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The 2018 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 2018 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.

Alaska Summary

These statistics indicate the social and economic status of non-institutionalized people with disabilities in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS).

Age: In 2018, the prevalence of disability in AK was:

- 11.8 percent for persons of all ages
- 0.2 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 4.0 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 4.8 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 10.8 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 32.3 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 49.9 percent for persons ages 75+

Disability Type: In 2018, the prevalence of the six disability types among persons of all ages in AK was:

- 2.7% reported a Visual Disability
- 4.2% reported a Hearing Disability
- 4.9% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 4.7% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 1.7% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 4.4% reported an Independent Living Disability

Gender: In 2018, 10.6 percent of females of all ages and 12.9 percent of males of all ages in AK reported a disability.

Hispanic/Latino: In 2018, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in AK was 6.5 percent.

Race: In AK in 2018, the prevalence of disability for working-age people (ages 21 to 64) was:

- 10.8 percent among Whites
- 14.9 percent among Black / African Americans
- 4.3 percent among Asians
- 14.5 percent among Native Americans
- 9.1 percent among persons of some other race(s)

Employment: In 2018, the employment rate of working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in AK was 45.9 percent.

Looking for Work: In AK in 2018, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 14.1 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment: In AK in 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 30.4 percent.

Annual Earnings: In 2018, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in AK was \$50,700.

Annual Household Income: In AK in 2018, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$65,100.

Poverty: In AK in 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 17.9 percent.

Supplemental Security Income: In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving SSI payments in AK was 17.0 percent.

Educational Attainment: In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities in AK:

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 34.2 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 41.7 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 15.7 percent.

Veterans Service-Connected Disability: In 2018, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 29.9 percent in AK.

Health Insurance Coverage: In 2018 in AK, 87.1 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 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). The US disability prevalence rate for this population was 10.4%

Location	2018 (%)	Location	2018 (%)
Alabama	14.9	Montana	11.2
Alaska	10.8	Nebraska	9.5
Arizona	10.9	Nevada	10.4
Arkansas	16.1	New Hampshire	10.7
California	7.9	New Jersey	7.6
Colorado	8.8	New Mexico	12.8
Connecticut	8.5	New York	8.9
Delaware	10.5	North Carolina	11.2
District of Columbia	10.0	North Dakota	8.5
Florida	10.1	Ohio	12.2
Georgia	10.6	Oklahoma	14.3
Hawaii	7.7	Oregon	11.9
Idaho	12.0	Pennsylvania	11.6
Illinois	8.8	Puerto Rico	18.2
Indiana	12.0	Rhode Island	11.9
Iowa	9.6	South Carolina	12.6
Kansas	12.1	South Dakota	10.2
Kentucky	16.2	Tennessee	14.0
Louisiana	13.7	Texas	9.7
Maine	13.5	Utah	8.9
Maryland	9.4	Vermont	11.5
Massachusetts	9.1	Virginia	9.4
Michigan	12.5	Washington	10.4
Minnesota	8.7	West Virginia	17.3
Mississippi	15.8	Wisconsin	9.2
Missouri	12.8	Wyoming	10.9

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 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). The employment rate in the US for this population was 37.8% for people with disabilities and 80.0% for people without disabilities.

Location	People with Disabilities 2018	People without Disabilities 2018	Location	People with Disabilities 2018	People without Disabilities 2018
Alabama	28.9	75.6	Montana	49.0	81.9
Alaska	45.9	79.0	Nebraska	49.5	85.9
Arizona	38.5	77.5	Nevada	42.5	78.2
Arkansas	30.6	78.6	New Hampshire	43.5	84.4
California	37.1	78.0	New Jersey	37.7	81.8
Colorado	48.3	82.9	New Mexico	33.4	74.2
Connecticut	39.3	81.9	New York	34.2	79.5
Delaware	37.7	80.0	North Carolina	35.3	80.0
District of Columbia	38.3	82.6	North Dakota	57.3	85.8
Florida	35.5	78.2	Ohio	38.7	81.4
Georgia	36.8	79.3	Oklahoma	38.7	79.2
Hawaii	44.3	81.8	Oregon	40.9	80.1
Idaho	43.3	79.5	Pennsylvania	38.1	81.6
Illinois	38.0	80.7	Puerto Rico	23.5	58.5
Indiana	36.9	81.6	Rhode Island	34.8	82.1
Iowa	45.9	85.5	South Carolina	33.8	79.3
Kansas	45.2	84.2	South Dakota	52.4	84.4
Kentucky	31.6	78.0	Tennessee	34.5	79.0
Louisiana	34.2	76.2	Texas	40.8	78.8
Maine	34.1	84.1	Utah	47.6	81.0
Maryland	44.4	83.2	Vermont	41.3	85.4
Massachusetts	38.0	82.7	Virginia	41.2	82.2
Michigan	35.7	79.2	Washington	41.2	80.6
Minnesota	48.5	85.5	West Virginia	28.9	73.7
Mississippi	27.7	75.5	Wisconsin	41.5	84.6
Missouri	36.2	81.7	Wyoming	49.9	83.4

Prevalence

All Ages

Introduction

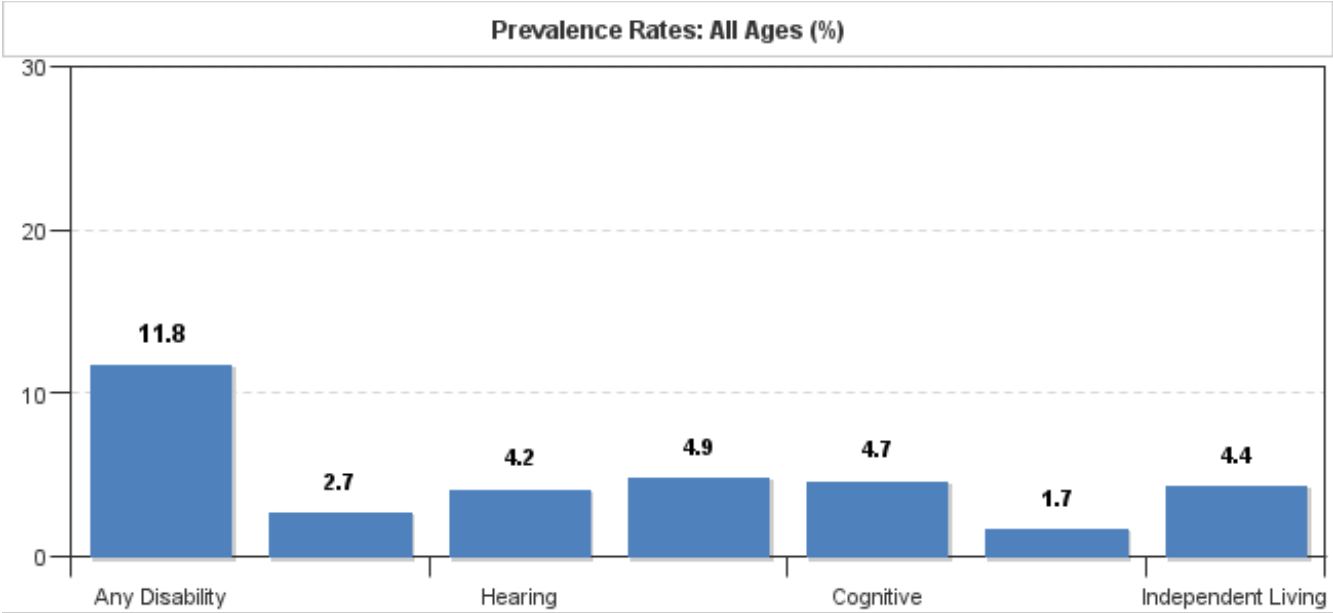
This section addresses the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
All Ages
11.8%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in AK was 11.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 86,100 of the 731,000 individuals of all ages in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 4.9 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 1.7 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Alaska in 2018*



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	11.8	0.86	86,100	6,320	731,000	6,532
Visual	2.7	0.43	19,600	3,170	731,000	6,532
Hearing	4.2	0.54	30,400	3,910	731,000	6,532
Ambulatory	4.9	0.60	33,300	4,090	681,300	6,080
Cognitive	4.7	0.59	32,200	4,020	681,300	6,080
Self-Care	1.7	3.29	11,900	2,480	681,300	6,080
Independent Living	4.4	0.62	25,200	3,570	574,800	5,119

* **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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). Only the two sensory disability questions were asked of this population. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

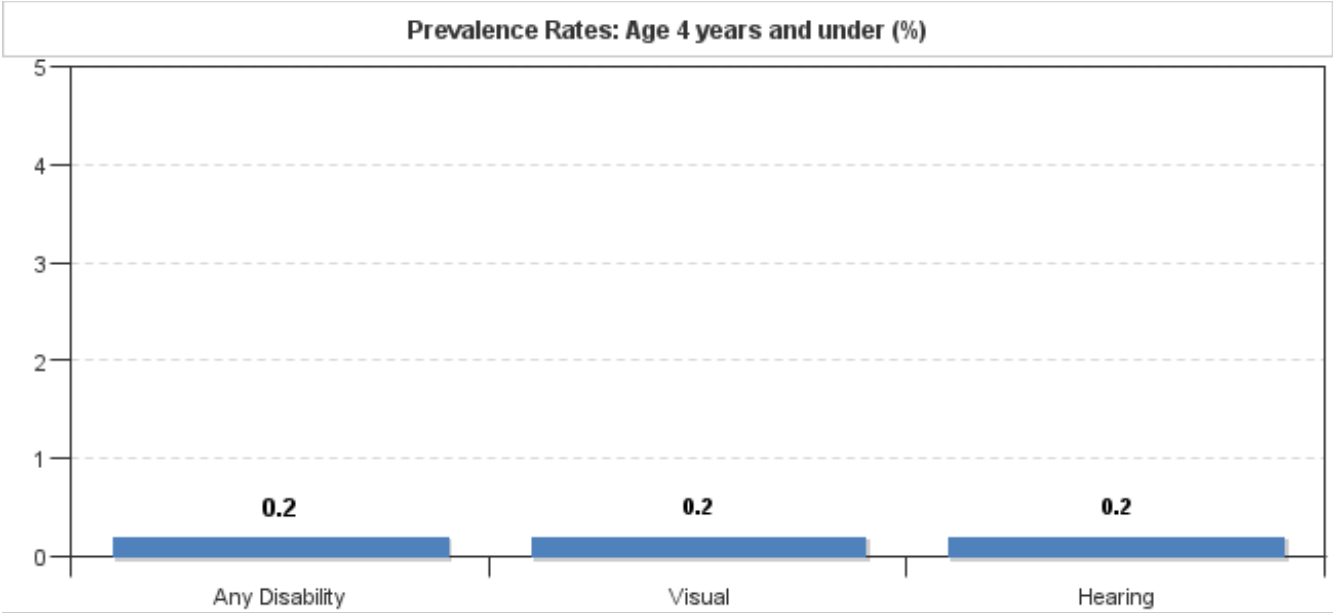
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 4 and
under

0.2%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in AK was 0.2 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 100 of the 49,700 children ages 0 to 4 in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, 0.2 percent reported a "Visual Disability"
- In AK in 2018, 0.2 percent reported a "Hearing Disability"

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 4 and under in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	0.2	3.29	100	400	49,700	452
Visual	0.2	3.29	100	400	49,700	452
Hearing	0.2	3.29	100	400	49,700	452

Prevalence

Ages 5 to 15 years

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized children ages 5 to 15 in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

