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About the Disability Status Report

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.

Virginia Summary

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

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

- 11.8 percent for persons of all ages
- 1.0 percent for persons ages 4 and under
- 5.4 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 6.4 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 9.4 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 23.2 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 47.5 percent for persons ages 75+

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

- 2.2% reported a Visual Disability
- 3.3% reported a Hearing Disability
- 6.3% reported an Ambulatory Disability
- 4.6% reported a Cognitive Disability
- 2.6% reported a Self-Care Disability
- 5.3% reported an Independent Living Disability

Gender: In 2018, 11.9 percent of females of all ages and 11.6 percent of males of all ages in VA reported a disability.

Hispanic/Latino: In 2018, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in VA was 6.4 percent.

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

- 9.2 percent among Whites
- 12.2 percent among Black / African Americans
- 3.3 percent among Asians
- 10.9 percent among Native Americans
- 8.9 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 VA was 41.2 percent.

Looking for Work: In VA in 2018, the percentage actively looking for work among people with disabilities who were not working was 6.2 percent.

Full-Time/Full-Year Employment: In VA in 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year was 28.4 percent.

Annual Earnings: In 2018, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in VA was \$46,600.

Annual Household Income: In VA in 2018, the median annual income of households with working-age people with disabilities was \$55,700.

Poverty: In VA in 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities was 22.5 percent.

Supplemental Security Income: In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving SSI payments in VA was 17.6 percent.

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

- with only a high school diploma or equivalent was 33.2 percent
- with only some college or an associate degree was 32.3 percent
- with a bachelor's degree or more was 18.6 percent.

Veterans Service-Connected Disability: In 2018, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans with a VA determined Service-Connected Disability was 31.1 percent in VA.

Health Insurance Coverage: In 2018 in VA, 87.3 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

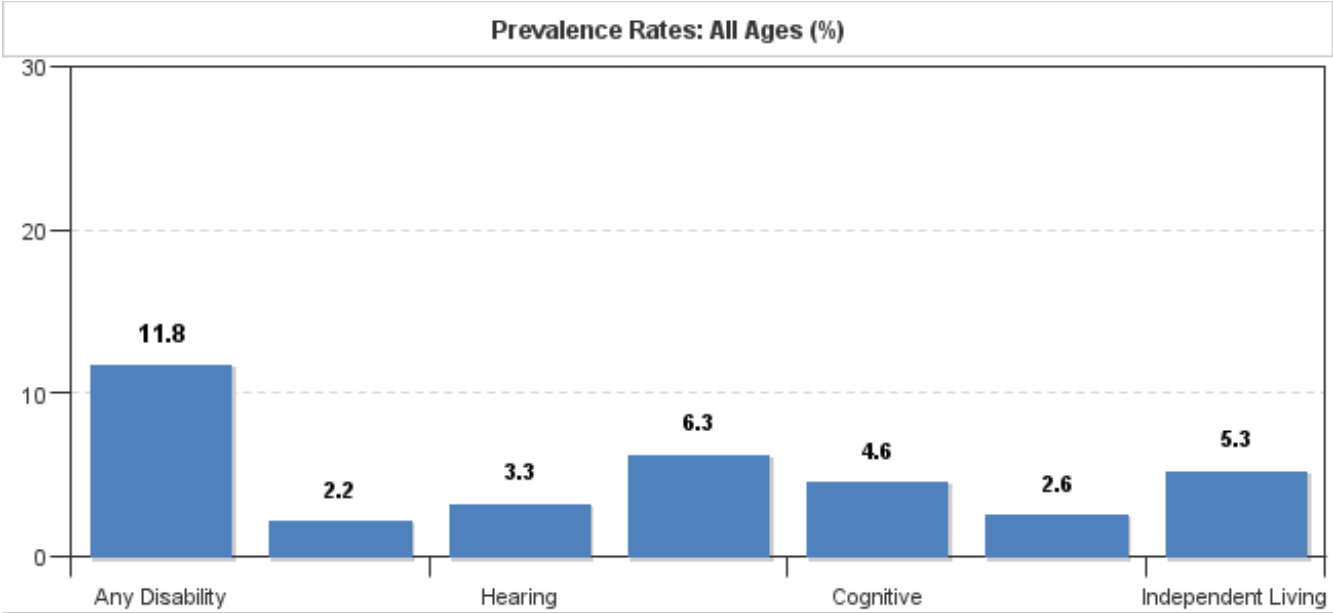
This section addresses the prevalence of disability among non-institutionalized people of all ages in Virginia, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
All Ages
11.8%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability of all ages in VA was 11.8 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 989,800 of the 8,419,200 individuals of all ages in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 6.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 2.2 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	11.8	0.25	989,800	21,430	8,419,200	82,918
Visual	2.2	0.12	182,900	9,690	8,419,200	82,918
Hearing	3.3	0.14	274,100	11,800	8,419,200	82,918
Ambulatory	6.3	0.20	503,000	15,760	7,920,900	78,487
Cognitive	4.6	0.17	363,300	13,510	7,920,900	78,487
Self-Care	2.6	0.13	204,000	10,230	7,920,900	78,487
Independent Living	5.3	0.20	365,500	13,550	6,869,700	68,835

* **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 Virginia, 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.

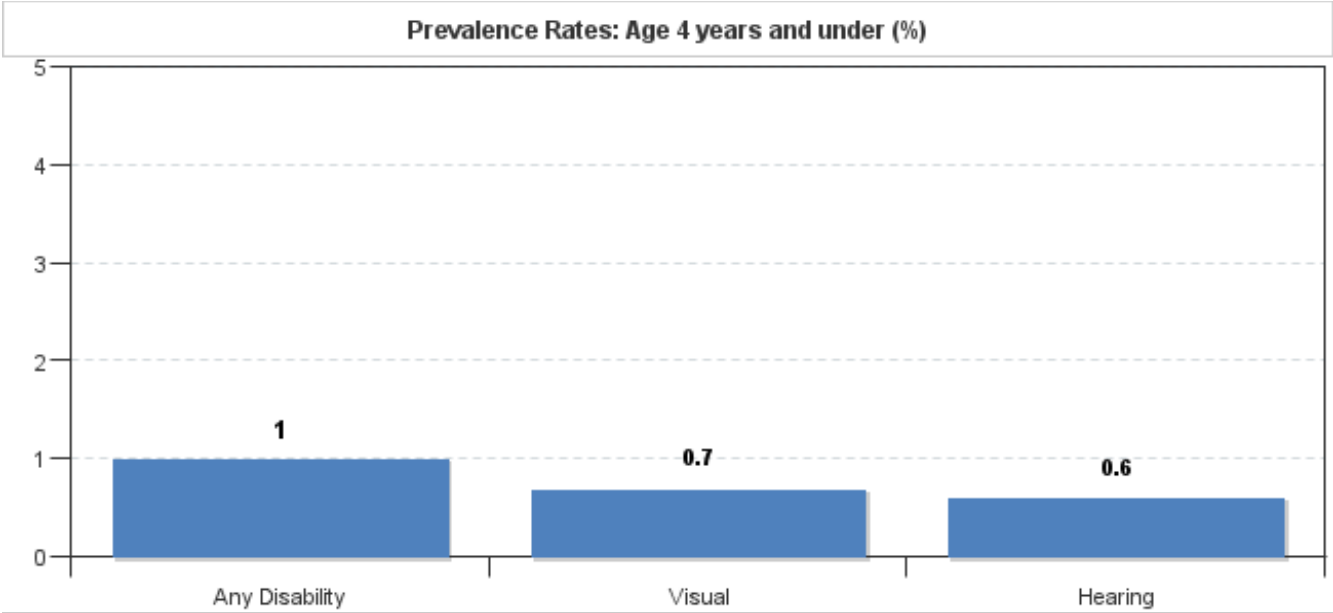
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 4 and
under

1.0%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a visual and/or hearing disability ages 0 to 4 in VA was 1.0 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 5,000 of the 498,200 children ages 0 to 4 in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, 0.7 percent reported a "Visual Disability"
- In VA in 2018, 0.6 percent reported a "Hearing Disability"

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	1.0	3.29	5,000	1,620	498,200	4,431
Visual	0.7	3.29	3,500	1,350	498,200	4,431
Hearing	0.6	3.29	3,000	1,260	498,200	4,431

