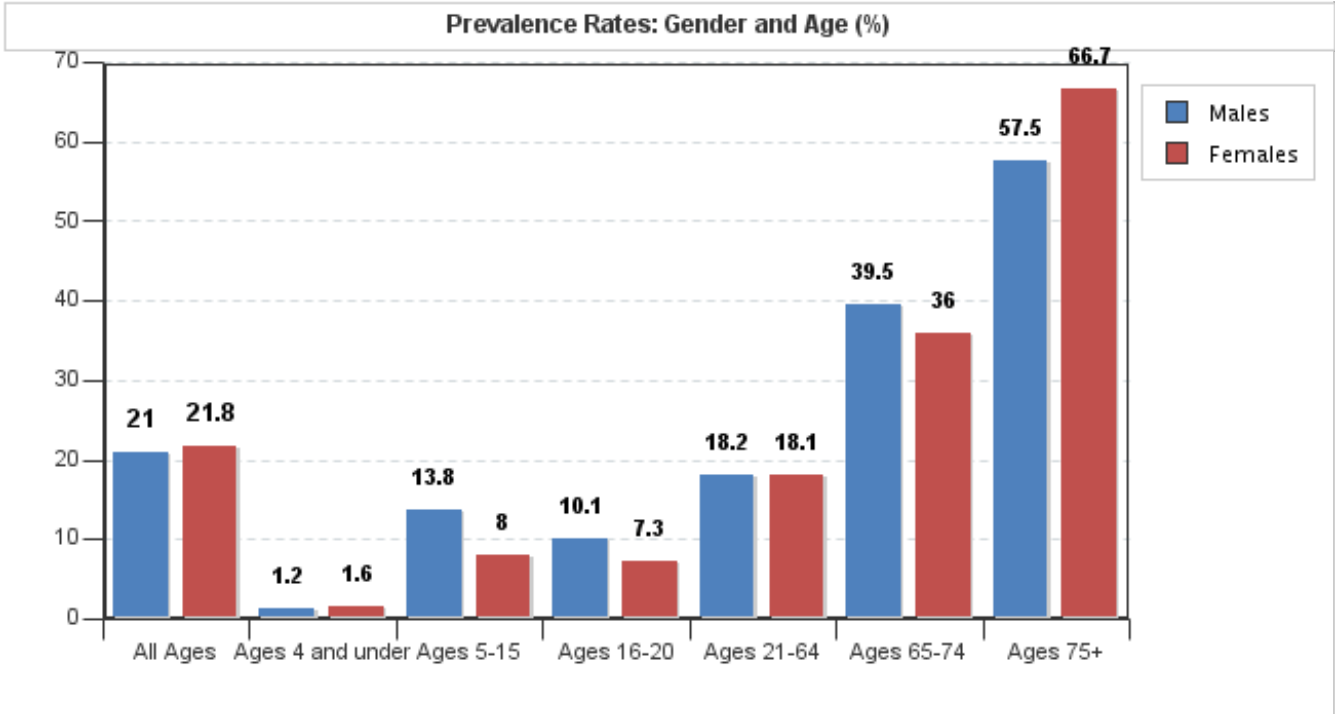
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- In PR in 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 21.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 338,100 of the 1,608,000 males of all ages in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 21.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 388,100 of the 1,778,000 females of all ages in PR 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Gender & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Males						
Males: All Ages	21.0	0.68	338,100	11,740	1,608,000	13,711
Males: Ages 4 and under	1.2	3.29	1,000	670	83,200	625
Males: Ages 5-15	13.8	1.55	31,300	3,750	225,900	1,730
Males: Ages 16-20	10.1	1.81	12,600	2,380	124,900	999
Males: Ages 21-64	18.2	0.87	162,800	8,380	895,800	7,244
Males: Ages 65-74	39.5	2.57	64,700	5,360	164,100	1,773
Males: Ages 75+	57.5	3.11	65,600	5,400	114,100	1,340
Females						
Females: All Ages	21.8	0.66	388,100	12,480	1,778,000	16,045
Females: Ages 4 and under	1.6	3.29	1,200	750	76,500	546
Females: Ages 5-15	8.0	1.25	17,200	2,780	214,600	1,621
Females: Ages 16-20	7.3	1.59	8,800	2,000	120,900	977
Females: Ages 21-64	18.1	0.82	181,400	8,820	1,004,700	8,636
Females: Ages 65-74	36.0	2.28	72,000	5,650	200,100	2,352
Females: Ages 75+	66.7	2.50	107,500	6,870	161,200	1,913

* **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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Hispanic All
Ages

21.6%

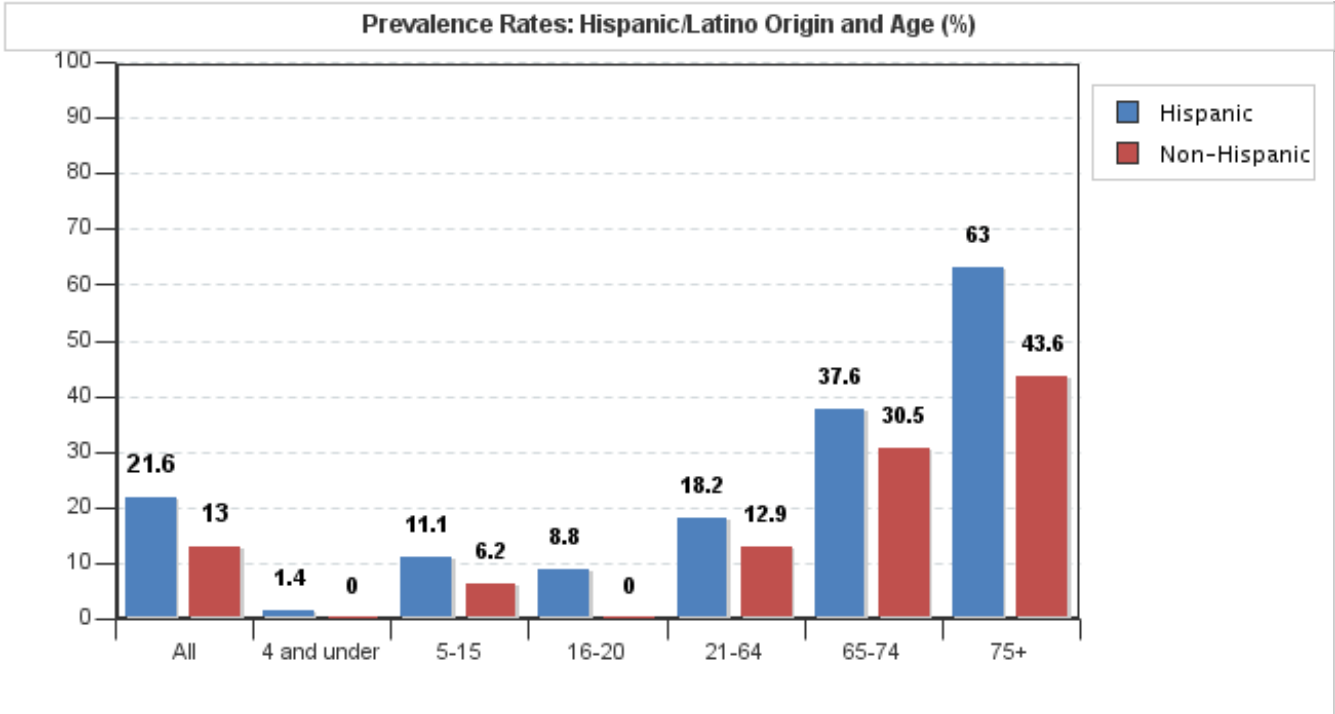
Prevalence:
Non-Hispanic
All Ages

13.0%

- In PR in 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 21.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 720,400 of the 3,341,500 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in PR reported one or more disabilities.
- In PR in 2016, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 13.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2016, 5,800 of the 44,500 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in PR 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Hispanic						
Hispanic - All Ages	21.6	0.48	720,400	16,040	3,341,500	29,408
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	1.4	3.29	2,200	1,000	158,500	1,162
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	11.1	1.01	48,000	4,630	433,200	3,303
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	8.8	1.23	21,400	3,100	242,600	1,957
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	18.2	0.60	340,600	11,780	1,872,700	15,658
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	37.6	1.72	135,700	7,680	360,900	4,092
Hispanic - Ages 75+	63.0	1.96	172,400	8,610	273,600	3,236
Non-Hispanic						
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	13.0	3.39	5,800	1,620	44,500	348
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.0 [†]	3.29	0	400	1,200	9
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	6.2	5.99	500	450	7,400	48
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	0.0 [†]	3.29	0	400	3,200	19
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	12.9	4.28	3,600	1,270	27,700	222
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	30.5 [†]	16.91	1,000	680	3,400	33
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	43.6 [†]	25.84	700	570	1,700	17