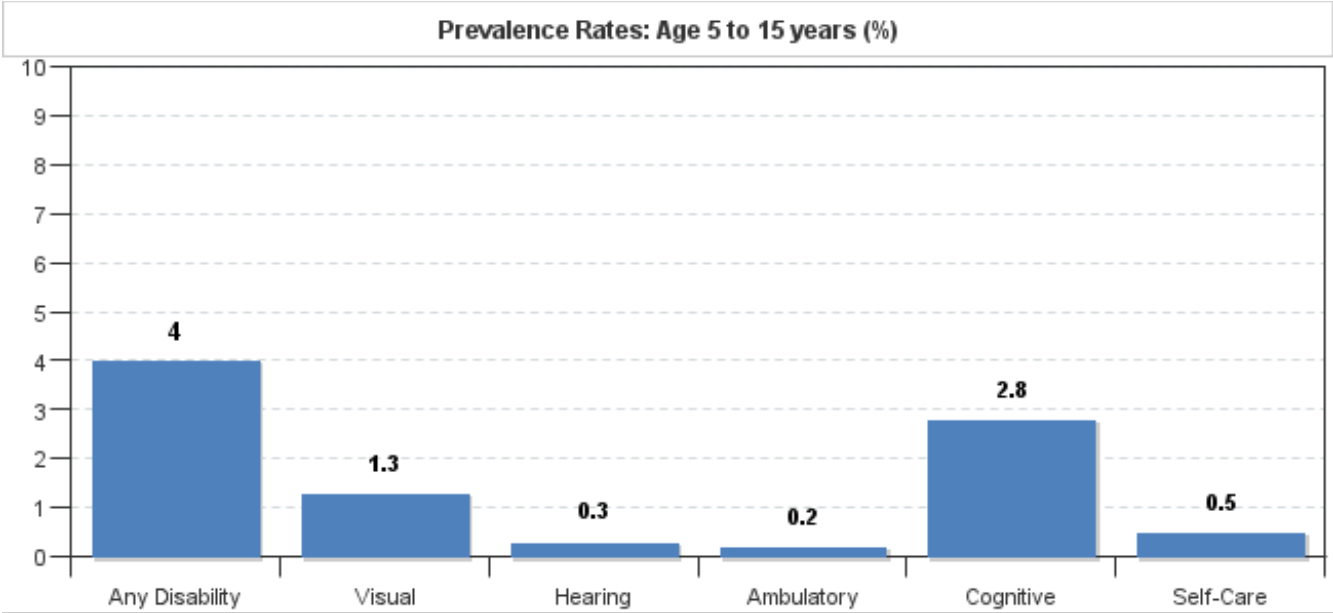
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 5 to
15 years
4.0%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in AK was 4.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 4,600 of the 116,300 individuals ages 5 to 15 in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the five types of disabilities* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 2.8 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 0.2 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 Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	4.0	1.31	4,600	1,550	116,300	1,051
Visual	1.3	3.29	1,500	870	116,300	1,051
Hearing	0.3	3.29	300	400	116,300	1,051
Ambulatory	0.2	3.29	200	400	116,300	1,051
Cognitive	2.8	1.11	3,300	1,310	116,300	1,051
Self-Care	0.5	3.29	600	560	116,300	1,051

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

Prevalence

Ages 16 to 20 years

Introduction

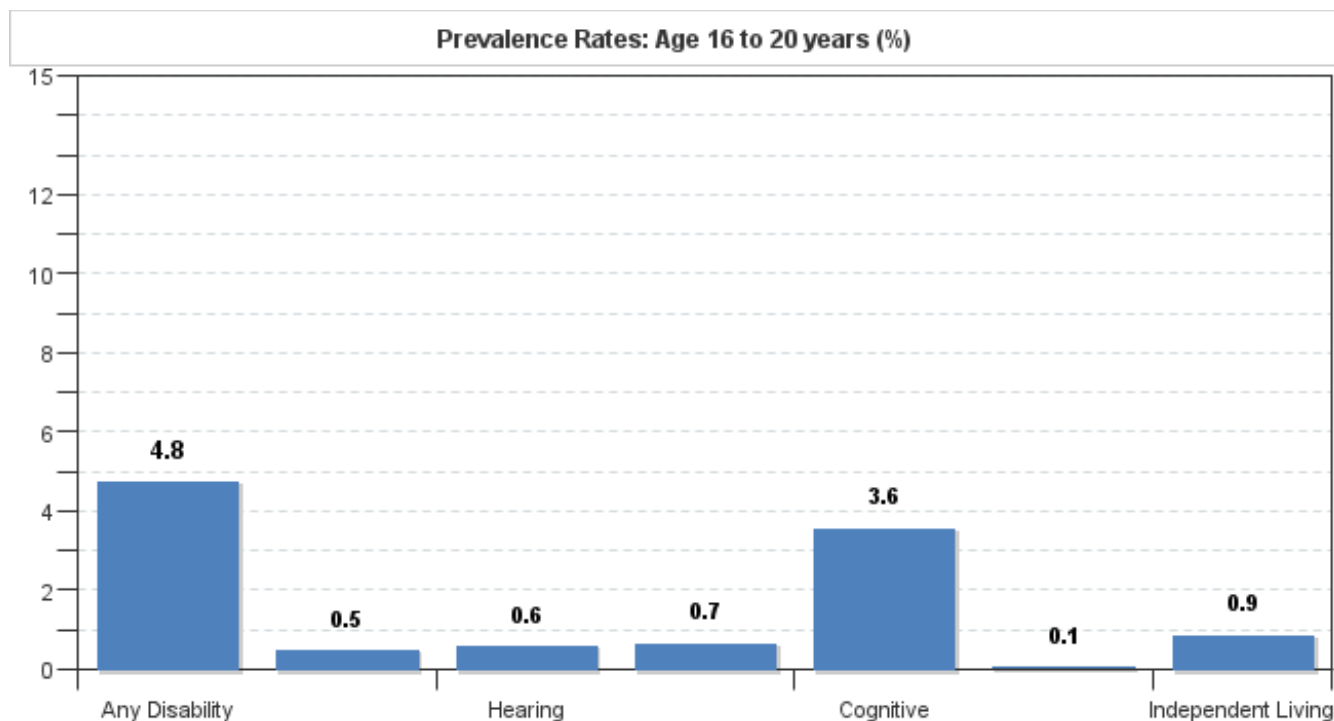
This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 16 to
20 years
4.8%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in AK was 4.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 2,200 of the 45,900 individuals ages 16 to 20 in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 3.6 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 0.1 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 16 to 20 in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	4.8	2.28	2,200	1,070	45,900	439
Visual	0.5	3.29	200	400	45,900	439
Hearing	0.6	3.29	300	400	45,900	439
Ambulatory	0.7	3.29	300	400	45,900	439
Cognitive	3.6	2.00	1,700	940	45,900	439
Self-Care	0.1	3.29	0	400	45,900	439
Independent Living	0.9	3.29	400	400	45,900	439

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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

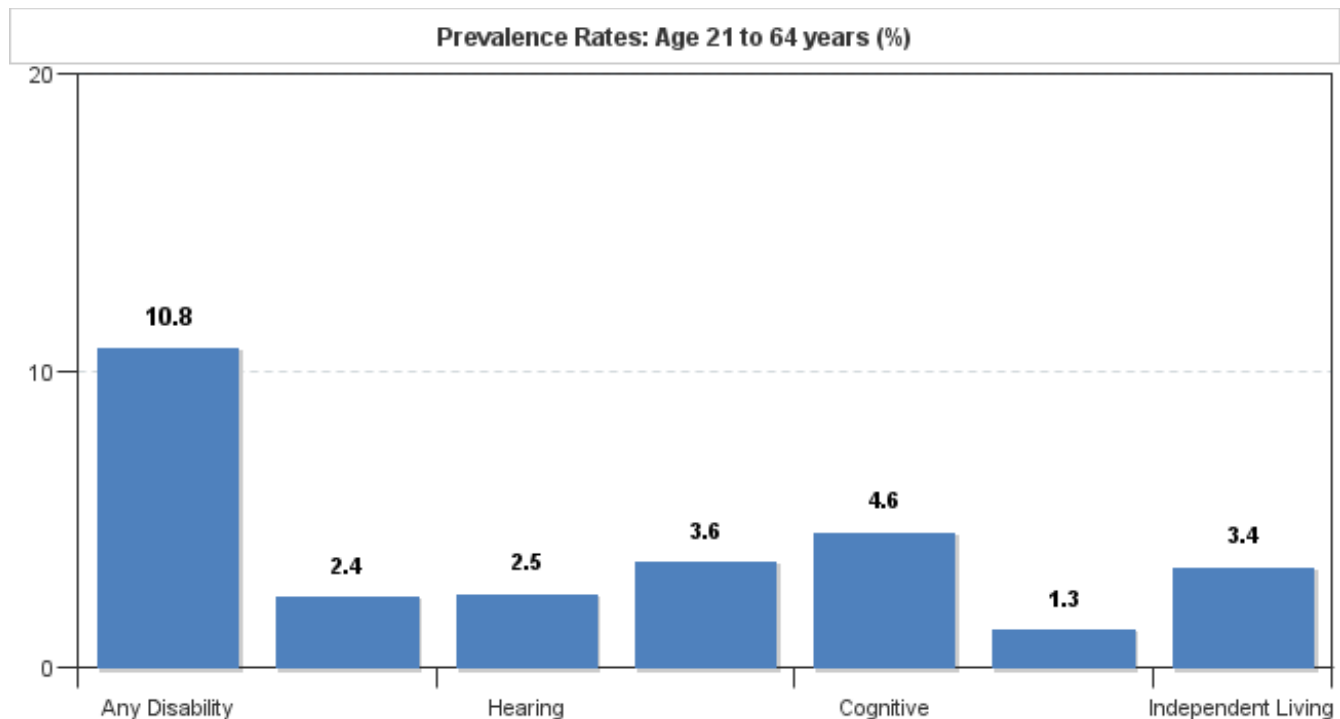
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 21 to 64
years

10.8%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in AK was 10.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 47,000 of the 433,700 individuals ages 21 to 64 in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 4.6 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Self-Care Disability," 1.3 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 21 to 64 in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	10.8	1.08	47,000	4,800	433,700	3,701
Visual	2.4	0.53	10,300	2,310	433,700	3,701
Hearing	2.5	0.55	11,100	2,390	433,700	3,701
Ambulatory	3.6	0.65	15,800	2,850	433,700	3,701
Cognitive	4.6	0.73	20,100	3,200	433,700	3,701
Self-Care	1.3	3.29	5,800	1,730	433,700	3,701
Independent Living	3.4	0.63	14,600	2,740	433,700	3,701

Prevalence

Ages 65 to 74 years

Introduction

This section explores the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

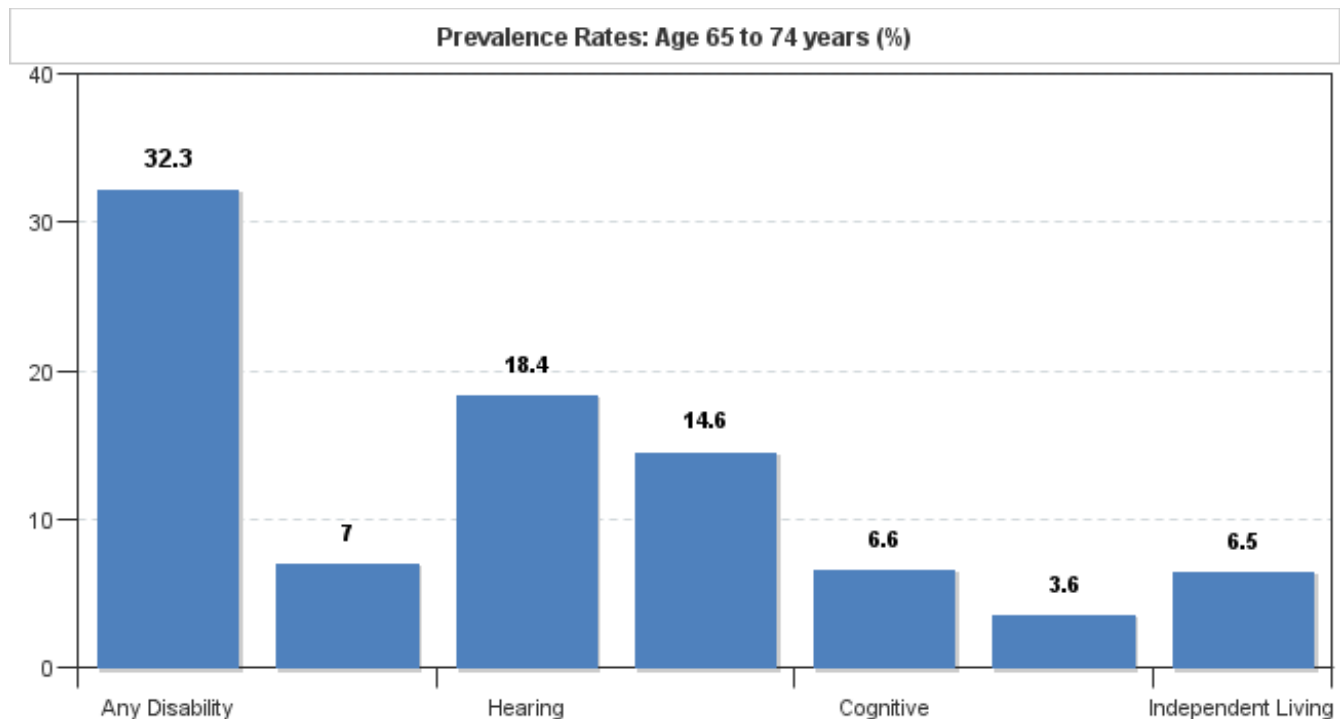
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 65 to 74
years