Prevalence

Ages 5 to 15 years

Introduction

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

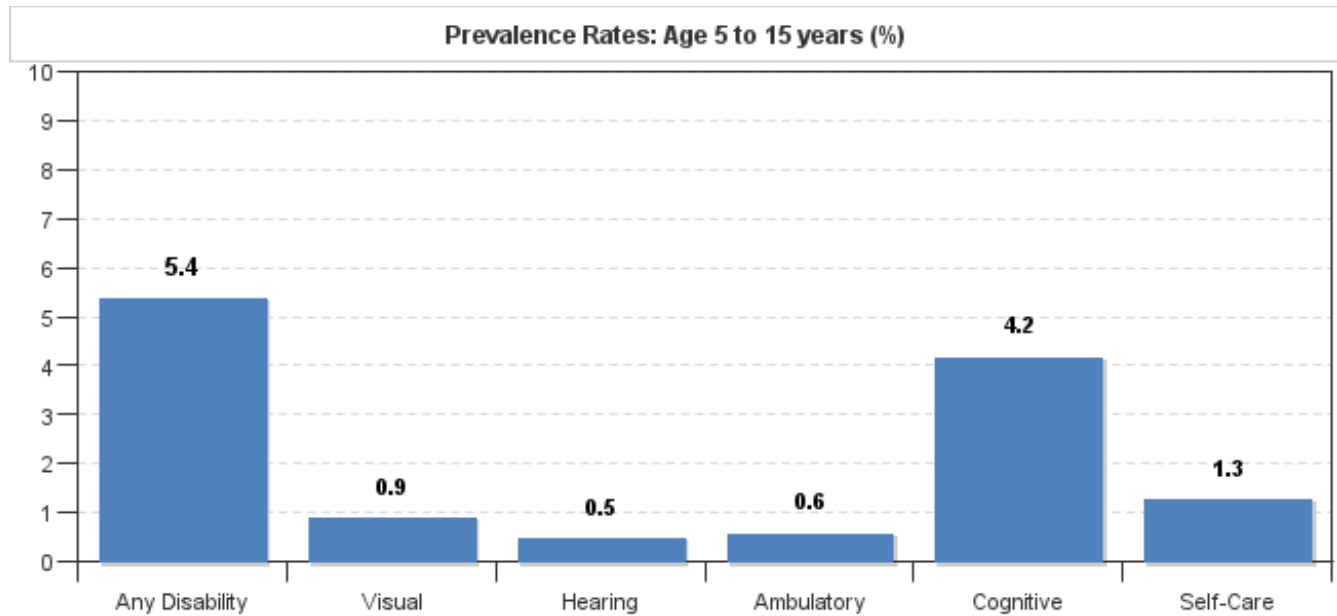
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 5 to
15 years
5.4%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of children with a disability ages 5 to 15 in VA was 5.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 62,900 of the 1,160,100 individuals ages 5 to 15 in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the five types of disabilities* identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 4.2 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Hearing Disability," 0.5 percent.

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

Prevalence of disability* among non-institutionalized people ages 5 to 15 in Virginia in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	5.4	0.48	62,900	5,720	1,160,100	10,645
Visual	0.9	3.29	10,100	2,300	1,160,100	10,645
Hearing	0.5	3.29	5,600	1,720	1,160,100	10,645
Ambulatory	0.6	3.29	7,000	1,910	1,160,100	10,645
Cognitive	4.2	0.42	48,100	5,010	1,160,100	10,645
Self-Care	1.3	3.29	15,400	2,850	1,160,100	10,645

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

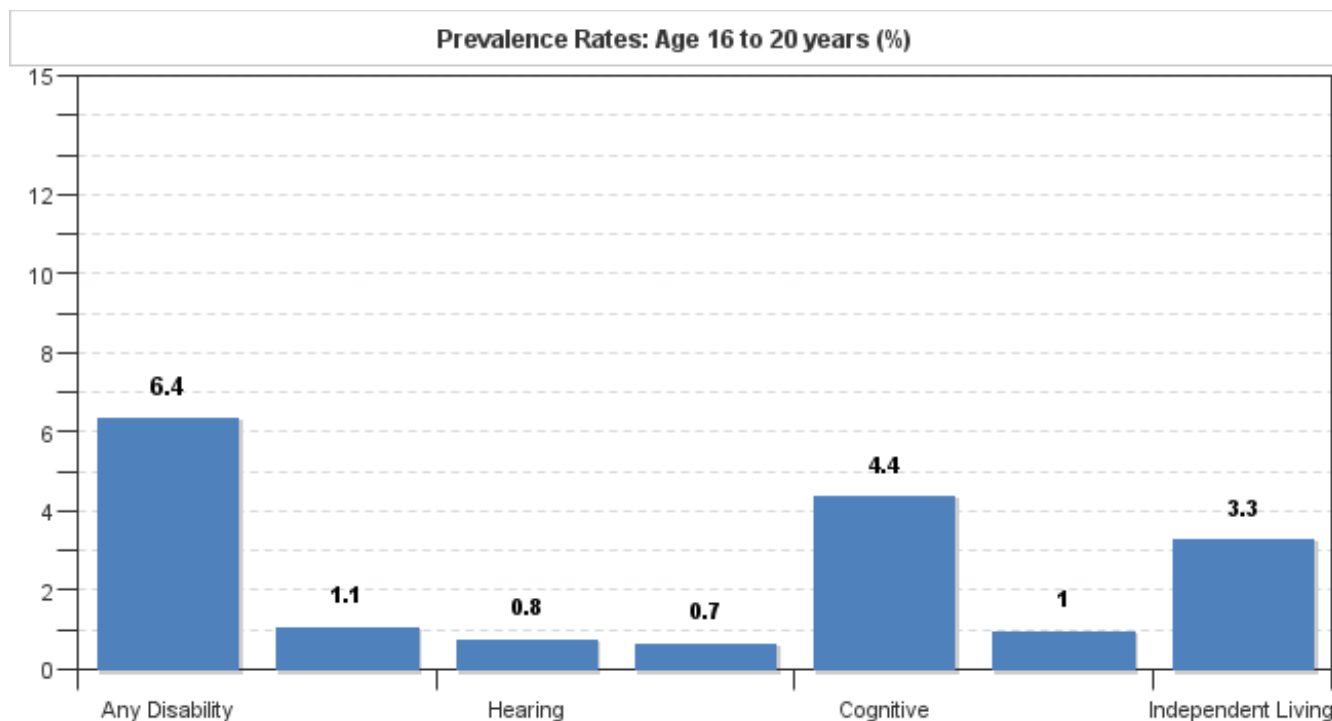
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 16 to
20 years

6.4%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 16 to 20 in VA was 6.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 36,700 of the 572,000 individuals ages 16 to 20 in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Cognitive Disability," 4.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 0.7 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	6.4	0.74	36,700	4,380	572,000	5,593
Visual	1.1	3.29	6,100	1,780	572,000	5,593
Hearing	0.8	3.29	4,600	1,550	572,000	5,593
Ambulatory	0.7	3.29	3,900	1,430	572,000	5,593
Cognitive	4.4	0.62	25,100	3,620	572,000	5,593
Self-Care	1.0	3.29	5,800	1,740	572,000	5,593
Independent Living	3.3	0.54	18,800	3,140	572,000	5,593