* **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 PR, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

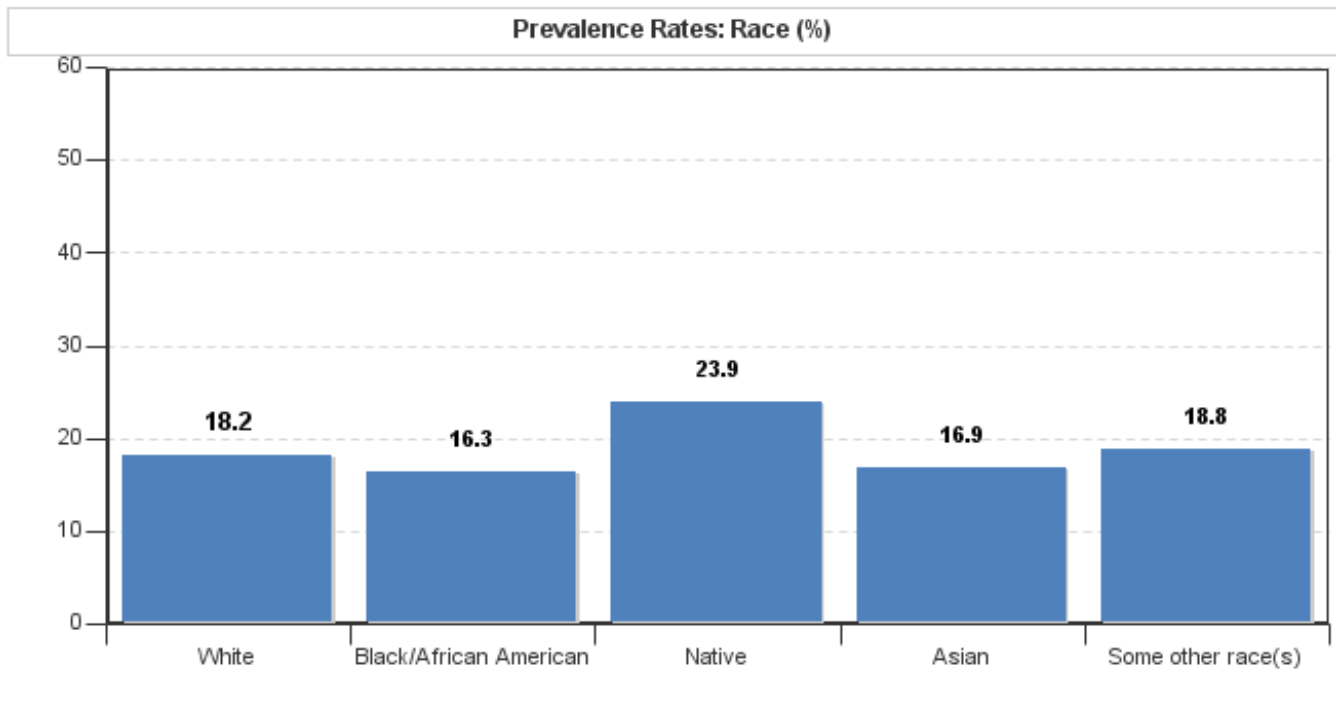
Quick Statistics

In 2016, among working-age people in PR:

- 18.2 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 16.3 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 23.9 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 16.9[†] percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 18.8 percent of persons who were some other race(s) reported a disability.

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

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race in Puerto Rico in 2016



Race	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
White	18.2	0.73	229,400	9,840	1,260,100	10,713
Black/African American	16.3	1.65	36,700	4,050	225,600	1,933
Native American or Alaska Native	23.9	13.01	1,200	730	4,900	46
Asian	16.9 [†]	14.43	500	480	3,100	32
Some other race(s)	18.8	1.30	76,400	5,810	406,900	3,156

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

Employment

Introduction

This section examines the employment rates of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

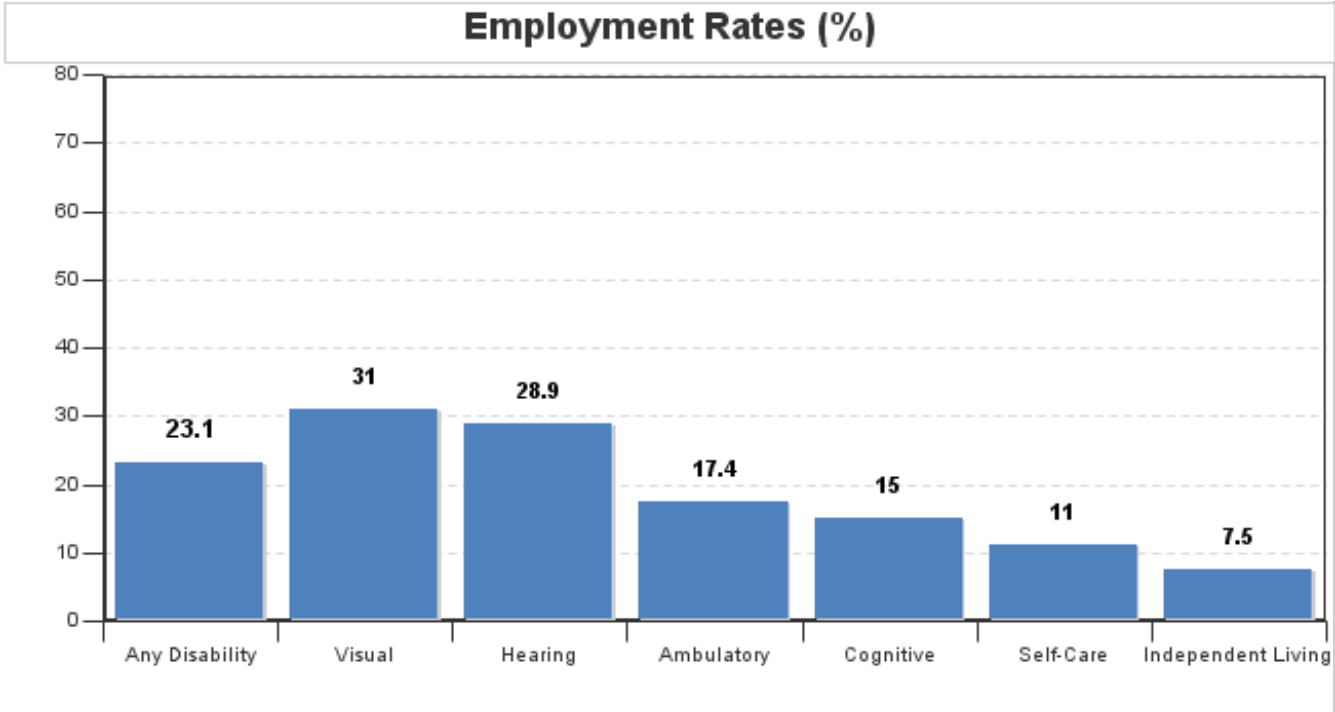
Quick Statistics

Employment:
with disability
23.1%

Employment:
without
disability
58.6%

- In 2016, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in PR was 23.1 percent.
- In 2016, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in PR was 58.6 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 35.5 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Visual Disability," 31.0 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Independent Living Disability," 7.5 percent.

Employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	58.6	0.84	911,700	17,370	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	23.1	1.53	79,500	5,930	344,200	3,034
Visual	31.0	3.17	29,900	3,660	96,400	847
Hearing	28.9	4.64	12,500	2,380	43,300	402
Ambulatory	17.4	1.94	30,200	3,680	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	15.0	1.97	22,300	3,170	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	11.0	2.61	7,200	1,810	65,400	611
Independent Living	7.5	1.56	9,600	2,080	128,800	1,178

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 Puerto Rico who are not working but actively looking for work, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

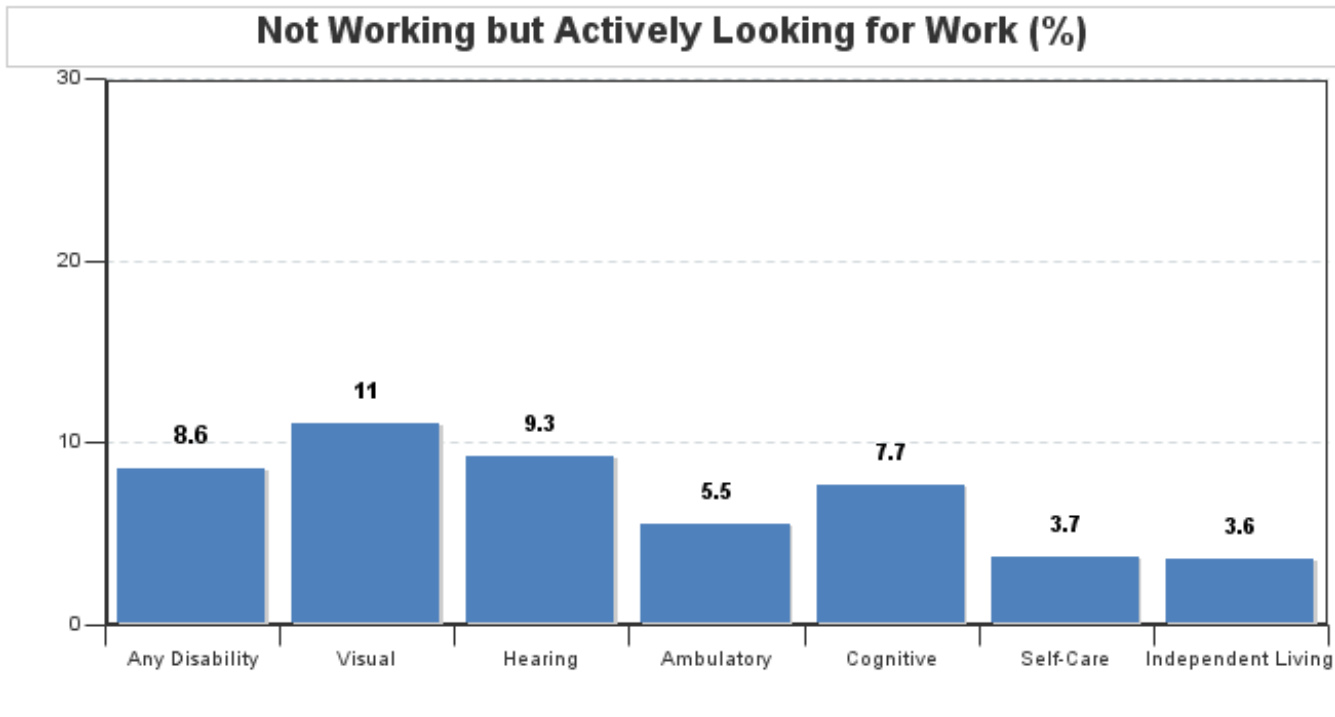
Quick Statistics

Actively
Looking: with
disability
8.6%

Actively
Looking:
without
disability
24.3%

- In 2016 in PR, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 8.6 percent.
- In 2016 in PR, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 24.3 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 15.7 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 "Visual Disability," 11.0 percent. The lowest percentage was for people with a "Independent Living Disability," 3.6 percent.

Percentage who are not working but actively looking for work among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	24.3	1.14	156,600	8,220	644,500	5,316
Any Disability	8.6	1.16	22,600	3,190	264,600	2,348
Visual	11.0	2.58	7,300	1,820	66,500	603
Hearing	9.3	3.52	2,900	1,140	30,800	288
Ambulatory	5.5	1.28	7,900	1,880	143,400	1,318
Cognitive	7.7	1.60	9,700	2,100	126,200	1,096
Self-Care	3.7	1.66	2,200	990	58,200	543
Independent Living	3.6	1.15	4,300	1,400	119,200	1,088