32.3%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in AK was 32.3 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 19,000 of the 58,800 individuals ages 65 to 74 in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 18.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Self-Care Disability," 3.6 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 65 to 74 in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	32.3	4.42	19,000	3,120	58,800	589
Visual	7.0	2.42	4,100	1,470	58,800	589
Hearing	18.4	3.66	10,800	2,370	58,800	589
Ambulatory	14.6	3.34	8,600	2,110	58,800	589
Cognitive	6.6	2.34	3,900	1,420	58,800	589
Self-Care	3.6	1.76	2,100	1,050	58,800	589
Independent Living	6.5	2.33	3,800	1,410	58,800	589

Prevalence

Ages 75 and Older

Introduction

This section focuses on the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

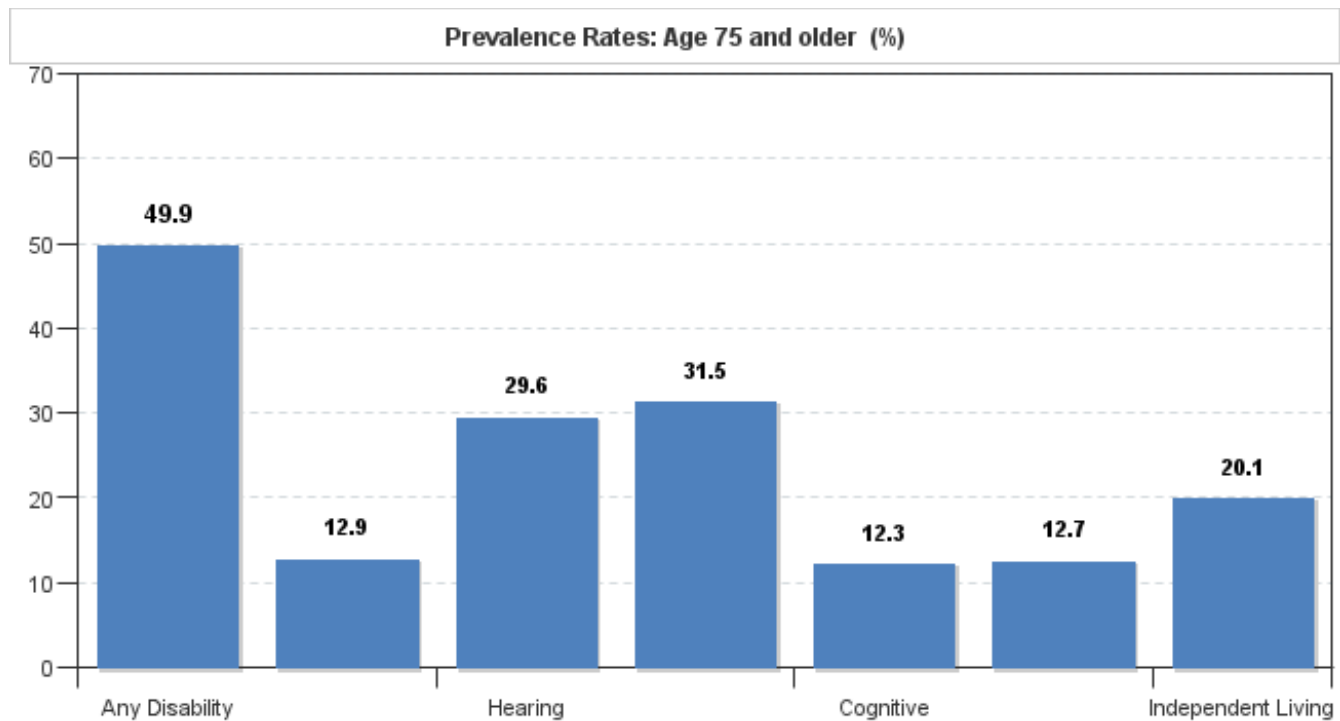
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 75 and
Older

49.9%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in AK was 49.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 13,300 of the 26,700 individuals ages 75 and older in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 31.5 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 12.3 percent.

Prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people ages 75 and older in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	49.9	7.01	13,300	2,620	26,700	300
Visual	12.9	4.70	3,400	1,340	26,700	300
Hearing	29.6	6.40	7,900	2,030	26,700	300
Ambulatory	31.5	6.52	8,400	2,090	26,700	300
Cognitive	12.3	4.61	3,300	1,310	26,700	300
Self-Care	12.7	4.67	3,400	1,330	26,700	300
Independent Living	20.1	5.62	5,400	1,670	26,700	300

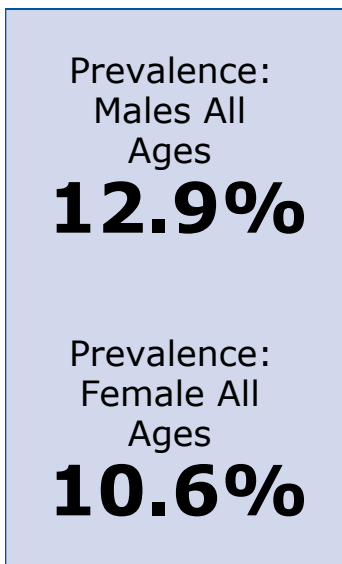
Prevalence

Gender and Age

Introduction

This section examines the prevalence of disability among people by gender and age group in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

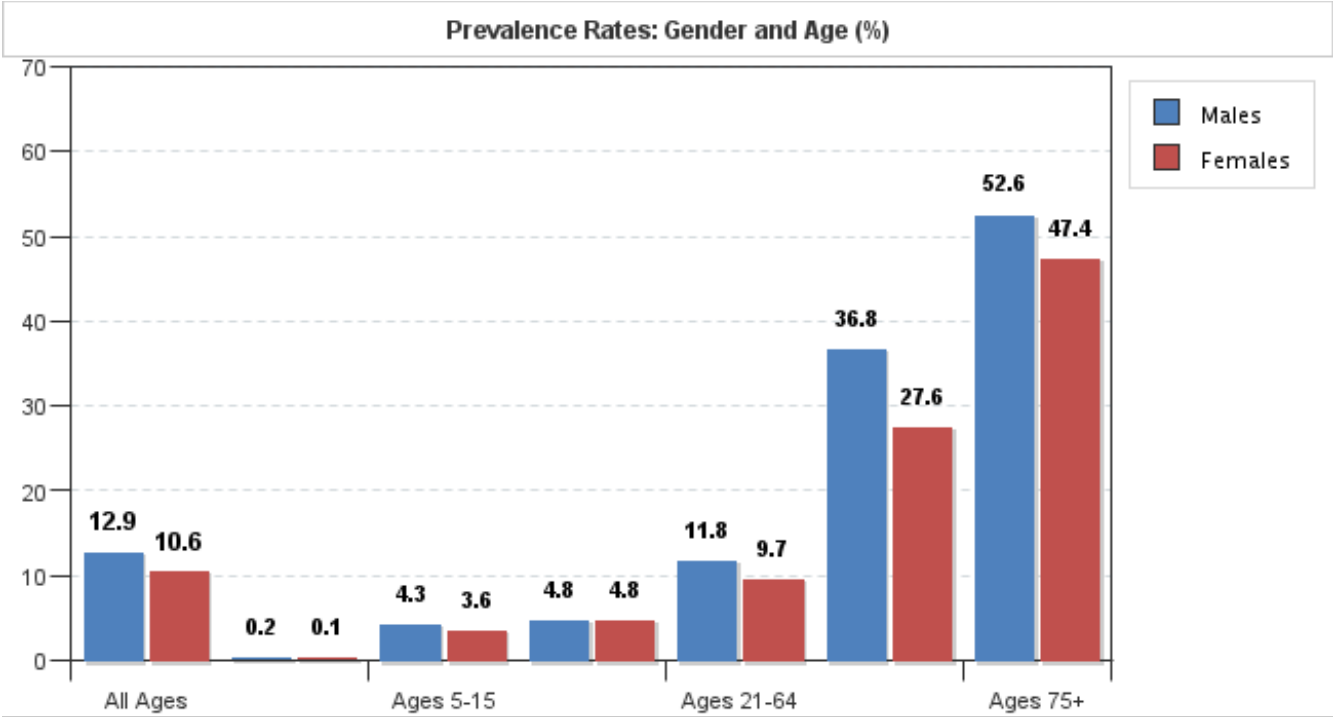
Quick Statistics



- In AK in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 12.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 48,400 of the 375,100 males of all ages in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 10.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 37,800 of the 355,900 females of all ages in AK 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 Alaska in 2018



Gender & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Males						
Males: All Ages	12.9	1.25	48,400	4,870	375,100	3,402
Males: Ages 4 and under	0.2	3.29	100	400	24,200	245
Males: Ages 5-15	4.3	1.94	2,500	1,140	57,300	521
Males: Ages 16-20	4.8	3.18	1,100	770	23,600	227
Males: Ages 21-64	11.8	1.55	26,800	3,690	226,900	1,963
Males: Ages 65-74	36.8	6.38	11,000	2,390	30,000	301
Males: Ages 75+	52.6	10.03	6,800	1,890	13,000	145
Females						
Females: All Ages	10.6	1.18	37,800	4,340	355,900	3,130
Females: Ages 4 and under	0.1	3.29	0	400	25,400	207
Females: Ages 5-15	3.6	1.77	2,100	1,060	59,000	530
Females: Ages 16-20	4.8	3.28	1,100	750	22,300	212
Females: Ages 21-64	9.7	1.49	20,100	3,210	206,700	1,738
Females: Ages 65-74	27.6	6.04	7,900	2,030	28,800	288
Females: Ages 75+	47.4	9.78	6,500	1,840	13,700	155

* **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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS)*. For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Hispanic All
Ages