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

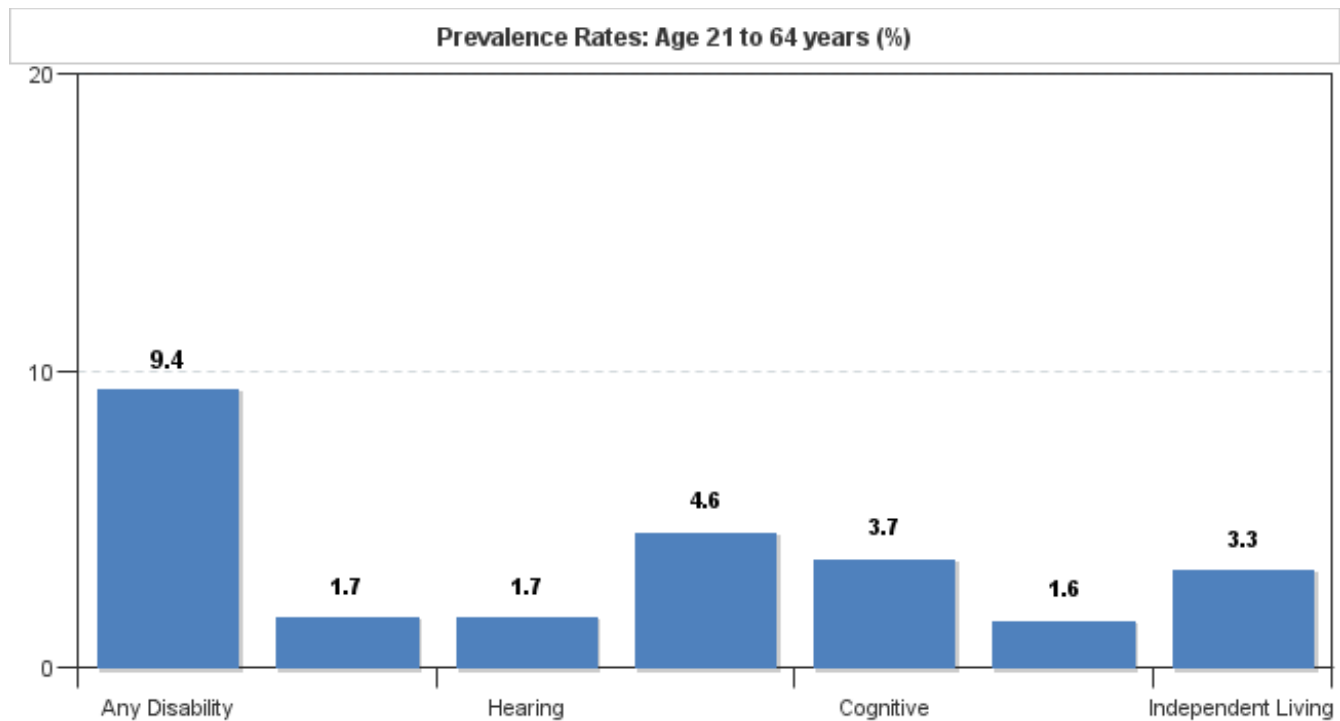
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 21 to
64 years

9.4%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of working age people (ages 21 to 64) with a disability in VA was 9.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 458,400 of the 4,893,000 individuals ages 21 to 64 in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 4.6 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was "Self-Care Disability," 1.6 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	9.4	0.30	458,400	15,090	4,893,000	47,135
Visual	1.7	3.29	83,800	6,600	4,893,000	47,135
Hearing	1.7	3.29	83,900	6,600	4,893,000	47,135
Ambulatory	4.6	0.22	222,800	10,670	4,893,000	47,135
Cognitive	3.7	0.20	182,800	9,690	4,893,000	47,135
Self-Care	1.6	3.29	79,700	6,440	4,893,000	47,135
Independent Living	3.3	0.19	162,900	9,160	4,893,000	47,135

Prevalence

Ages 65 to 74 years

Introduction

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

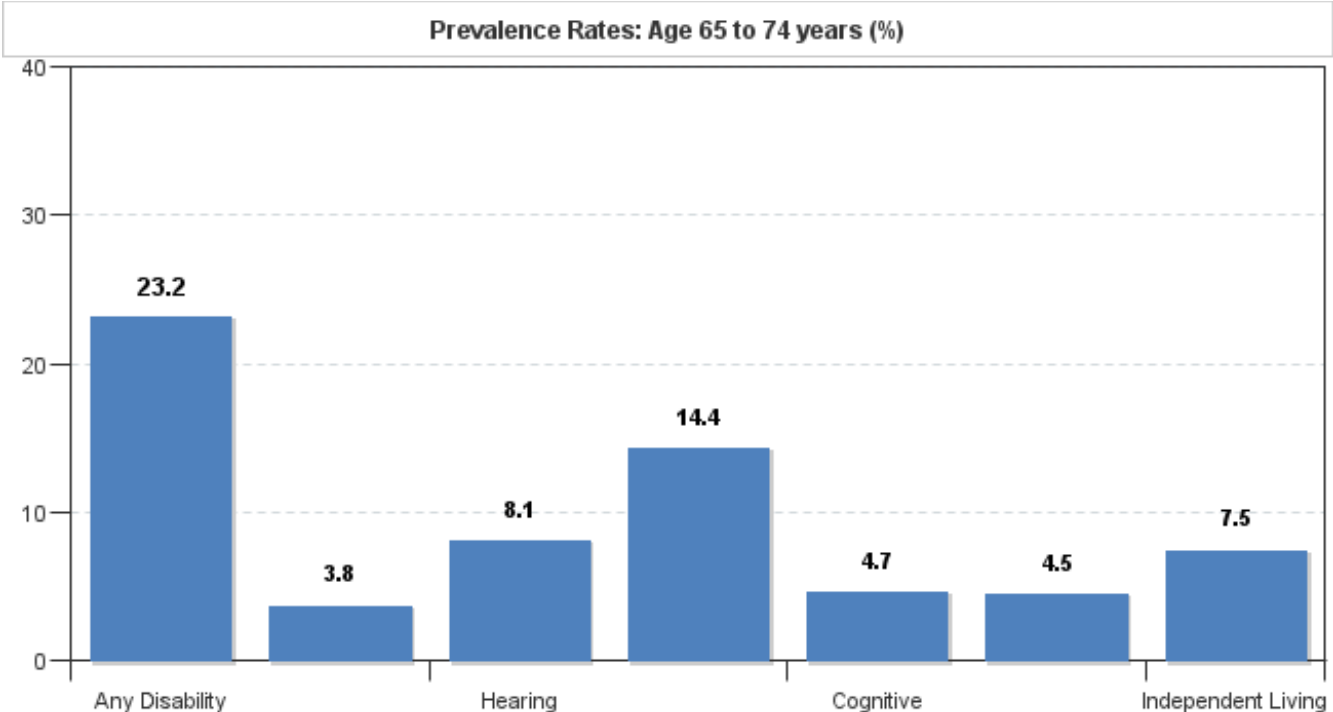
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 65 to 74
years

23.2%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 65 to 74 in VA was 23.2 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 179,500 of the 774,900 individuals ages 65 to 74 in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 14.4 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 3.8 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	23.2	1.10	179,500	9,610	774,900	9,067
Visual	3.8	0.50	29,400	3,920	774,900	9,067
Hearing	8.1	0.71	62,800	5,720	774,900	9,067
Ambulatory	14.4	0.91	111,400	7,600	774,900	9,067
Cognitive	4.7	0.55	36,400	4,360	774,900	9,067
Self-Care	4.5	0.54	35,000	4,280	774,900	9,067
Independent Living	7.5	0.69	58,100	5,500	774,900	9,067