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

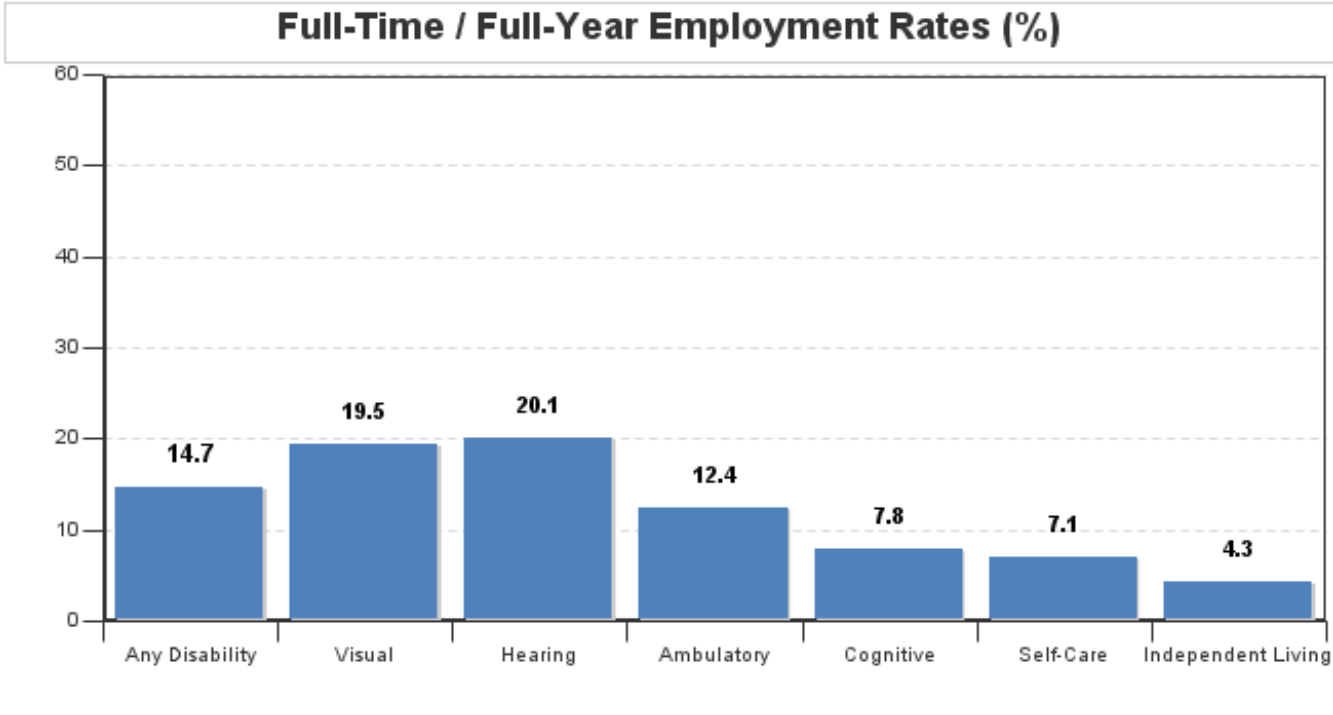
Quick Statistics

FT / FY
Employment:
with disability
14.7%

FT / FY
Employment:
without
disability
40.0%

- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in PR was 14.7 percent.
- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in PR was 40.0 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 25.3 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," 20.1 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 4.3 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	40.0	0.84	621,900	15,170	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	14.7	1.28	50,600	4,750	344,200	3,034
Visual	19.5	2.71	18,800	2,910	96,400	847
Hearing	20.1	4.10	8,700	1,980	43,300	402
Ambulatory	12.4	1.68	21,500	3,110	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	7.8	1.48	11,500	2,280	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	7.1	2.14	4,700	1,450	65,400	611
Independent Living	4.3	1.20	5,500	1,580	128,800	1,178

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

Introduction

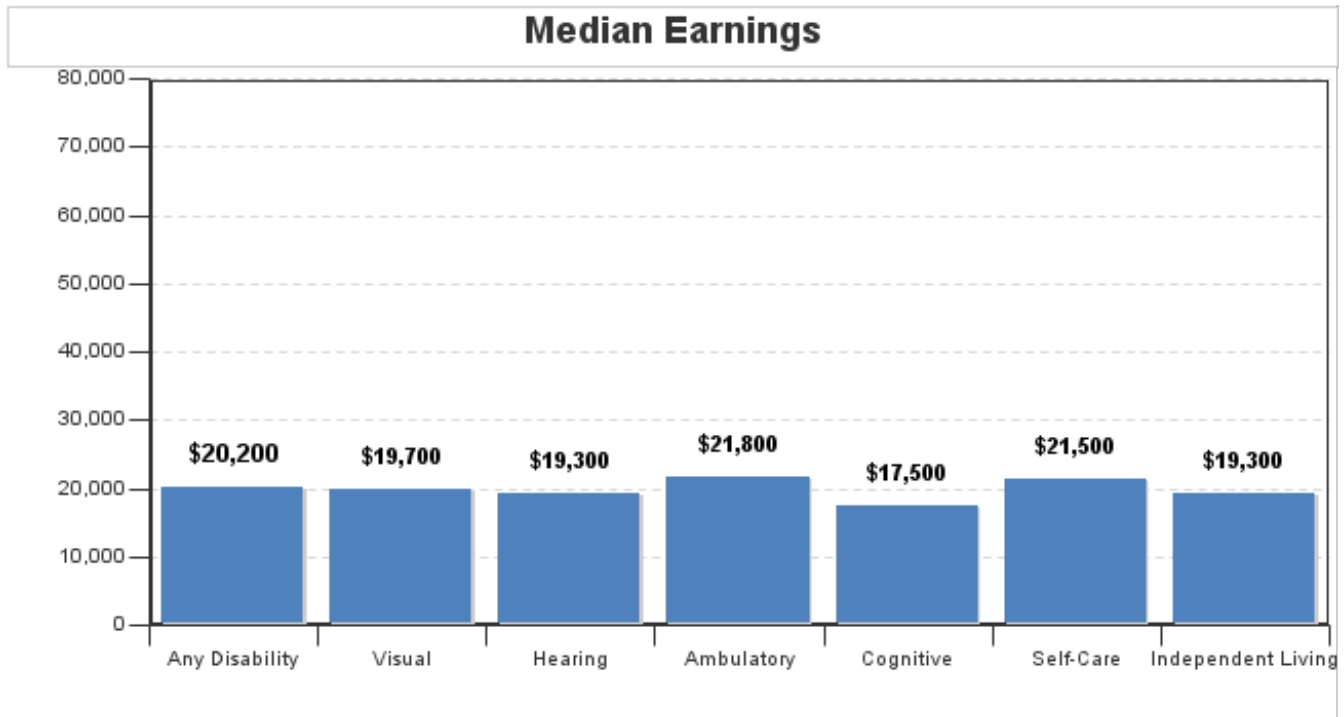
This section examines the median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who work full-time/full-year in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics



- In 2016, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in PR was \$20,200.
- In 2016, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in PR was \$23,200.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$3,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Ambulatory Disability," \$21,800. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Cognitive Disability," \$17,500.

Median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) who work full-time/full-year by disability status in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	Median Earnings	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$23,200	\$640	622,000	5,189
Any Disability	\$20,200	\$1,780	51,000	431
Visual	\$19,700	\$3,150	19,000	150
Hearing	\$19,300	\$4,270	9,000	75
Ambulatory	\$21,800	\$2,630	22,000	177
Cognitive	\$17,500	\$3,320	12,000	105
Self-Care	\$21,500 [†]	\$6,120	5,000	39
Independent Living	\$19,300	\$6,190	6,000	51

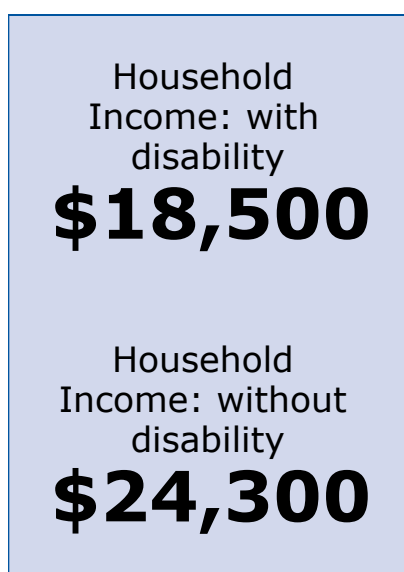
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Annual Household Income

Introduction

This section illustrates the median annual income* of households that include any working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