6.5%

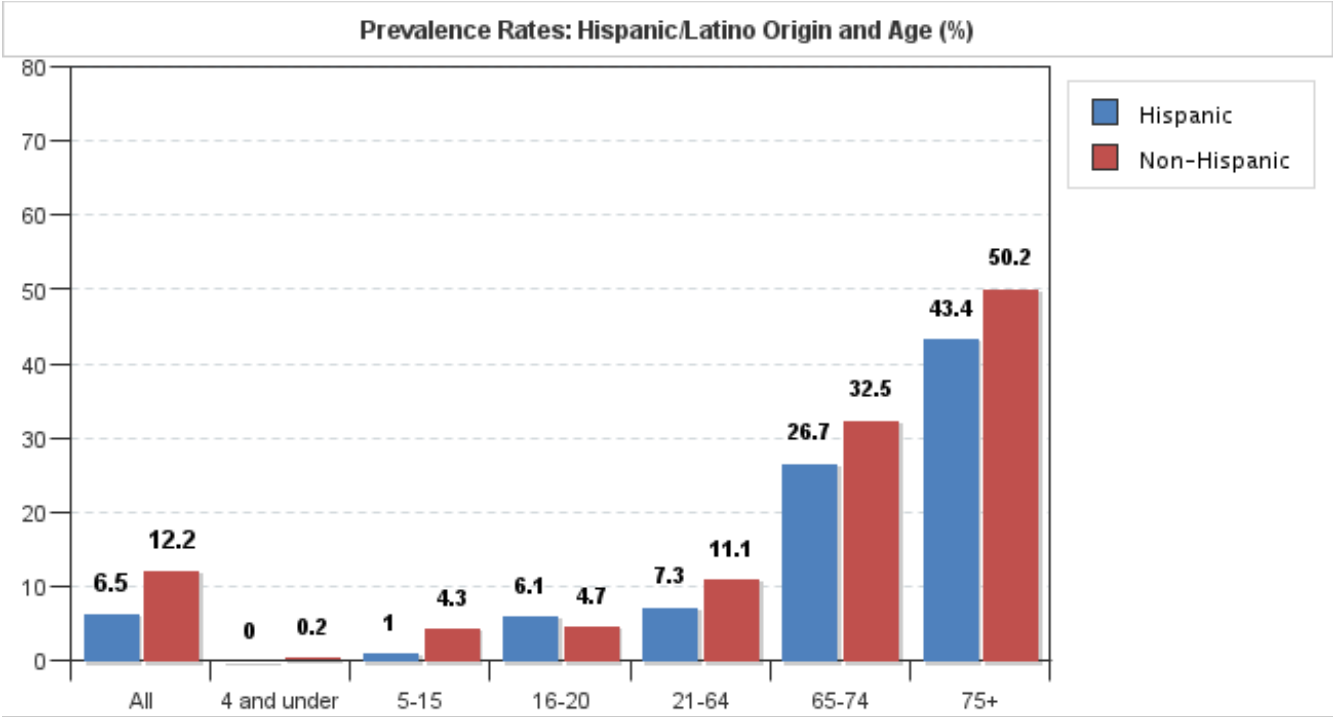
Prevalence:
Non-Hispanic
All Ages

12.2%

- In AK in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 6.5 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 3,400 of the 53,000 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in AK reported one or more disabilities.
- In AK in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 12.2 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 82,700 of the 678,000 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in AK 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 Alaska in 2018



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Hispanic						
Hispanic - All Ages	6.5	2.45	3,400	1,340	53,000	310
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.0 [†]	3.29	0	400	4,200	23
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	1.0	3.29	100	400	12,300	64
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	6.1 [†]	8.88	200	400	3,800	29
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	7.3	3.45	2,200	1,070	29,900	176
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	26.7 [†]	24.11	500	500	1,800	12
Hispanic - Ages 75+	43.4 [†]	35.91	400	480	1,000	6
Non-Hispanic						
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	12.2	0.91	82,700	6,210	678,000	6,222
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	0.2	3.29	100	400	45,400	429
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	4.3	1.44	4,500	1,530	104,000	987
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	4.7	2.35	2,000	1,010	42,100	410
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	11.1	1.13	44,800	4,700	403,800	3,525
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	32.5	4.49	18,500	3,080	57,000	577
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	50.2	7.15	12,900	2,580	25,700	294

* **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

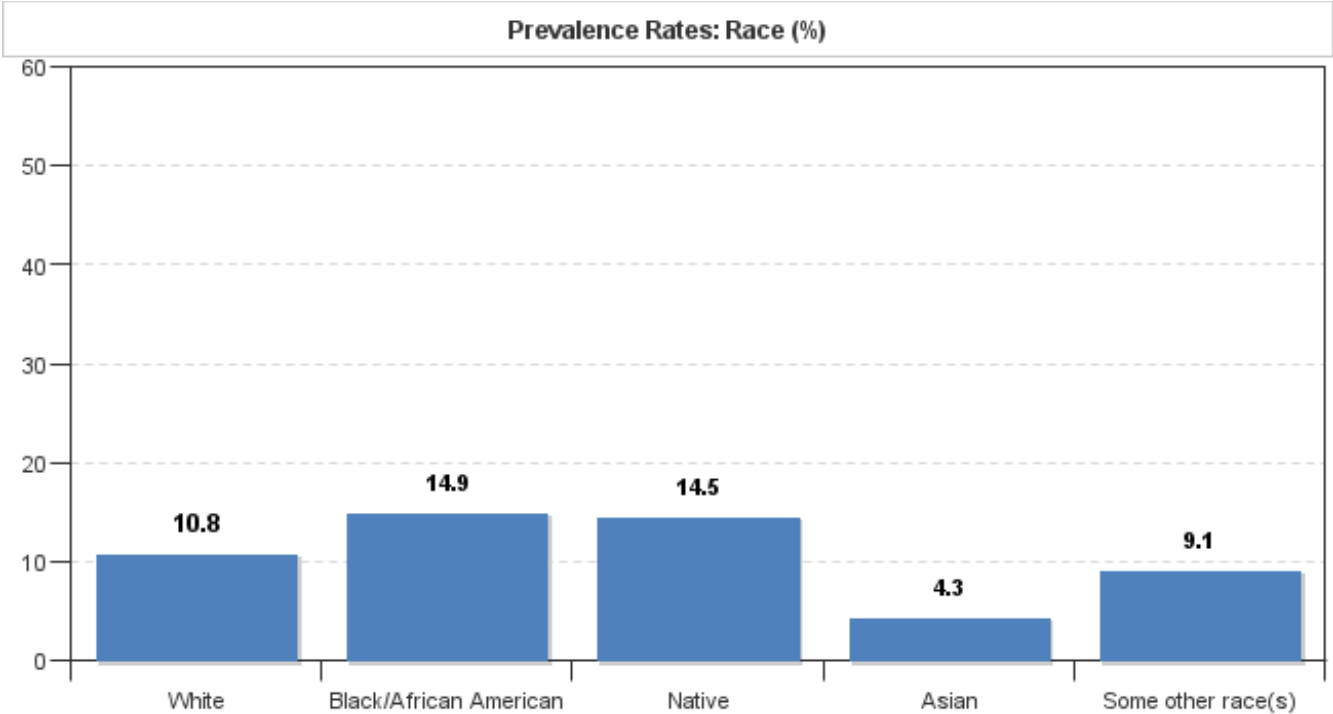
This section presents the disability prevalence rate among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race category in AK, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

In 2018, among working-age people in AK:

- 10.8 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 14.9 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 14.5 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 4.3 percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 9.1 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 Alaska in 2018



Race	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
White	10.8	1.32	31,300	3,970	289,700	2,164
Black/African American	14.9	6.98	2,000	1,030	13,700	72
Native American or Alaska Native	14.5	3.34	8,500	2,100	58,400	966
Asian	4.3	2.71	1,200	810	29,200	199
Some other race(s)	9.1	3.19	3,900	1,430	42,700	300

Employment

Introduction

This section examines the employment rates of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Employment:
with disability

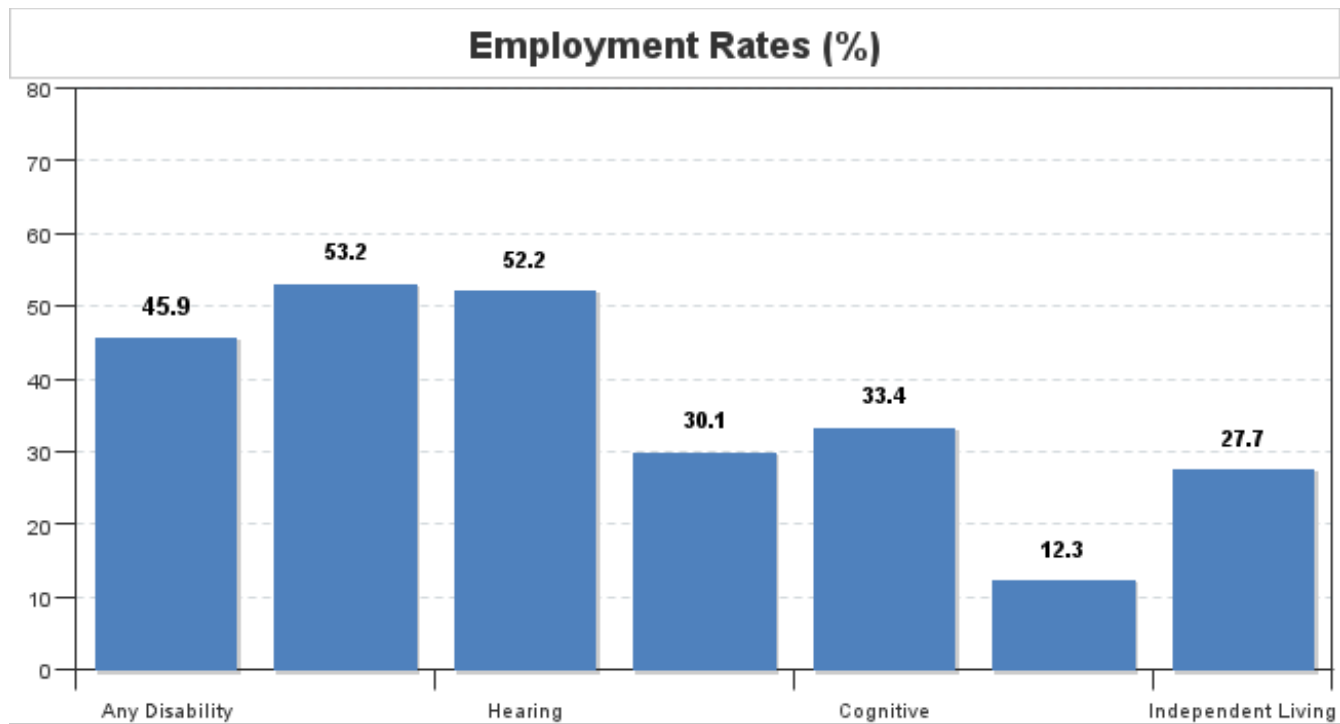
45.9%

Employment:
without
disability

79.0%

- In 2018, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in AK was 45.9 percent.
- In 2018, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in AK was 79.0 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 33.1 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Visual Disability," 53.2 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 12.3 percent.

Employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	79.0	1.50	305,300	9,660	386,700	3,285
Any Disability	45.9	5.27	21,600	3,310	47,000	416
Visual	53.2	11.28	5,500	1,690	10,300	100
Hearing	52.2	10.88	5,800	1,730	11,100	144
Ambulatory	30.1	8.37	4,800	1,570	15,800	155
Cognitive	33.4	7.63	6,700	1,870	20,100	128
Self-Care	12.3	9.90	700	610	5,800	49
Independent Living	27.7	8.48	4,000	1,450	14,600	103

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 Alaska who are not working but actively looking for work, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