Prevalence

Ages 75 and Older

Introduction

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

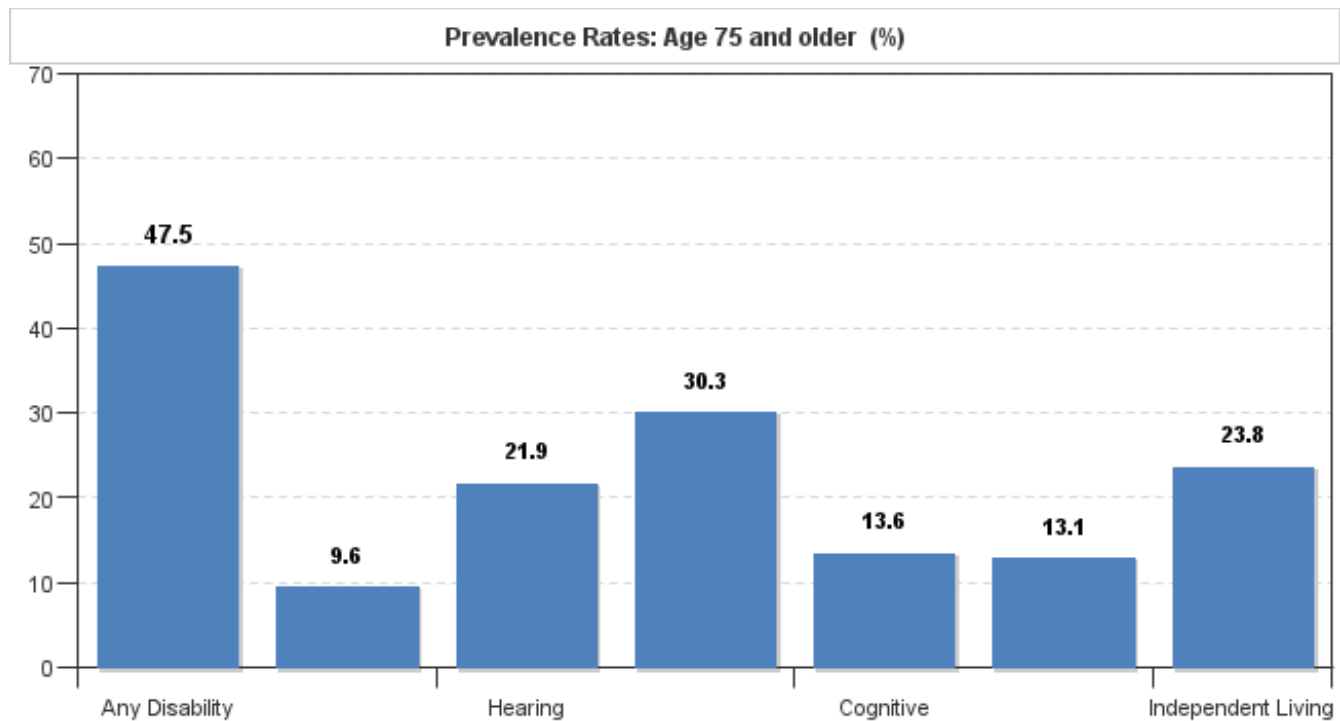
Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Ages 75 and
Older

47.5%

- In 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability ages 75 and older in VA was 47.5 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 247,300 of the 520,900 individuals ages 75 and older in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest prevalence rate was for "Ambulatory Disability," 30.3 percent. The lowest prevalence rate was for "Visual Disability," 9.6 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability	47.5	1.59	247,300	11,230	520,900	6,047
Visual	9.6	0.94	50,100	5,110	520,900	6,047
Hearing	21.9	1.31	114,200	7,690	520,900	6,047
Ambulatory	30.3	1.46	157,900	9,020	520,900	6,047
Cognitive	13.6	1.09	70,900	6,080	520,900	6,047
Self-Care	13.1	1.07	68,100	5,960	520,900	6,047
Independent Living	23.8	1.35	123,900	8,010	520,900	6,047

Prevalence

Gender and Age

Introduction

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

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Males All
Ages

11.6%

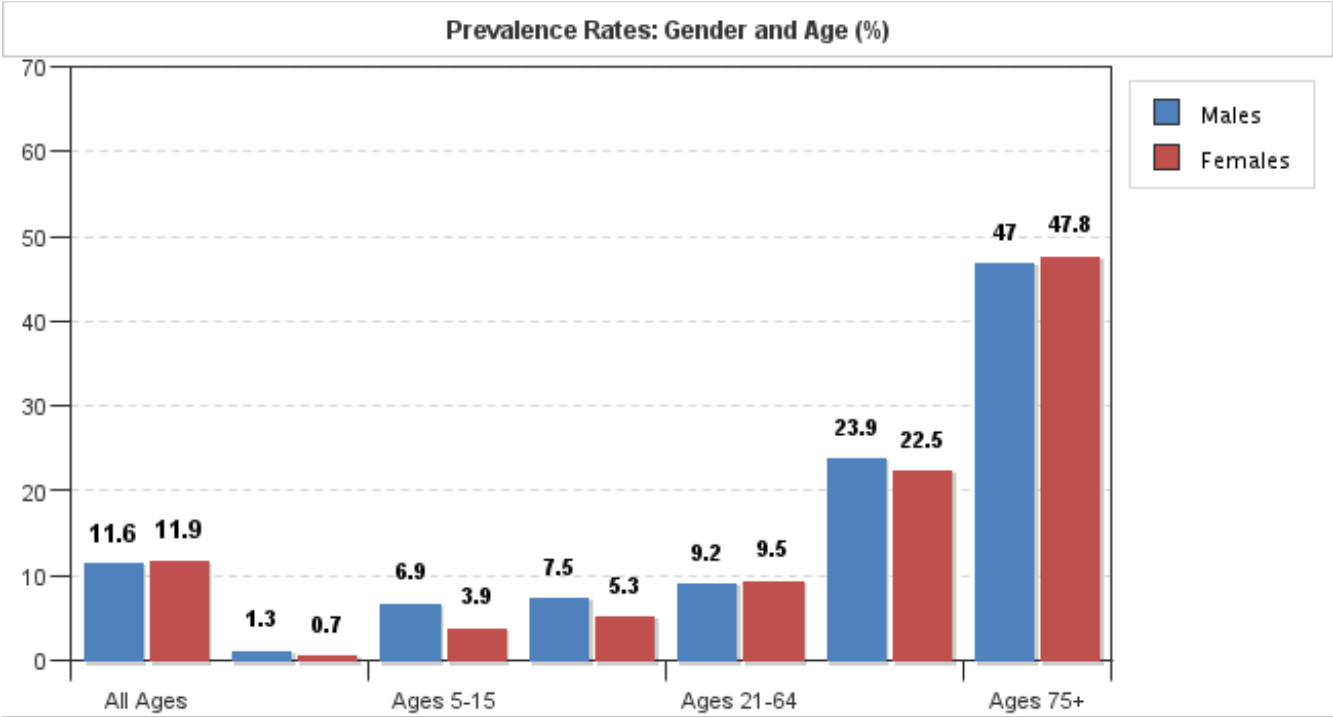
Prevalence:
Female All
Ages

11.9%

- In VA in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of males with a disability of all ages was 11.6 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 476,000 of the 4,117,100 males of all ages in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of females with a disability of all ages was 11.9 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 513,900 of the 4,302,100 females of all ages in VA 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 Virginia in 2018



Gender & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Males						
Males: All Ages	11.6	0.36	476,000	15,360	4,117,100	39,989
Males: Ages 4 and under	1.3	3.29	3,400	1,330	257,400	2,242
Males: Ages 5-15	6.9	0.75	40,700	4,610	592,200	5,413
Males: Ages 16-20	7.5	1.12	21,500	3,360	287,400	2,781
Males: Ages 21-64	9.2	0.43	222,200	10,660	2,403,400	22,698
Males: Ages 65-74	23.9	1.63	85,600	6,670	358,600	4,277
Males: Ages 75+	47.0	2.45	102,500	7,290	218,000	2,578
Females						
Females: All Ages	11.9	0.36	513,900	15,920	4,302,100	42,929
Females: Ages 4 and under	0.7	3.29	1,600	930	240,900	2,189
Females: Ages 5-15	3.9	0.59	22,100	3,410	567,900	5,232
Females: Ages 16-20	5.3	0.97	15,200	2,820	284,500	2,812
Females: Ages 21-64	9.5	0.43	236,200	10,980	2,489,600	24,437
Females: Ages 65-74	22.5	1.48	93,900	6,980	416,300	4,790
Females: Ages 75+	47.8	2.08	144,900	8,650	302,900	3,469