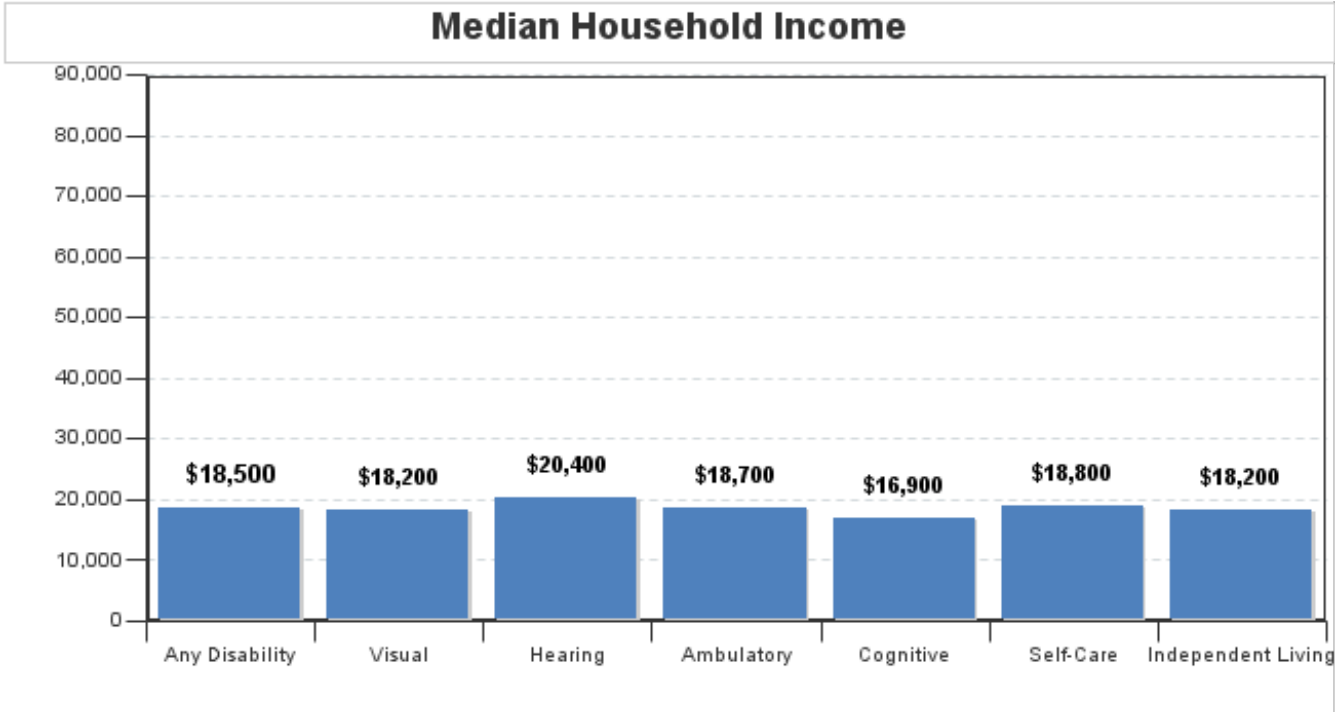
Quick Statistics



- In 2016, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities in PR was \$18,500.
- In 2016, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in PR was \$24,300.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$5,800.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$20,400. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Cognitive Disability" \$16,900.

* **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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	Median H.H. Income	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$24,300	\$1,060	692,000	6,529
Any Disability	\$18,500	1,350	251,000	2,554
Visual	\$18,200	2,410	74,000	747
Hearing	\$20,400	3,530	36,000	376
Ambulatory	\$18,700	1,820	141,000	1,441
Cognitive	\$16,900	1,940	110,000	1,128
Self-Care	\$18,800	2,730	52,000	554
Independent Living	\$18,200	2,020	97,000	1,040

* **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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

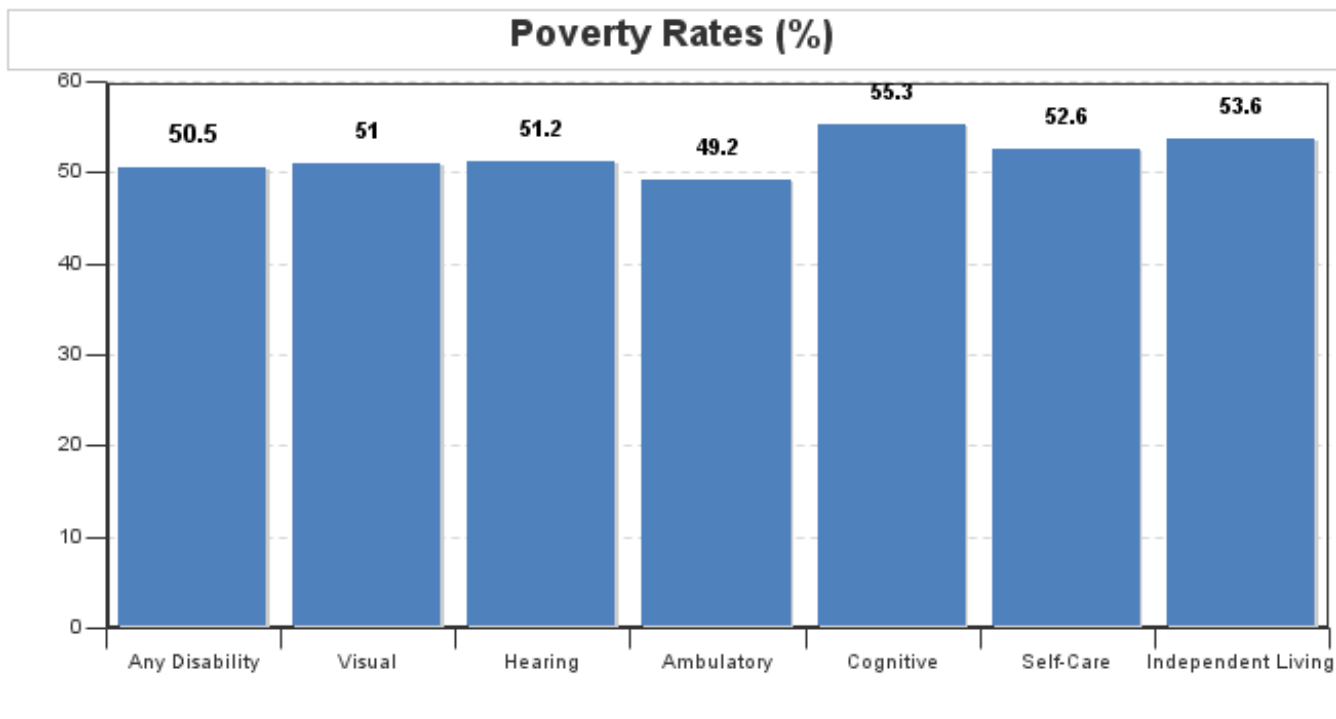
Quick Statistics



- In 2016, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in PR was 50.5 percent.
- In 2016, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in PR was 38.4 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 12.1 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 55.3 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Ambulatory Disability," 49.2 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	38.4	1.09	596,800	19,520	1,555,500	12,828
Any Disability	50.5	2.37	173,700	11,300	344,000	3,033
Visual	51.0	4.48	49,200	6,130	96,400	847
Hearing	51.2	6.68	22,200	4,130	43,300	402
Ambulatory	49.2	3.34	85,400	8,030	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	55.3	3.59	82,100	7,880	148,400	1,294
Self-Care	52.6	5.43	34,400	5,140	65,400	611
Independent Living	53.6	3.87	69,100	7,240	128,800	1,178

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

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Note

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.