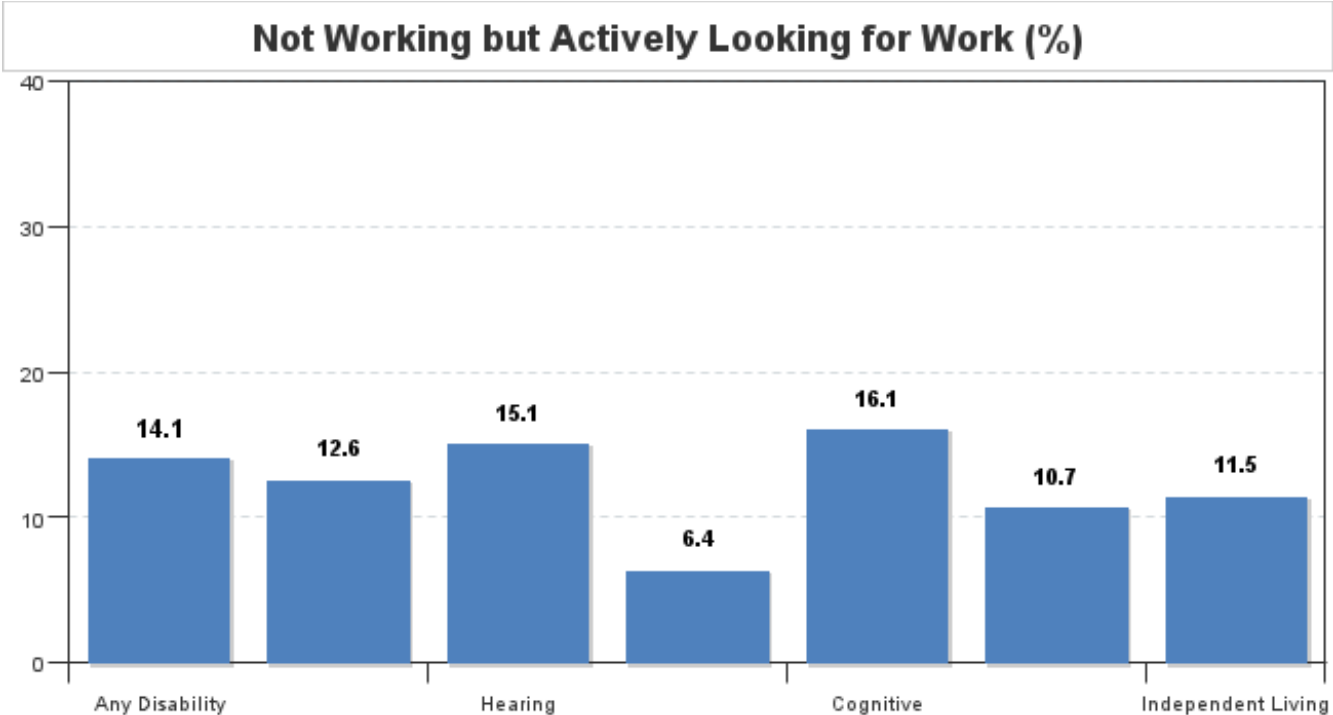
Quick Statistics

Actively
Looking: with
disability
14.1%

Actively
Looking:
without
disability
22.5%

- In 2018 in AK, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 14.1 percent.
- In 2018 in AK, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 22.5 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 8.4 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," 16.1 percent. The lowest percentage was for people with a "Ambulatory Disability," 6.4 percent.

Percentage who are not working but actively looking for work among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	22.5	3.35	18,300	3,060	81,400	801
Any Disability	14.1	5.00	3,600	1,370	25,400	233
Visual	12.6	10.97	600	560	4,800	59
Hearing	15.1	11.29	800	650	5,300	67
Ambulatory	6.4	5.34	700	610	11,000	110
Cognitive	16.1	7.28	2,100	1,060	13,400	86
Self-Care	10.7	9.95	500	530	5,100	39
Independent Living	11.5	7.11	1,200	800	10,600	75

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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

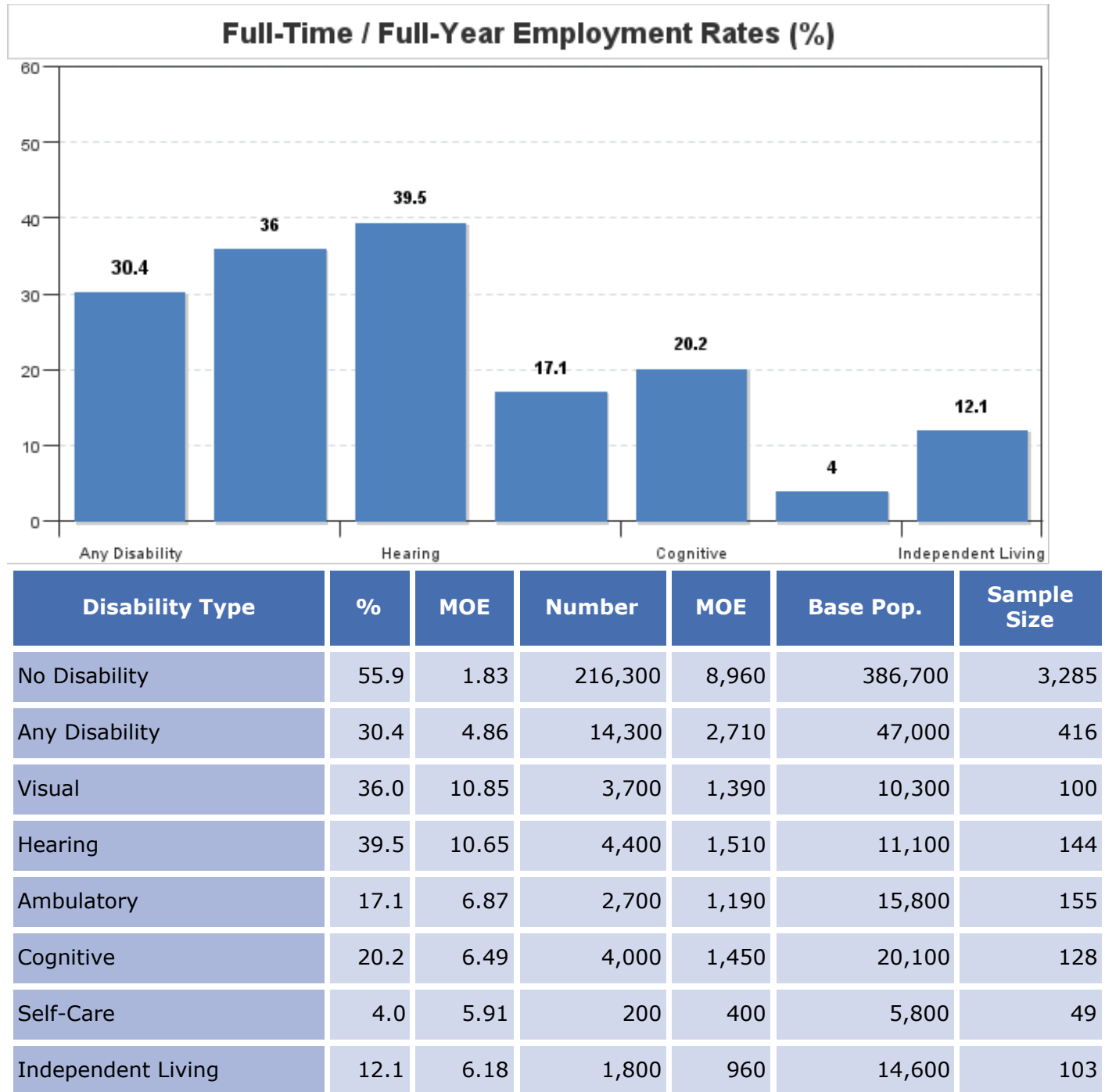
Quick Statistics

FT / FY
Employment:
with disability
30.4%

FT / FY
Employment:
without
disability
55.9%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in AK was 30.4 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in AK was 55.9 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 25.5 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 39.5 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 4.0 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year employment of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Alaska in 2018



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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

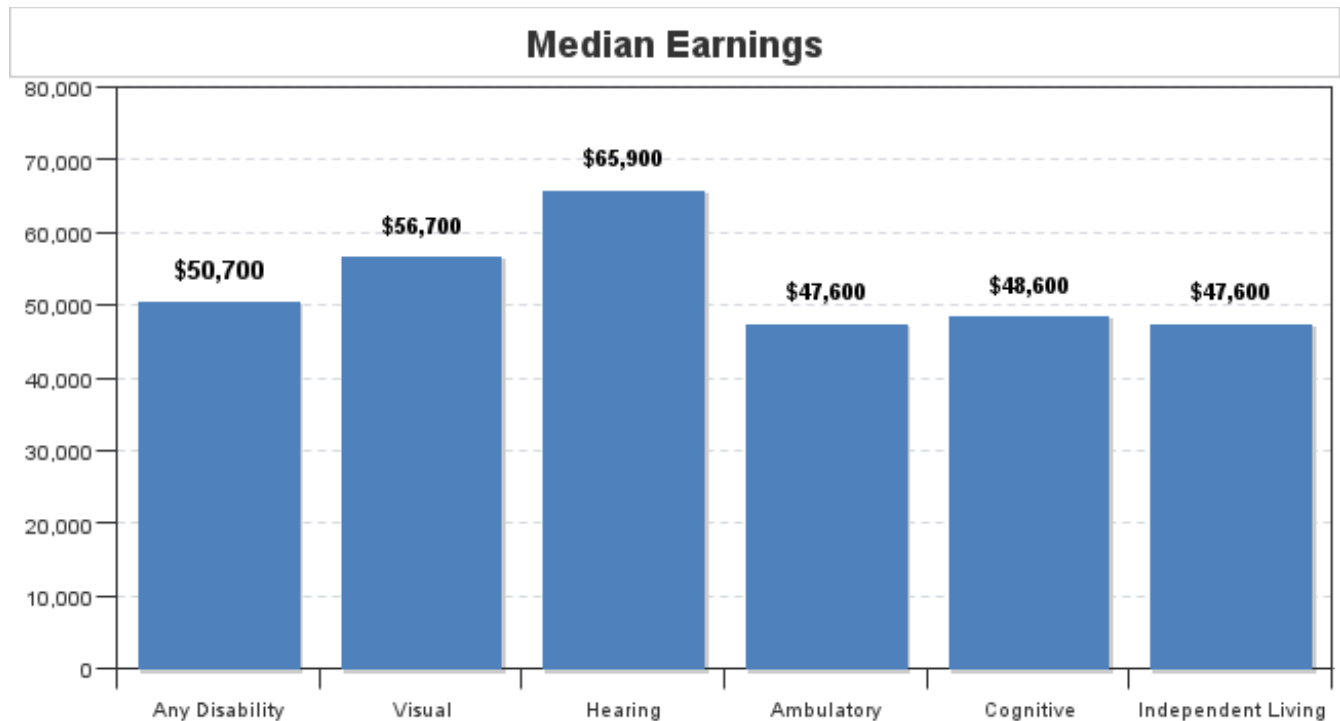
Quick Statistics



- In 2018, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in AK was \$50,700.
- In 2018, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in AK was \$56,700.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$6,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Hearing Disability," \$65,900. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Ambulatory Disability," \$47,600[†].

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

Median annual earnings of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) who work full-time/full-year by disability status in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	Median Earnings	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$56,700	\$2,500	216,000	1,677
Any Disability	\$50,700	\$4,860	14,000	116
Visual	\$56,700 [†]	\$7,630	4,000	26
Hearing	\$65,900	\$11,940	4,000	49
Ambulatory	\$47,600 [†]	\$19,470	3,000	25
Cognitive	\$48,600 [†]	\$14,600	4,000	29
Self-Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Independent Living	\$47,600 [†]	\$11,570	2,000	14

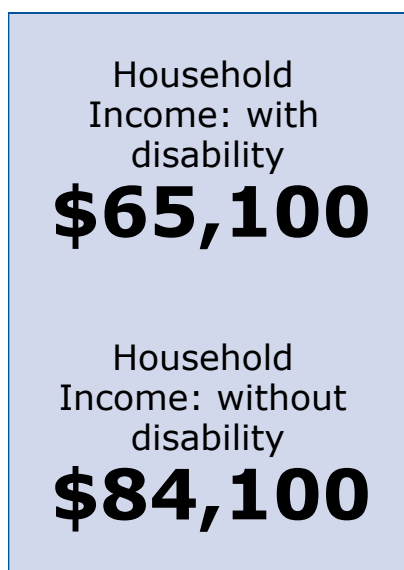
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Annual Household Income

Introduction

This section illustrates the median annual income* of households that include any working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