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

Quick Statistics

Prevalence:
Hispanic All
Ages

6.4%

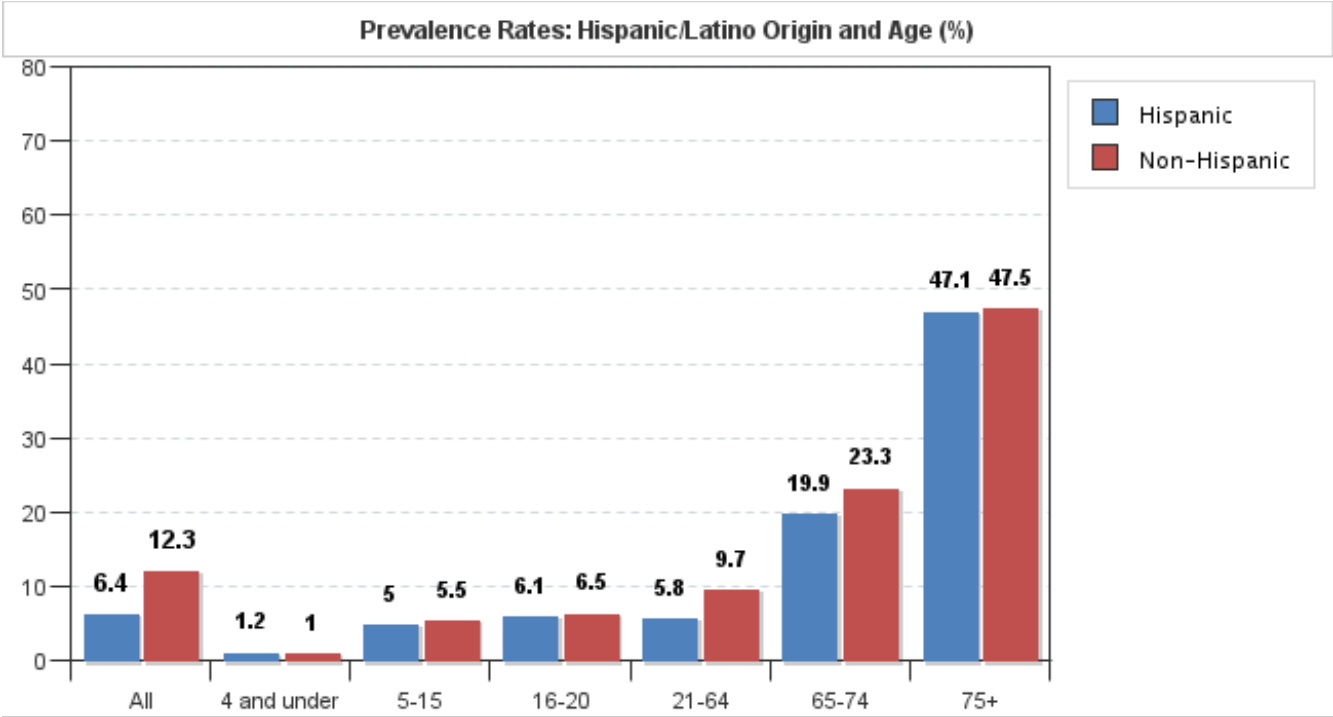
Prevalence:
Non-Hispanic
All Ages

12.3%

- In VA in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 6.4 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 51,900 of the 807,400 people of Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in VA reported one or more disabilities.
- In VA in 2018, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of disability among people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages was 12.3 percent.
- In other words, in 2018, 937,900 of the 7,611,700 people of non-Hispanic/Latino origin of all ages in VA 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 Virginia in 2018



Hispanic/Latino Origin & Age	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Hispanic						
Hispanic - All Ages	6.4	0.63	51,900	5,210	807,400	6,097
Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	1.2	3.29	900	700	77,200	500
Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.0	1.26	7,900	2,030	157,700	1,184
Hispanic - Ages 16-20	6.1	2.11	4,100	1,470	67,400	565
Hispanic - Ages 21-64	5.8	0.79	27,200	3,770	465,200	3,488
Hispanic - Ages 65-74	19.9	5.74	5,100	1,630	25,400	229
Hispanic - Ages 75+	47.1	9.53	6,800	1,890	14,400	131
Non-Hispanic						
Non-Hispanic - All Ages	12.3	0.27	937,900	20,930	7,611,700	76,821
Non-Hispanic - Ages 4 and under	1.0	3.29	4,100	1,460	421,000	3,931
Non-Hispanic - Ages 5-15	5.5	0.52	55,000	5,360	1,002,400	9,461
Non-Hispanic - Ages 16-20	6.5	0.79	32,600	4,130	504,500	5,028
Non-Hispanic - Ages 21-64	9.7	0.32	431,200	14,660	4,427,800	43,647
Non-Hispanic - Ages 65-74	23.3	1.12	174,400	9,470	749,500	8,838
Non-Hispanic - Ages 75+	47.5	1.61	240,600	11,080	506,500	5,916

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

Prevalence

Race

Introduction

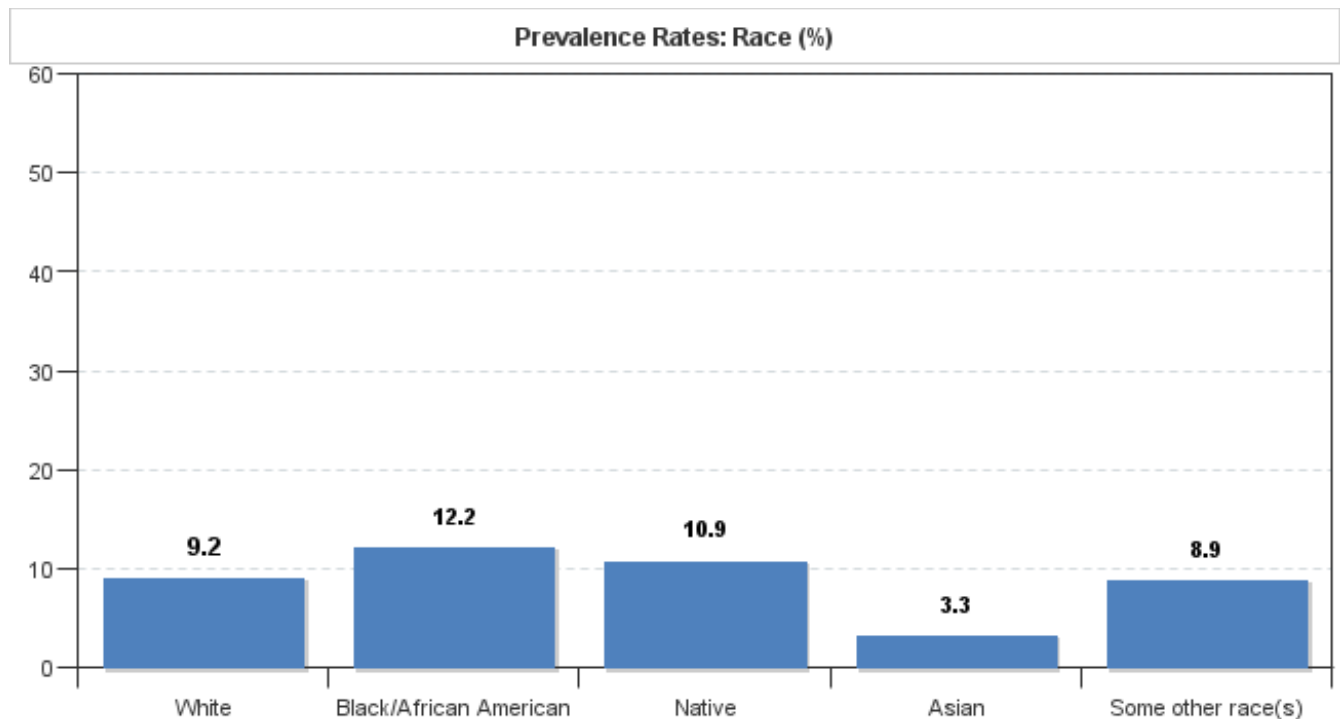
This section presents the disability prevalence rate among non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by race category in VA, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

In 2018, among working-age people in VA:

- 9.2 percent of persons who were White reported a disability.
- 12.2 percent of persons who were Black/African American reported a disability.
- 10.9 percent of persons who were Native American reported a disability.
- 3.3 percent of persons who were Asian reported a disability.
- 8.9 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 Virginia in 2018



Race	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
White	9.2	0.36	305,700	12,440	3,307,400	34,666
Black/African American	12.2	0.77	115,000	7,720	941,500	6,869
Native American or Alaska Native	10.9	6.18	1,500	880	13,400	132
Asian	3.3	0.69	11,800	2,490	355,300	3,340
Some other race(s)	8.9	1.24	24,400	3,570	275,400	2,128