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

High School
Only: with
disability

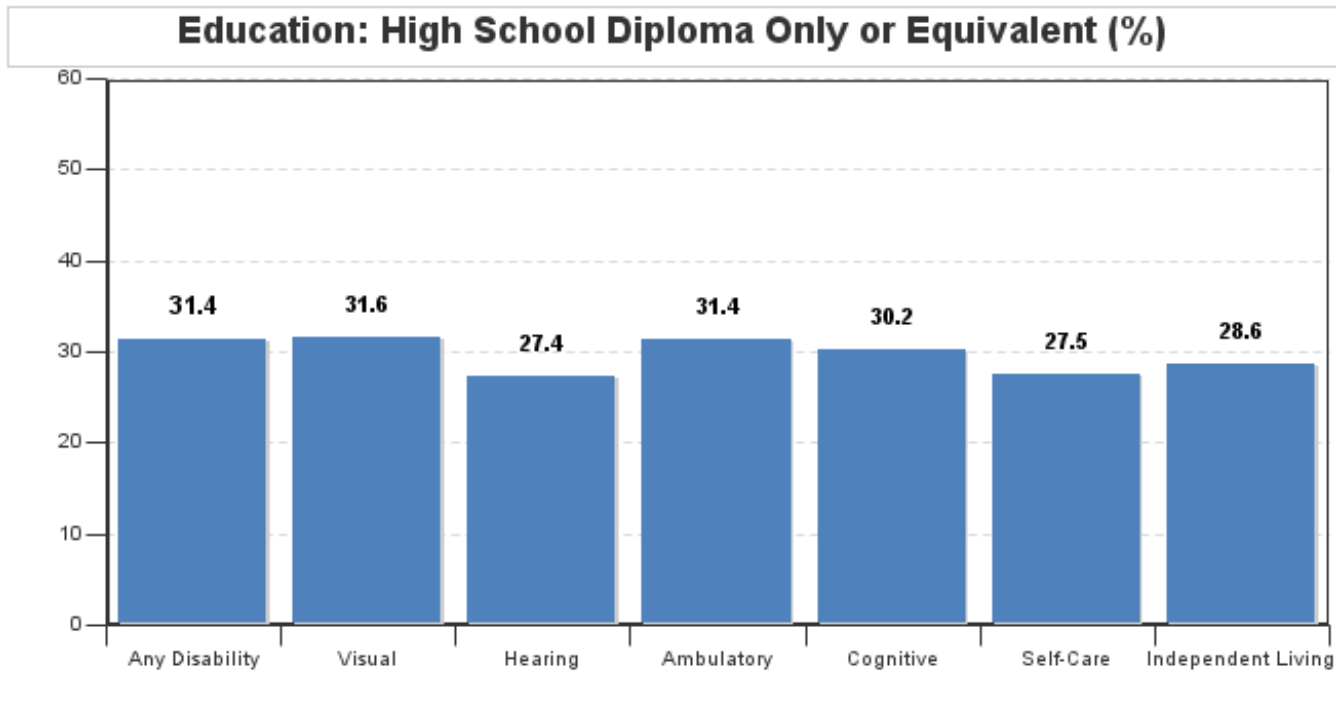
31.4%

High School
Only: without
disability

27.7%

- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in PR was 31.4 percent.
- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in PR was 27.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 3.7 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 "Visual Disability," 31.6 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Hearing Disability," 27.4 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only a high school diploma or equivalent by disability status in PR in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	27.7	0.82	431,000	14,060	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	31.4	1.81	108,100	7,410	344,200	3,034
Visual	31.6	3.43	30,500	3,980	96,400	847
Hearing	27.4	4.91	11,900	2,490	43,300	402
Ambulatory	31.4	2.55	54,500	5,310	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	30.2	2.73	44,900	4,820	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	27.5	4.00	18,000	3,070	65,400	611
Independent Living	28.6	2.88	36,900	4,380	128,800	1,178

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

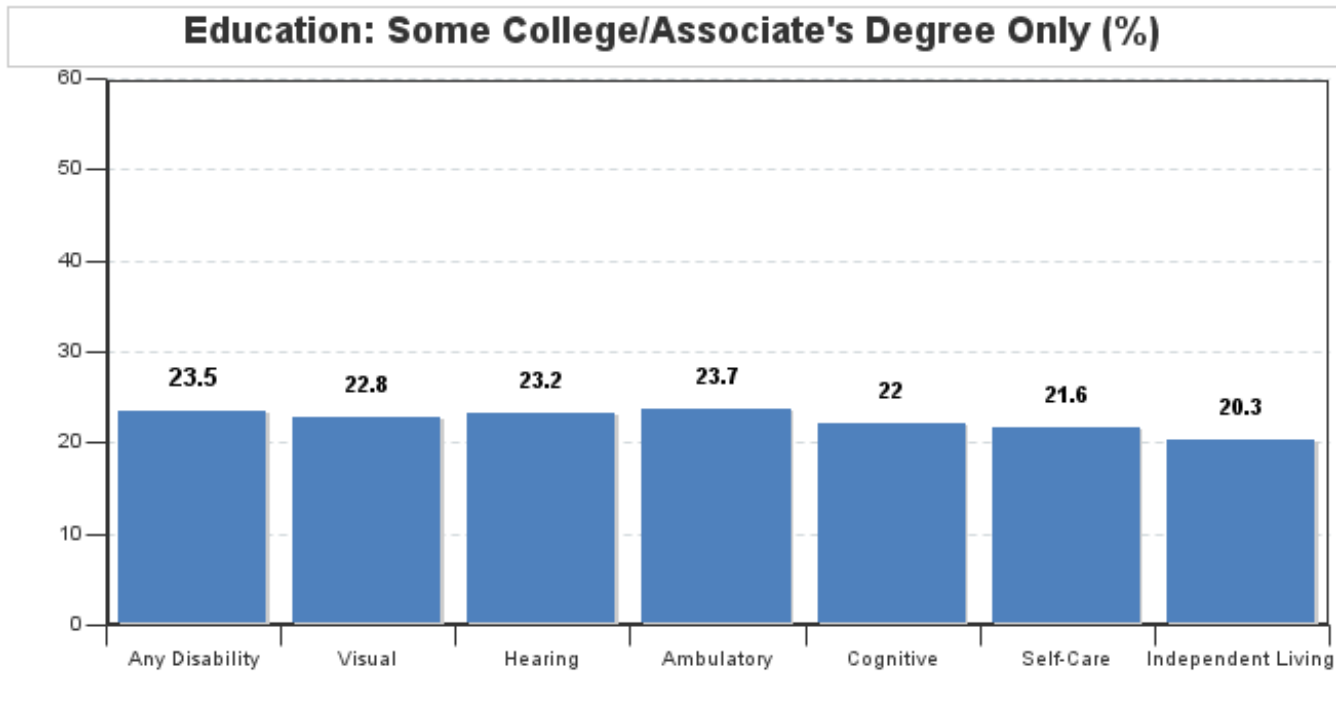
Quick Statistics

Some
College: with
disability
23.5%

Some
College:
without
disability
30.3%

- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in PR was 23.5 percent.
- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in PR was 30.3 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was 6.8 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 "Ambulatory Disability," 23.7 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 20.3 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	30.3	0.84	471,500	14,610	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	23.5	1.66	80,900	6,440	344,200	3,034
Visual	22.8	3.10	21,900	3,380	96,400	847
Hearing	23.2	4.65	10,000	2,290	43,300	402
Ambulatory	23.7	2.34	41,100	4,620	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	22.0	2.46	32,700	4,120	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	21.6	3.69	14,100	2,720	65,400	611
Independent Living	20.3	2.57	26,200	3,700	128,800	1,178