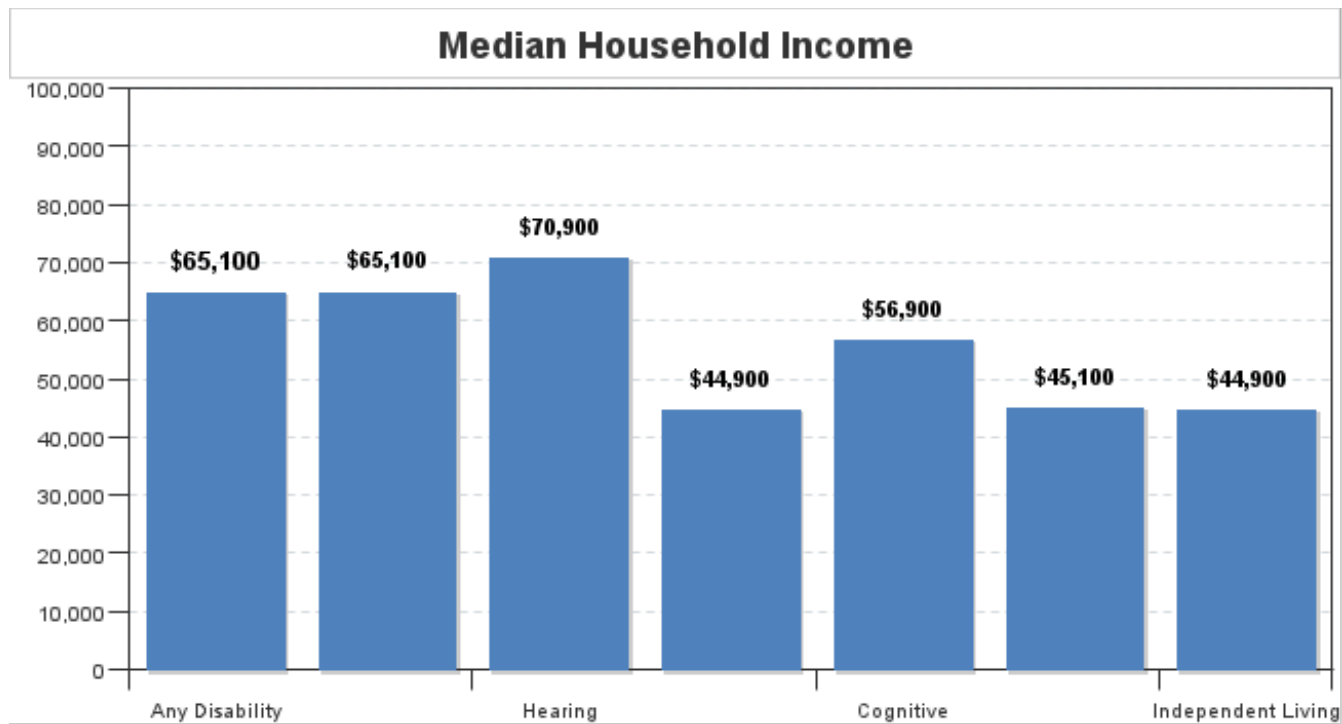
Quick Statistics



- In 2018, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities in AK was \$65,100.
- In 2018, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in AK was \$84,100.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$19,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$70,900. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Ambulatory Disability" \$44,900.

* **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 Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	Median H.H. Income	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$84,100	\$5,490	180,000	1,561
Any Disability	\$65,100	11,240	38,000	350
Visual	\$65,100	19,400	9,000	84
Hearing	\$70,900	24,670	10,000	131
Ambulatory	\$44,900	15,290	13,000	138
Cognitive	\$56,900	14,290	17,000	114
Self-Care	\$45,100	22,570	5,000	44
Independent Living	\$44,900	12,540	12,000	95

* **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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Poverty: with
disability

17.9%

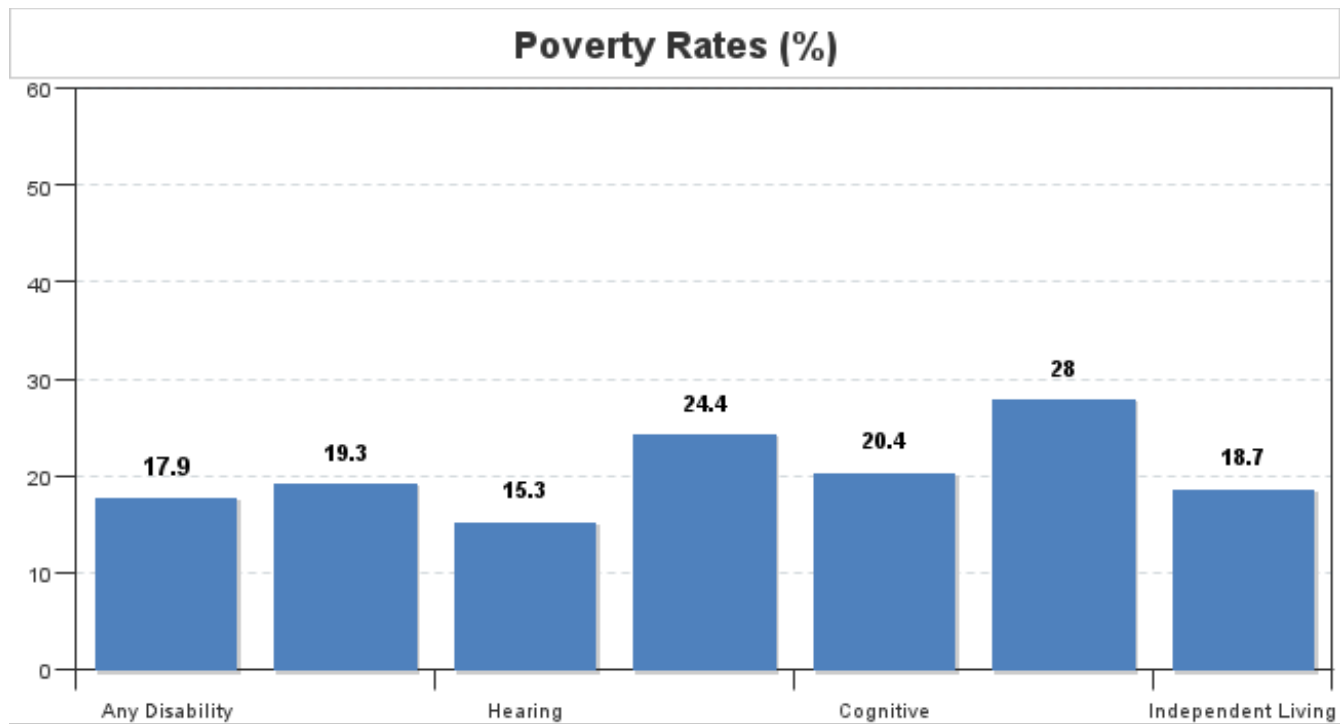
Poverty:
without
disability

8.9%

- In 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in AK was 17.9 percent.
- In 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in AK was 8.9 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 9 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 28.0 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 15.3 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 Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	8.9	1.43	34,100	5,610	382,400	3,219
Any Disability	17.9	5.51	8,400	2,830	46,800	414
Visual	19.3	12.11	2,000	1,380	10,300	100
Hearing	15.3	10.65	1,700	1,280	11,100	144
Ambulatory	24.4	10.68	3,800	1,920	15,600	153
Cognitive	20.4	8.87	4,100	1,980	20,000	127
Self-Care	28.0	18.37	1,600	1,250	5,800	49
Independent Living	18.7	10.03	2,700	1,620	14,600	102

* **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

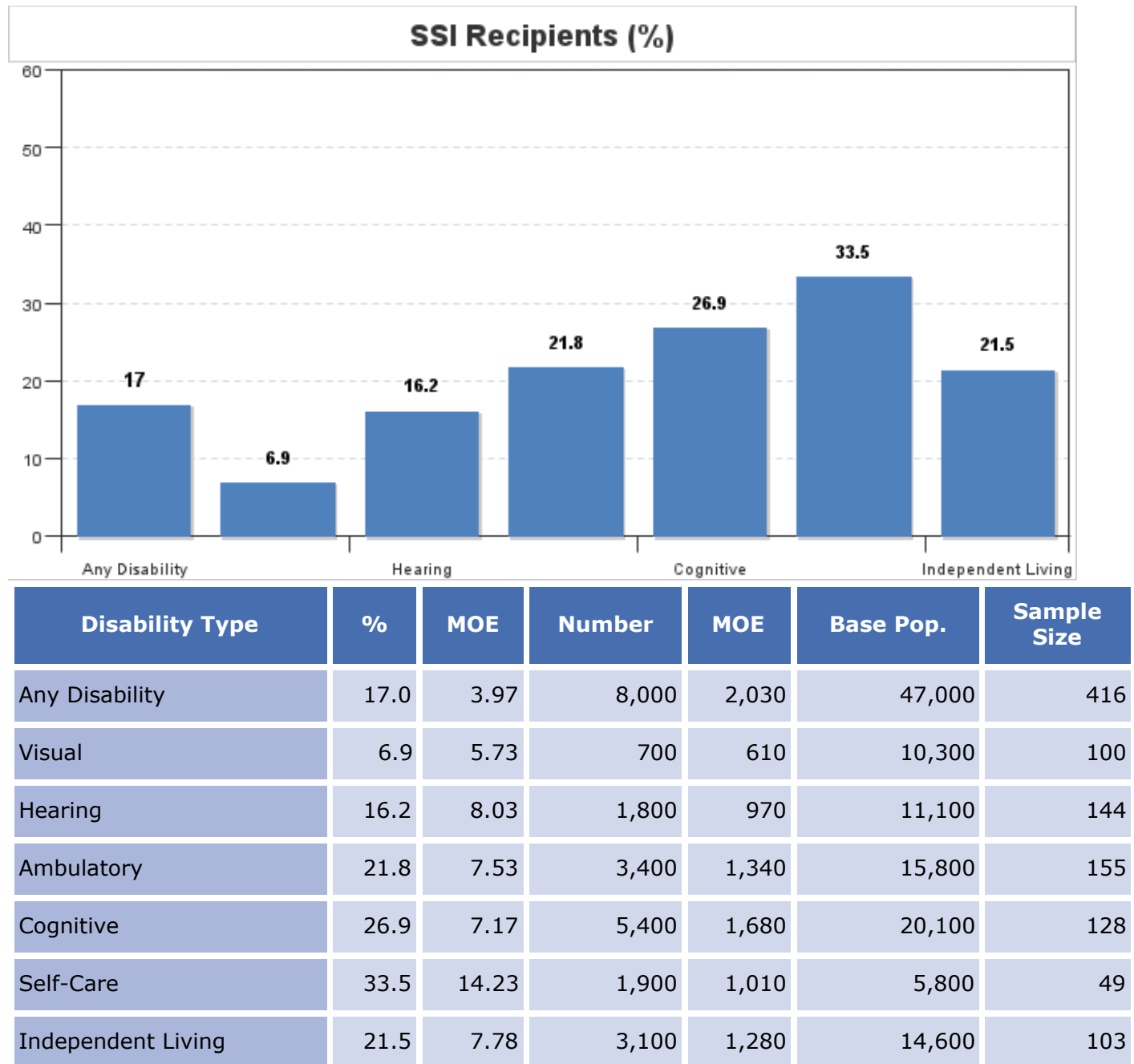
This section focuses on the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary. Please note that these results will differ from official Social Security Administration reports for several reasons. For additional information, please email DisabilityStatistics@cornell.edu.