Employment

Introduction

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

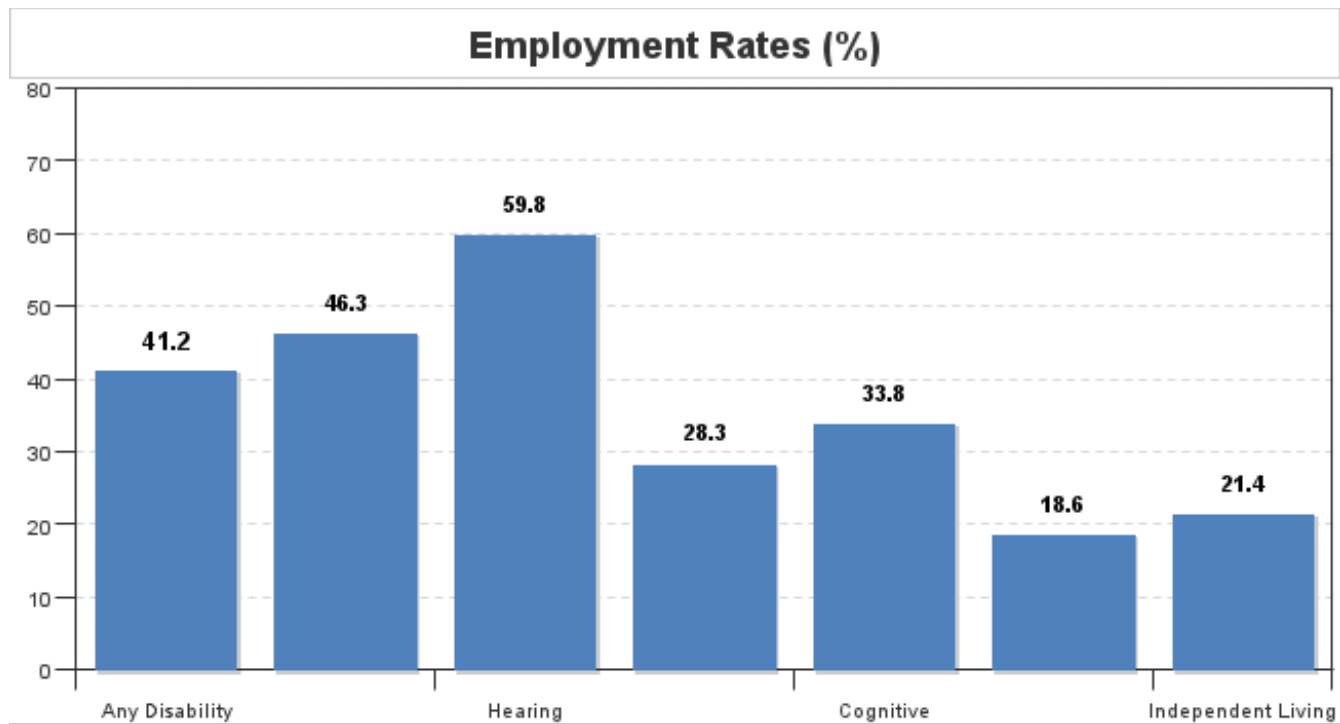
Quick Statistics

Employment:
with disability
41.2%

Employment:
without
disability
82.2%

- In 2018, the employment rate of working-age people with disabilities in VA was 41.2 percent.
- In 2018, the employment rate of working-age people without disabilities in VA was 82.2 percent.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 41 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest employment rate was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 59.8 percent. The lowest employment rate was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 18.6 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	82.2	0.42	3,643,600	32,940	4,434,600	42,673
Any Disability	41.2	1.67	189,000	9,850	458,400	4,462
Visual	46.3	3.95	38,800	4,500	83,800	754
Hearing	59.8	3.88	50,200	5,120	83,900	838
Ambulatory	28.3	2.19	63,100	5,730	222,800	2,165
Cognitive	33.8	2.53	61,800	5,680	182,800	1,741
Self-Care	18.6	3.16	14,900	2,790	79,700	743
Independent Living	21.4	2.33	34,800	4,270	162,900	1,592

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 Virginia 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

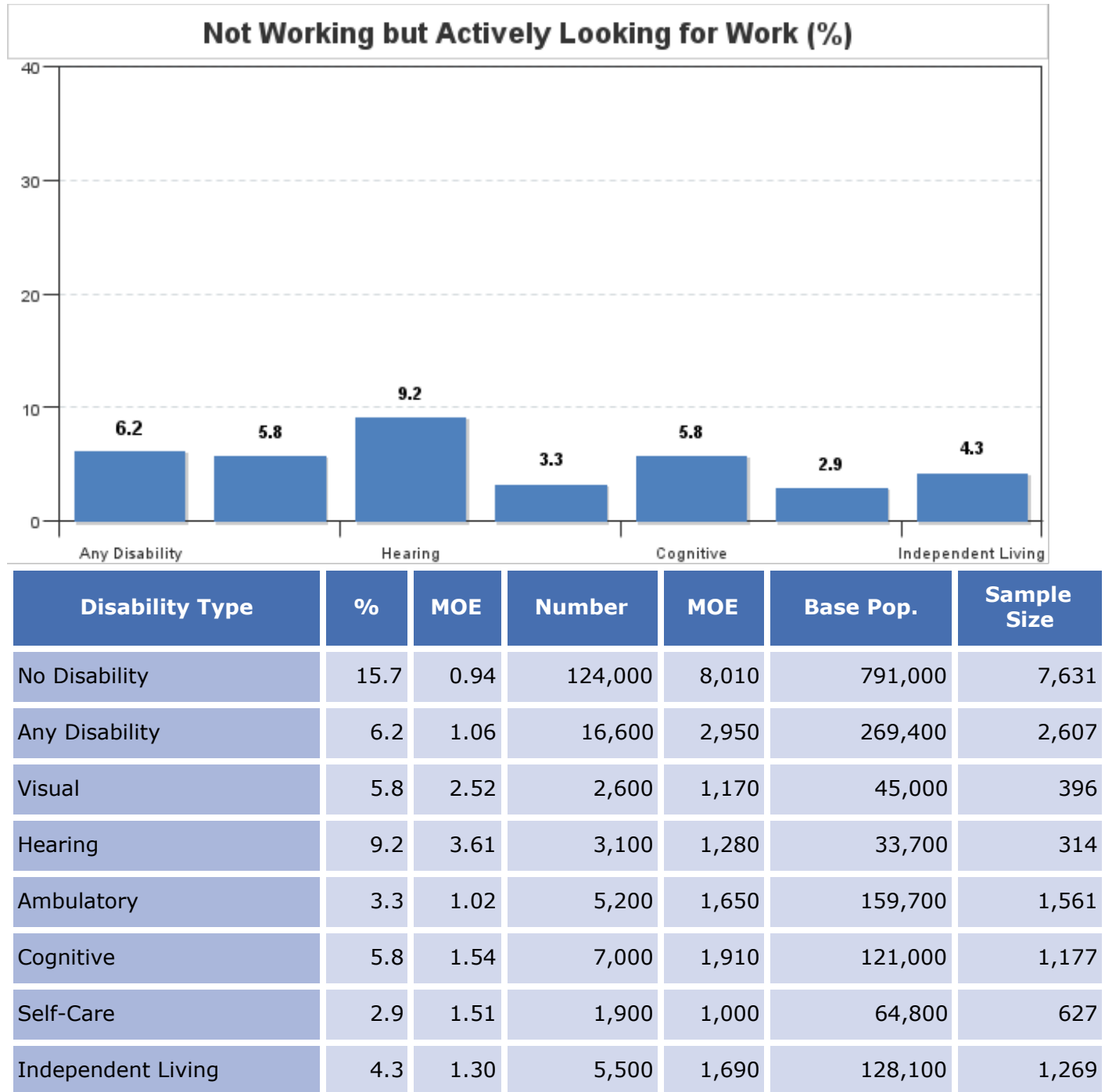
6.2%

Actively
Looking:
without
disability

15.7%

- In 2018 in VA, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 6.2 percent.
- In 2018 in VA, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work was 15.7 percent.
- The difference in the percentage of not working but actively looking for work between working-age people with and without disabilities was 9.5 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage of not working but actively looking for work was for people with a "Hearing Disability," 9.2 percent. The lowest percentage was for people with a "Self-Care Disability," 2.9 percent.