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: with
disability

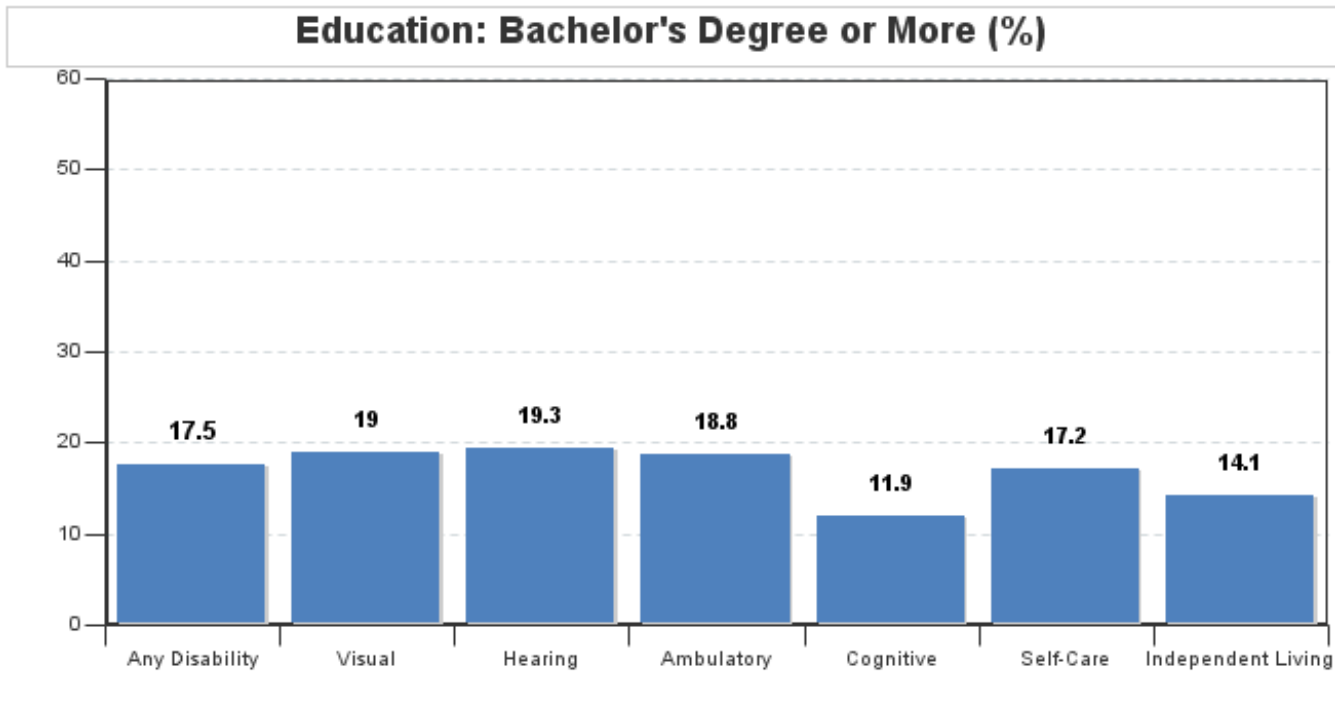
17.5%

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: without
disability

30.1%

- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in PR was 17.5 percent.
- In 2016, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in PR was 30.1 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 12.6 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 "Hearing Disability," 19.3 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 11.9 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with a Bachelor's degree or more by disability status in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	30.1	0.84	467,700	14,560	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	17.5	1.48	60,300	5,580	344,200	3,034
Visual	19.0	2.90	18,300	3,090	96,400	847
Hearing	19.3	4.35	8,300	2,090	43,300	402
Ambulatory	18.8	2.15	32,700	4,120	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	11.9	1.93	17,600	3,030	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	17.2	3.38	11,200	2,420	65,400	611
Independent Living	14.1	2.22	18,100	3,080	128,800	1,178

Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

Introduction

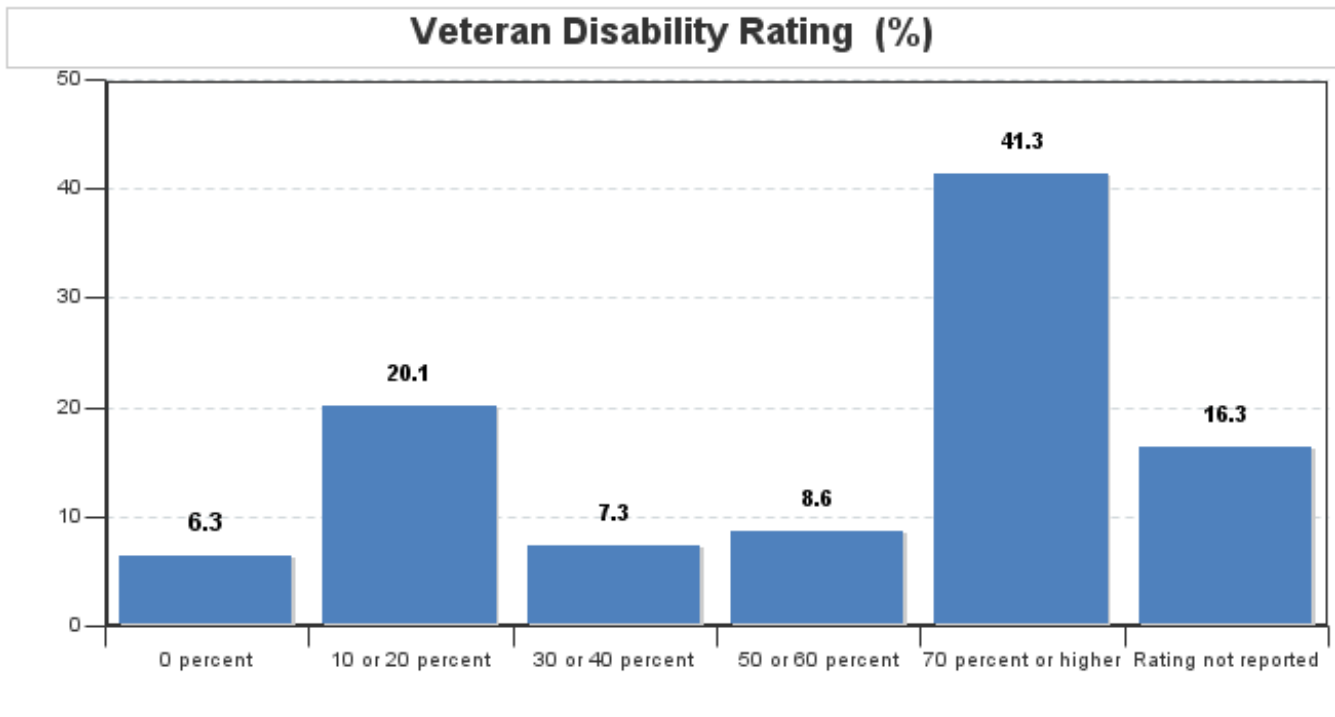
This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in Puerto Rico. The 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (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
30.1%

- In 2016, there were 28,700 working-age civilian veterans in PR, of whom 8,700 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2016, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in PR with a VA service-connected disability was 30.1 percent.
- In 2016, 3,600 working-age civilian veterans in PR had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2016, 41.3 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in PR 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 Puerto Rico in 2016



Service-Connected Disability	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Has a service-connected disability rating (0-100%)	30.1	5.76	8,700	1,980	28,700	290
Disability rating of veterans with a service connected-disability						
0 percent	6.3	5.56	500	500	8,700	92
10 or 20 percent	20.1	9.16	1,700	890	8,700	92
30 or 40 percent	7.3	5.95	600	540	8,700	92
50 or 60 percent	8.6	6.41	700	580	8,700	92
70 percent or higher	41.3	11.26	3,600	1,270	8,700	92
Rating not reported	16.3	8.45	1,400	800	8,700	92

Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

This section examines the health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