Quick Statistics

SSI
Recipients:
with disability
17.0%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in AK was 17.0 percent.
- In 2018, the number of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in AK was 8,000.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage that received SSI was people with "Self-Care Disability," 33.5 percent. The lowest percentage that received SSI was people with "Visual Disability," 6.9 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Alaska in 2018



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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

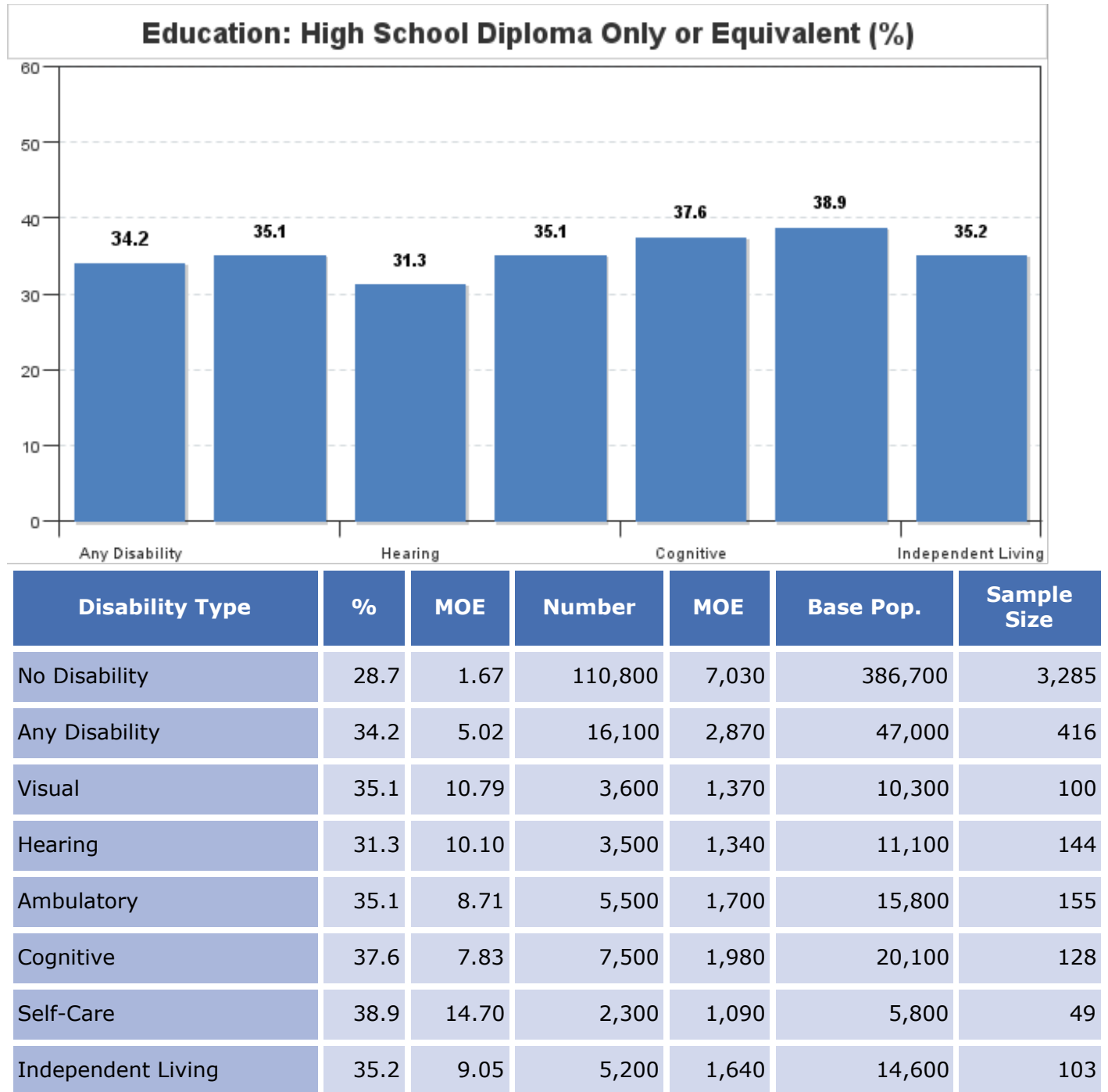
Quick Statistics

High School
Only: with
disability
34.2%

High School
Only: without
disability
28.7%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in AK was 34.2 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in AK was 28.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 5.5 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 "Self-Care Disability," 38.9 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Hearing Disability," 31.3 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only a high school diploma or equivalent by disability status in AK in 2018



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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

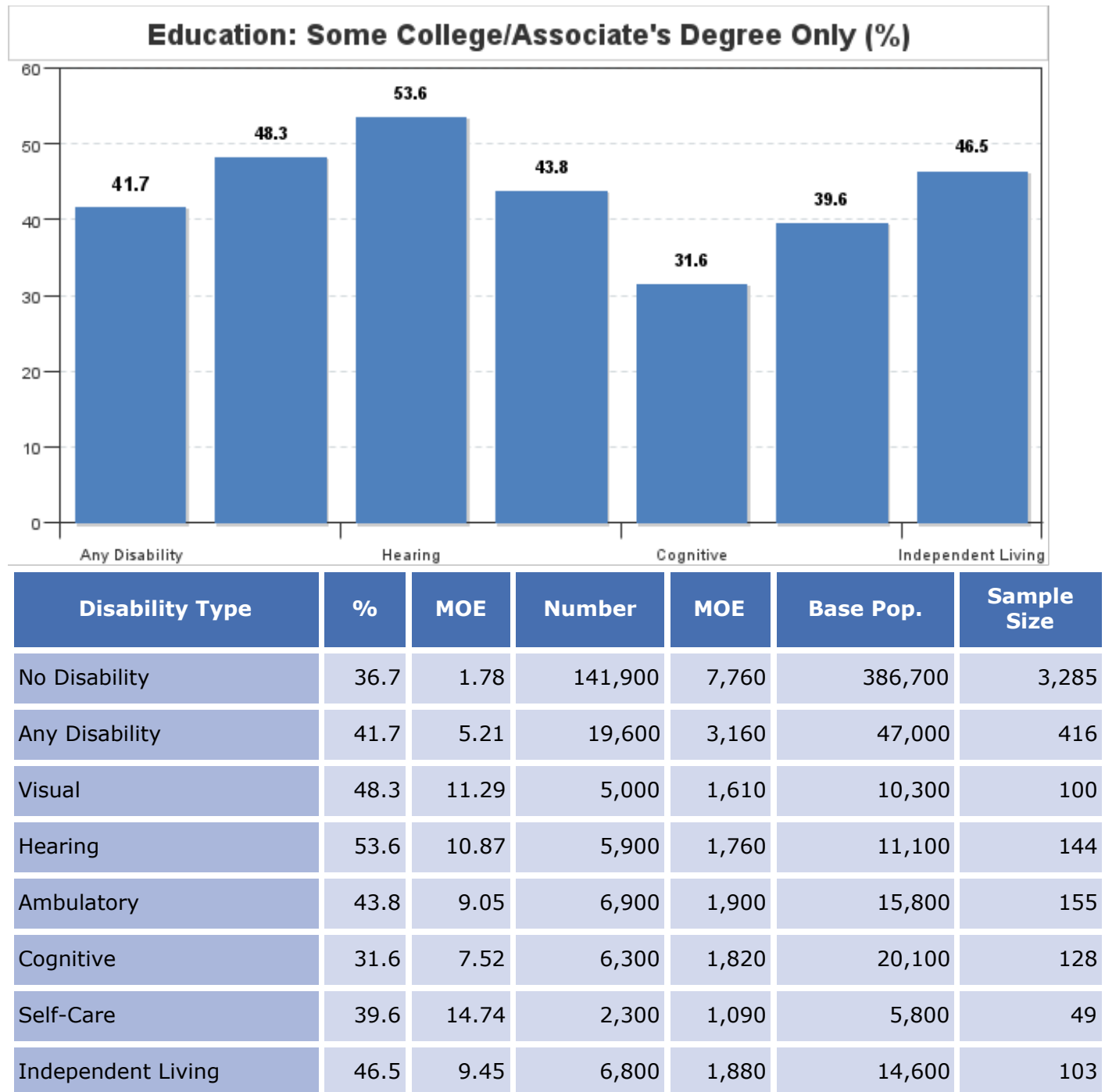
Quick Statistics

Some
College: with
disability
41.7%

Some
College:
without
disability
36.7%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in AK was 41.7 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in AK was 36.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was -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," 53.6 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 31.6 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 Alaska in 2018



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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: with
disability

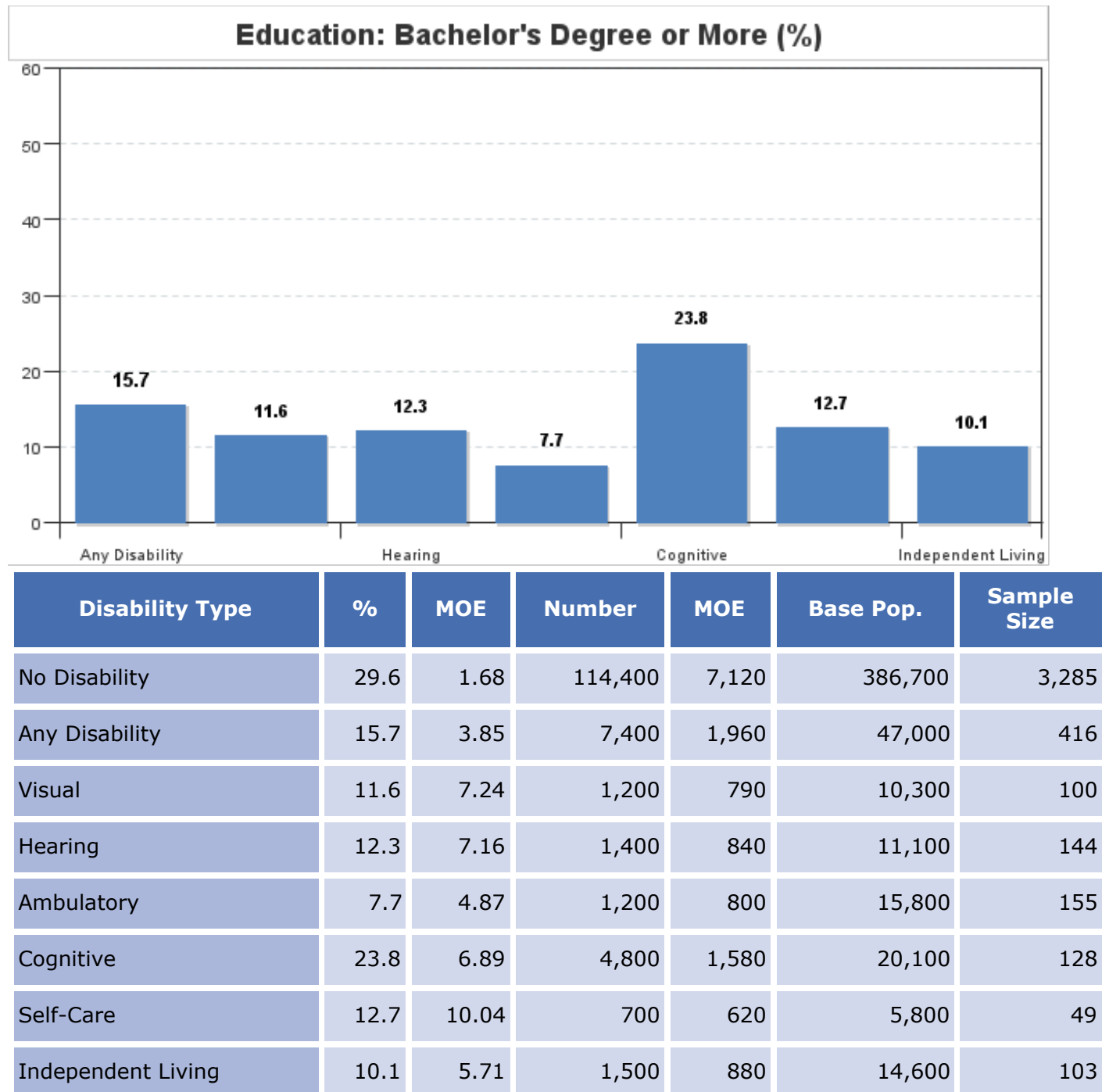
15.7%

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: without
disability

29.6%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in AK was 15.7 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in AK was 29.6 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 13.9 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Cognitive Disability," 23.8 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Ambulatory Disability," 7.7 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with a Bachelor's degree or more by disability status in Alaska in 2018



Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

Introduction

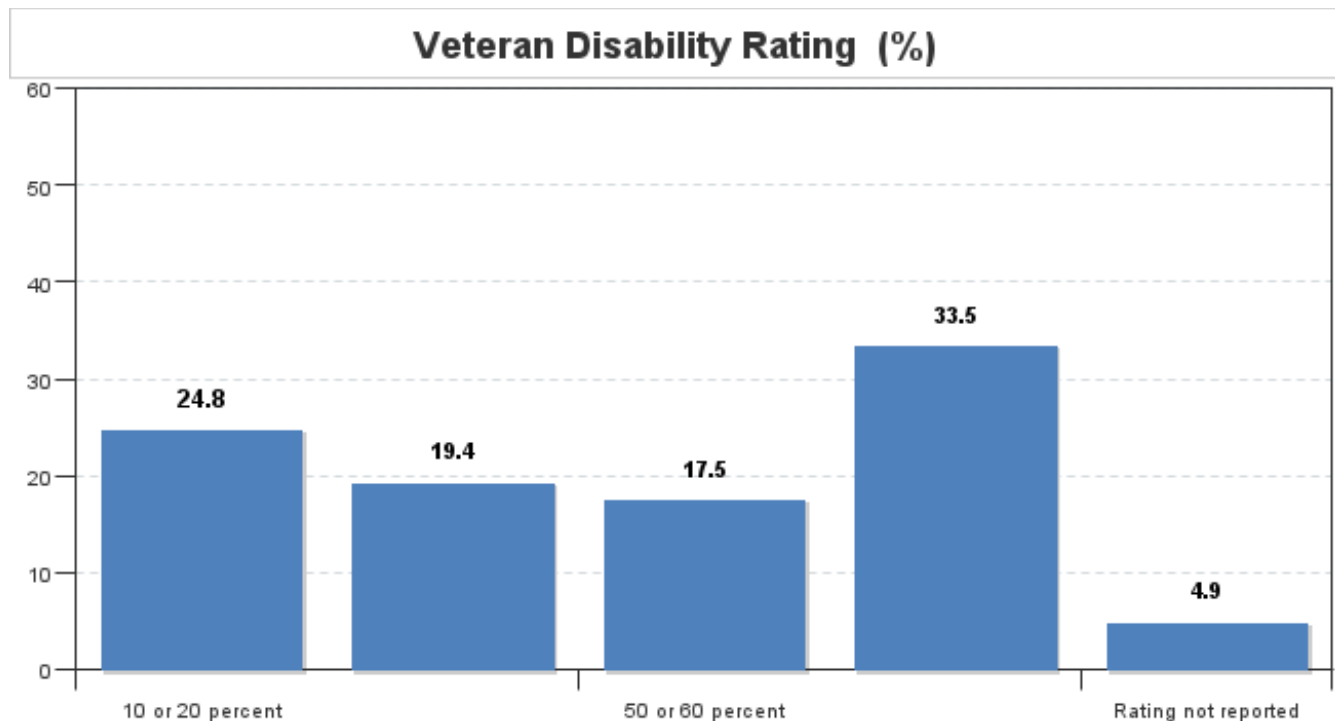
This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in Alaska. The 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (0-100%). 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
29.9%

- In 2018, there were 44,200 working-age civilian veterans in AK, of whom 13,200 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in AK with a VA service-connected disability was 29.9 percent.
- In 2018, 4,400 working-age civilian veterans in AK had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2018, 33.5 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in AK 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 Alaska in 2018



Service-Connected Disability	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Has a service-connected disability rating (0-100%)	29.9	4.99	13,200	2,610	44,200	305
Disability rating of veterans with a service connected-disability						
10 or 20 percent	24.8	8.60	3,300	1,310	13,200	94
30 or 40 percent	19.4	7.88	2,600	1,160	13,200	94
50 or 60 percent	17.5	7.57	2,300	1,100	13,200	94
70 percent or higher	33.5	9.40	4,400	1,520	13,200	94
Rating not reported	4.9	4.30	600	580	13,200	94

Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

This section examines the health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities in Alaska, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

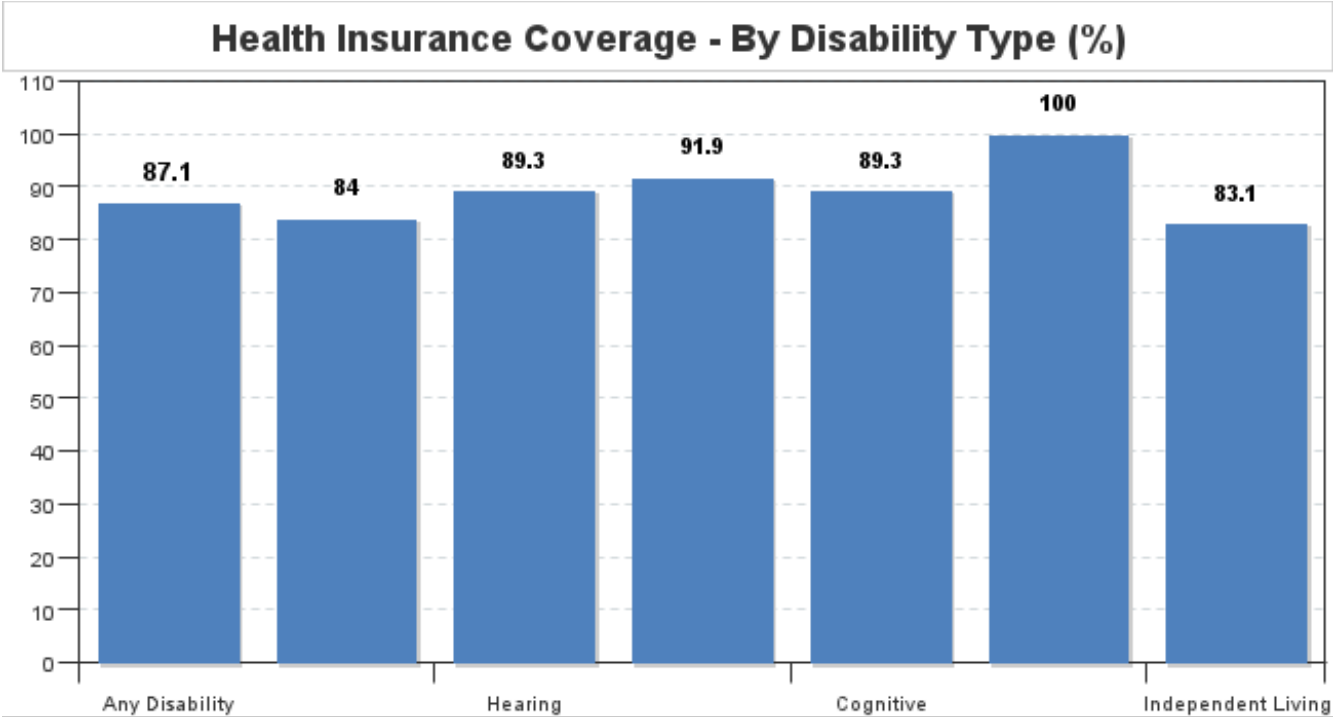
Quick Statistics

Health
Coverage:
with Disability
87.1%

Health
Coverage:
without
Disability
84.6%

- In 2018, 87.1 percent of working-age people with disabilities in AK had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2018, 84.6 percent of working-age people without disabilities in AK had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 2.5 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 100.0 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 83.1 percent.

Health insurance coverage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Alaska in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	84.6	1.81	327,000	13,270	386,700	3,285
Any Disability	87.1	4.81	40,900	6,110	47,000	416
Visual	84.0	11.25	8,600	2,870	10,300	100
Hearing	89.3	9.14	9,900	3,070	11,100	144
Ambulatory	91.9	6.76	14,500	3,710	15,800	155
Cognitive	89.3	6.78	17,900	4,110	20,100	128
Self-Care	100.0	3.29	5,800	2,350	5,800	49
Independent Living	83.1	9.64	12,200	3,400	14,600	103

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 Alaska, using data from the 2018 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

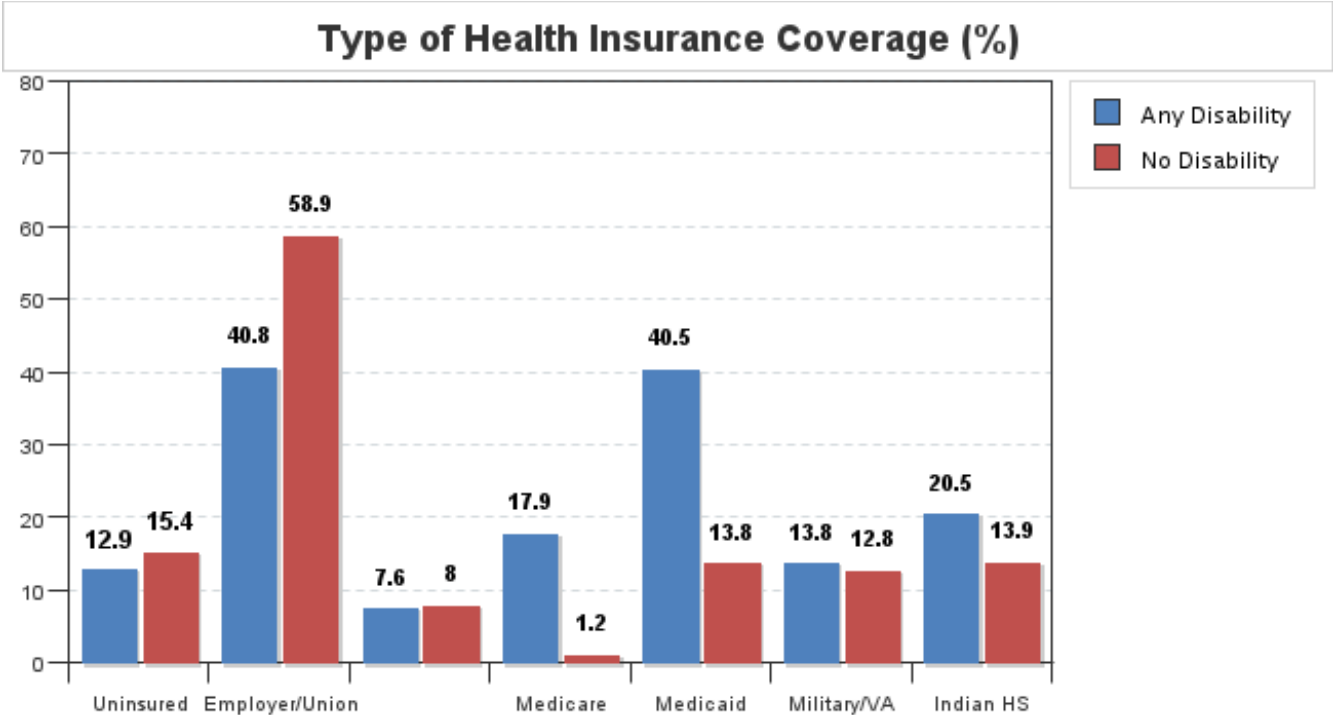
40.8%

Coverage
through
Employer/Union:
without
Disability

58.9%

- In 2018, 40.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities in AK reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2018, 58.9 percent of working-age people without disabilities in AK reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2018, 7.6 percent of working-age people with disabilities in AK reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2018, 17.9 percent of working-age people with disabilities in AK reported Medicare coverage and 40.5 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 Alaska in 2018



Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability						
Uninsured	12.9	4.81	6,100	2,410	47,000	416
Employer/Union	40.8	7.05	19,200	4,250	47,000	416
Purchased	7.6	3.80	3,600	1,850	47,000	416
Medicare	17.9	5.50	8,400	2,840	47,000	416
Medicaid	40.5	7.04	19,000	4,230	47,000	416
Military/VA	13.8	4.95	6,500	2,490	47,000	416
Indian Health Service	20.5	5.79	9,600	3,030	47,000	416
No Disability						
Uninsured	15.4	1.81	59,700	7,280	386,700	3,285
Employer/Union	58.9	2.46	227,900	12,340	386,700	3,285
Purchased	8.0	1.36	31,100	5,370	386,700	3,285
Medicare	1.2	3.29	4,700	2,120	386,700	3,285
Medicaid	13.8	1.72	53,400	6,920	386,700	3,285
Military/VA	12.8	1.67	49,500	6,680	386,700	3,285
Indian Health Service	13.9	1.73	53,600	6,930	386,700	3,285

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.

Employment Rate

The employment rate is calculated by dividing the number of persons employed by the number of persons in that population.

** Note that the unemployment rate cannot be calculated using the employment rate:

- The employment rate is the percentage of all persons who have a job.
- The unemployment rate is the percentage of persons in the labor force who do not have a job but are actively looking for work. The labor force includes people who have a job, are on layoff, or who actively searched for work in the last four weeks.

Please see <http://www.disabilitystatistics.org/faq.cfm#Q6> for more information on unemployment rate calculation and its implications.

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/2008_ACS_GQ_Definitions.pdf.

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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