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



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

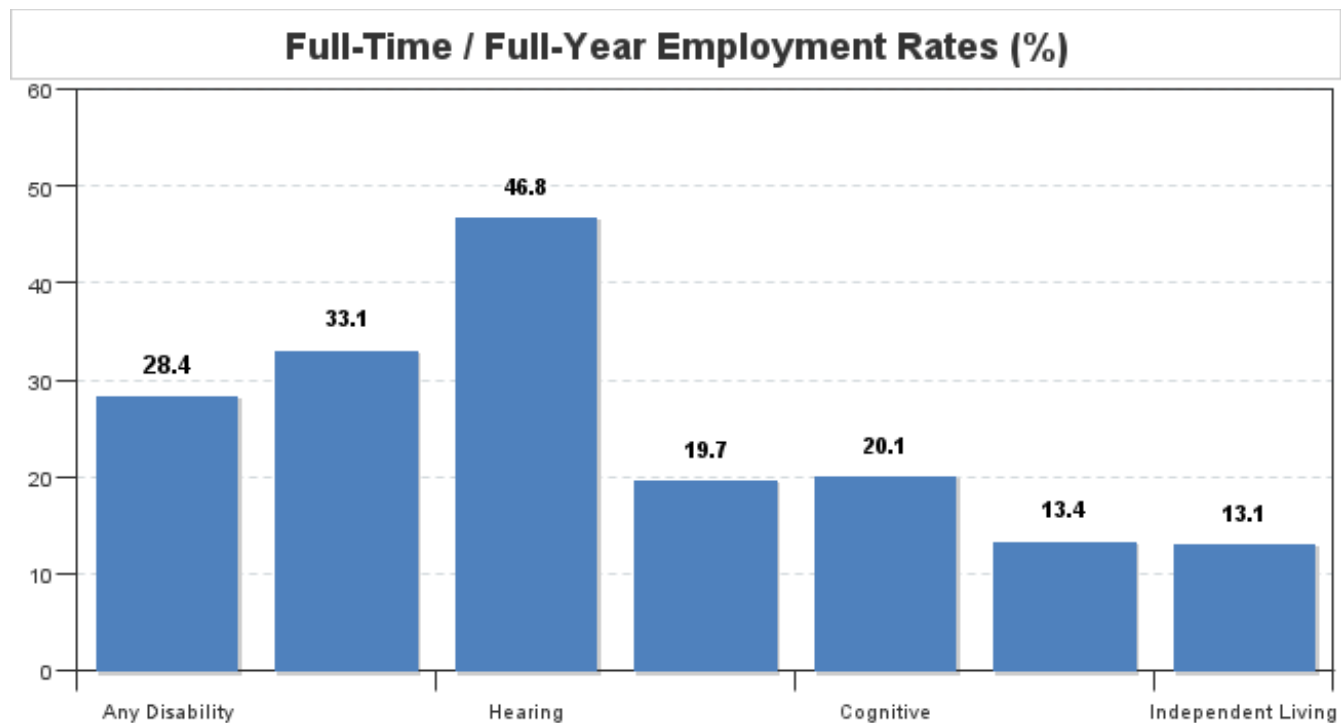
Quick Statistics

FT / FY
Employment:
with disability
28.4%

FT / FY
Employment:
without
disability
64.4%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year in VA was 28.4 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities working full-time/full-year in VA was 64.4 percent.
- The difference in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities was 36 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 46.8 percent. The lowest full-time/full-year employment rate was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 13.1 percent.

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



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	64.4	0.52	2,856,700	31,570	4,434,600	42,673
Any Disability	28.4	1.53	130,300	8,210	458,400	4,462
Visual	33.1	3.72	27,700	3,810	83,800	754
Hearing	46.8	3.95	39,200	4,530	83,900	838
Ambulatory	19.7	1.93	43,900	4,790	222,800	2,165
Cognitive	20.1	2.15	36,700	4,380	182,800	1,741
Self-Care	13.4	2.76	10,700	2,360	79,700	743
Independent Living	13.1	1.92	21,300	3,340	162,900	1,592

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

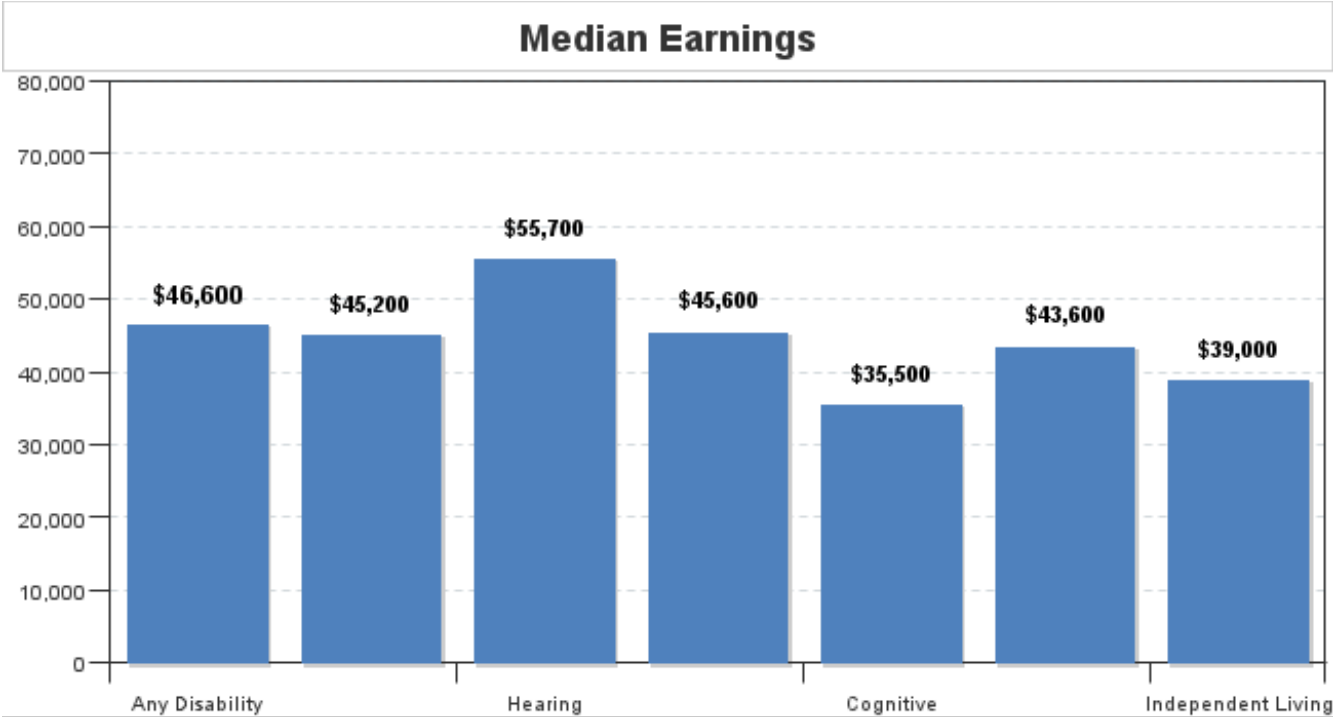
Quick Statistics

Earnings: with disability
\$46,600

Earnings: without disability
\$52,700

- In 2018, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in VA was \$46,600.
- In 2018, the median earnings of working-age people without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year in VA was \$52,700.
- The difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year was \$6,100.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest annual earnings was for people with "Hearing Disability," \$55,700. The lowest annual earnings was for people with "Cognitive Disability," \$35,500.