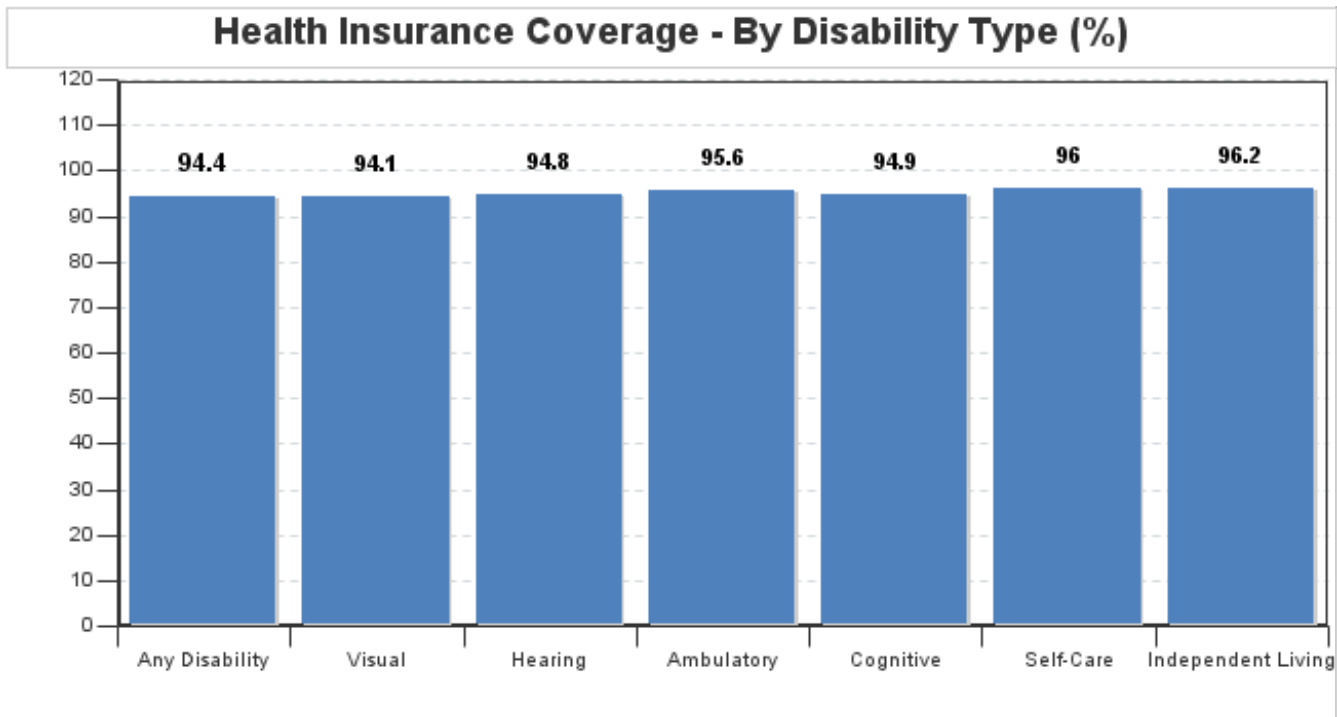
Quick Statistics

Health
Coverage:
with Disability
94.4%

Health
Coverage:
without
Disability
89.6%

- In 2016, 94.4 percent of working-age people with disabilities in PR had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2016, 89.6 percent of working-age people without disabilities in PR had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 4.8 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," 96.2 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 94.1 percent.

Health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Puerto Rico in 2016



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	89.6	0.72	1,395,100	26,750	1,556,300	12,846
Any Disability	94.4	1.15	324,800	15,970	344,200	3,034
Visual	94.1	2.24	90,700	8,750	96,400	847
Hearing	94.8	3.14	41,000	5,930	43,300	402
Ambulatory	95.6	1.45	166,000	11,710	173,600	1,583
Cognitive	94.9	1.68	141,000	10,830	148,500	1,295
Self-Care	96.0	2.26	62,800	7,310	65,400	611
Independent Living	96.2	1.57	123,900	10,180	128,800	1,178

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 Puerto Rico, using data from the 2016 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

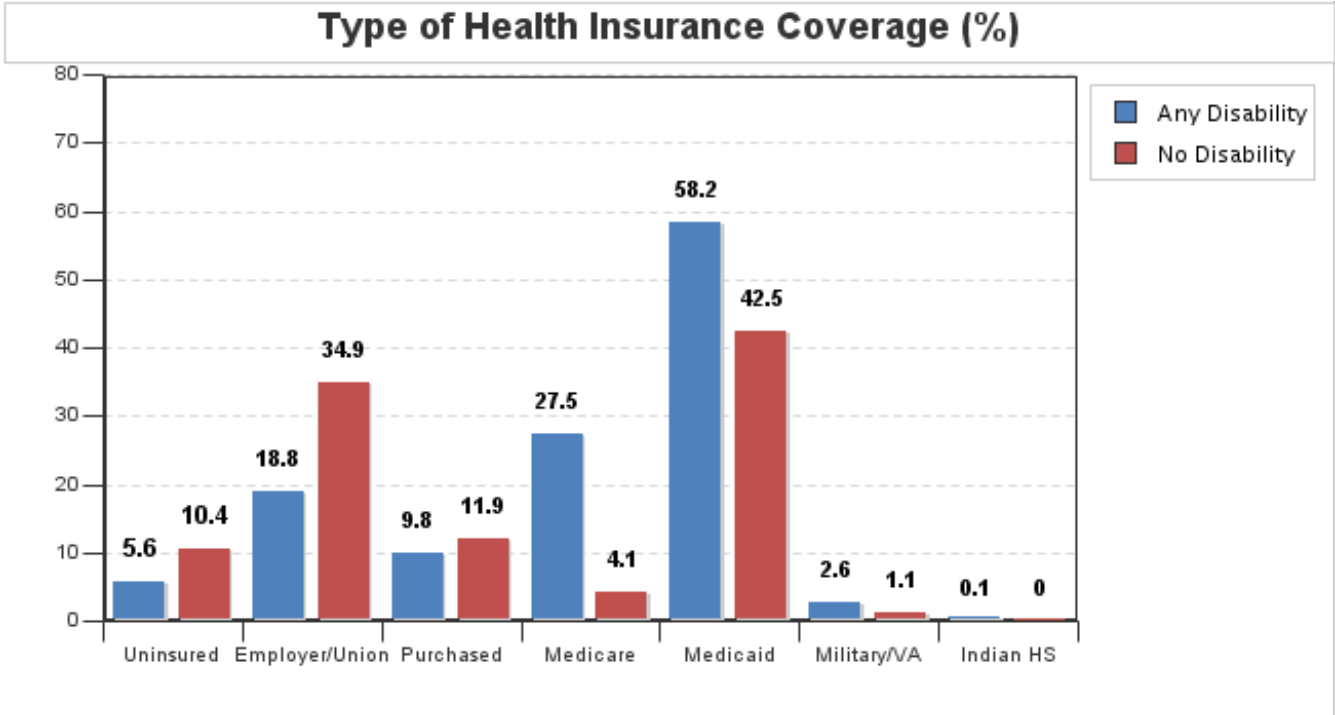
18.8%

Coverage
through
Employer/Union:
without
Disability

34.9%

- In 2016, 18.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in PR reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2016, 34.9 percent of working-age people without disabilities in PR reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2016, 9.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in PR reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2016, 27.5 percent of working-age people with disabilities in PR reported Medicare coverage and 58.2 percent reported Medicaid coverage (or other government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability).

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Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability						
Uninsured	5.6	1.15	19,400	4,090	344,200	3,034
Employer/Union	18.8	1.96	64,800	7,430	344,200	3,034
Purchased	9.8	1.49	33,800	5,390	344,200	3,034
Medicare	27.5	2.24	94,500	8,930	344,200	3,034
Medicaid	58.2	2.48	200,200	12,790	344,200	3,034
Military/VA	2.6	0.80	8,800	2,770	344,200	3,034
Indian Health Service	0.1	3.29	300	400	344,200	3,034
No Disability						
Uninsured	10.4	0.72	161,100	11,540	1,556,300	12,846
Employer/Union	34.9	1.13	543,000	19,910	1,556,300	12,846
Purchased	11.9	0.76	185,700	12,350	1,556,300	12,846
Medicare	4.1	0.47	64,200	7,400	1,556,300	12,846
Medicaid	42.5	1.17	660,800	21,510	1,556,300	12,846
Military/VA	1.1	3.29	16,400	3,760	1,556,300	12,846
Indian Health Service	0.0	3.29	500	650	1,556,300	12,846

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. "with a job but not at work": had a job but temporarily did not work at that job during the reference week due to illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, vacation or other personal reasons. The reference week is defined as the week preceding the date the questionnaire was completed.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment

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

Group Quarters (GQ)

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

Health Insurance Coverage

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

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

Hearing Disability

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

Hispanic or Latino Origin

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

Household Income

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

Independent Living Disability

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

Institutional Group Quarters (GQs)

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

Margin of Error (MOE)

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

Non-Institutional Group Quarters (GQs)

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

Not Working but Actively Looking for Work

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

Number

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

Poverty

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

Race

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

Sample Size

The number of survey participants used to calculate the statistic.

Self-care Disability

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

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

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

Veteran Service-Connected Disability

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

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

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

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

No *SKIP* to question 28a

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

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

Visual Disability

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

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