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



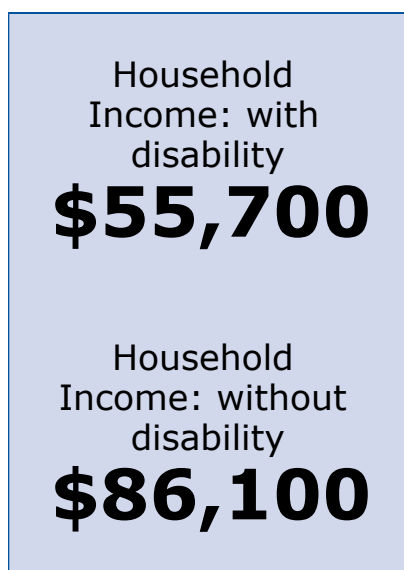
Disability Type	Median Earnings	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$52,700	\$810	2,857,000	27,447
Any Disability	\$46,600	\$3,180	130,000	1,268
Visual	\$45,200	\$7,500	28,000	252
Hearing	\$55,700	\$7,540	39,000	403
Ambulatory	\$45,600	\$5,580	44,000	423
Cognitive	\$35,500	\$4,280	37,000	316
Self-Care	\$43,600	\$10,170	11,000	79
Independent Living	\$39,000	\$7,320	21,000	186

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

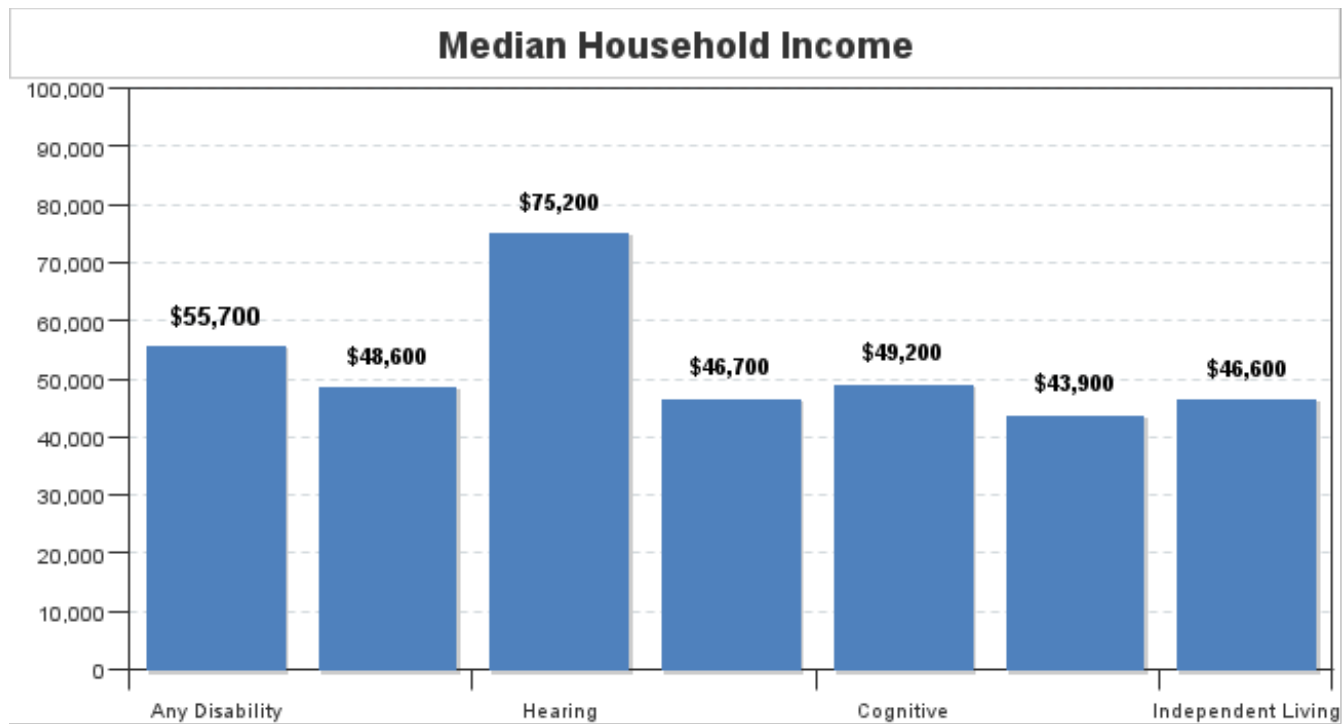
Quick Statistics



- In 2018, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities in VA was \$55,700.
- In 2018, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities in VA was \$86,100.
- The difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities was \$30,400.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest median income was for households including persons with a "Hearing Disability," \$75,200. The lowest median income was for households containing persons with a "Self-Care Disability" \$43,900.

* **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 Virginia in 2018



Disability Type	Median H.H. Income	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	\$86,100	\$1,830	2,181,000	21,989
Any Disability	\$55,700	3,470	371,000	3,782
Visual	\$48,600	8,360	74,000	698
Hearing	\$75,200	10,060	77,000	814
Ambulatory	\$46,700	4,300	193,000	1,942
Cognitive	\$49,200	5,000	147,000	1,473
Self-Care	\$43,900	6,610	67,000	633
Independent Living	\$46,600	5,240	132,000	1,336

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

Quick Statistics

Poverty: with
disability

22.5%

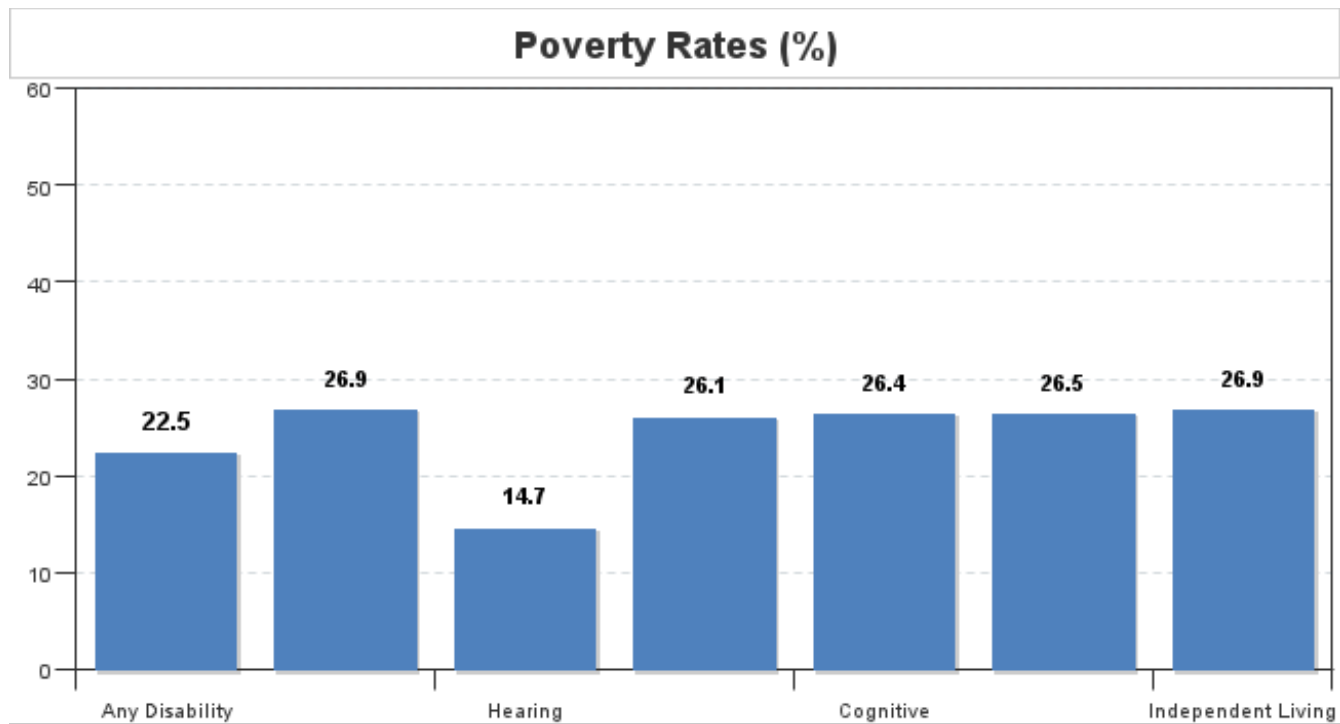
Poverty:
without
disability

8.1%

- In 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in VA was 22.5 percent.
- In 2018, the poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities in VA was 8.1 percent.
- The difference in the poverty rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 14.4 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest poverty rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 26.9 percent. The lowest poverty rate was for people with "Hearing Disability," 14.7 percent.

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

Poverty rates* of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) by disability status in Virginia in 2018



Disability Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
No Disability	8.1	0.40	357,100	18,190	4,393,100	42,193
Any Disability	22.5	1.92	102,800	9,910	457,100	4,436
Visual	26.9	4.77	22,500	4,660	83,700	751
Hearing	14.7	3.80	12,300	3,450	83,900	837
Ambulatory	26.1	2.90	58,100	7,470	222,500	2,161
Cognitive	26.4	3.22	47,900	6,790	181,800	1,720
Self-Care	26.5	4.86	21,100	4,510	79,600	741
Independent Living	26.9	3.42	43,700	6,490	162,900	1,590

* **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

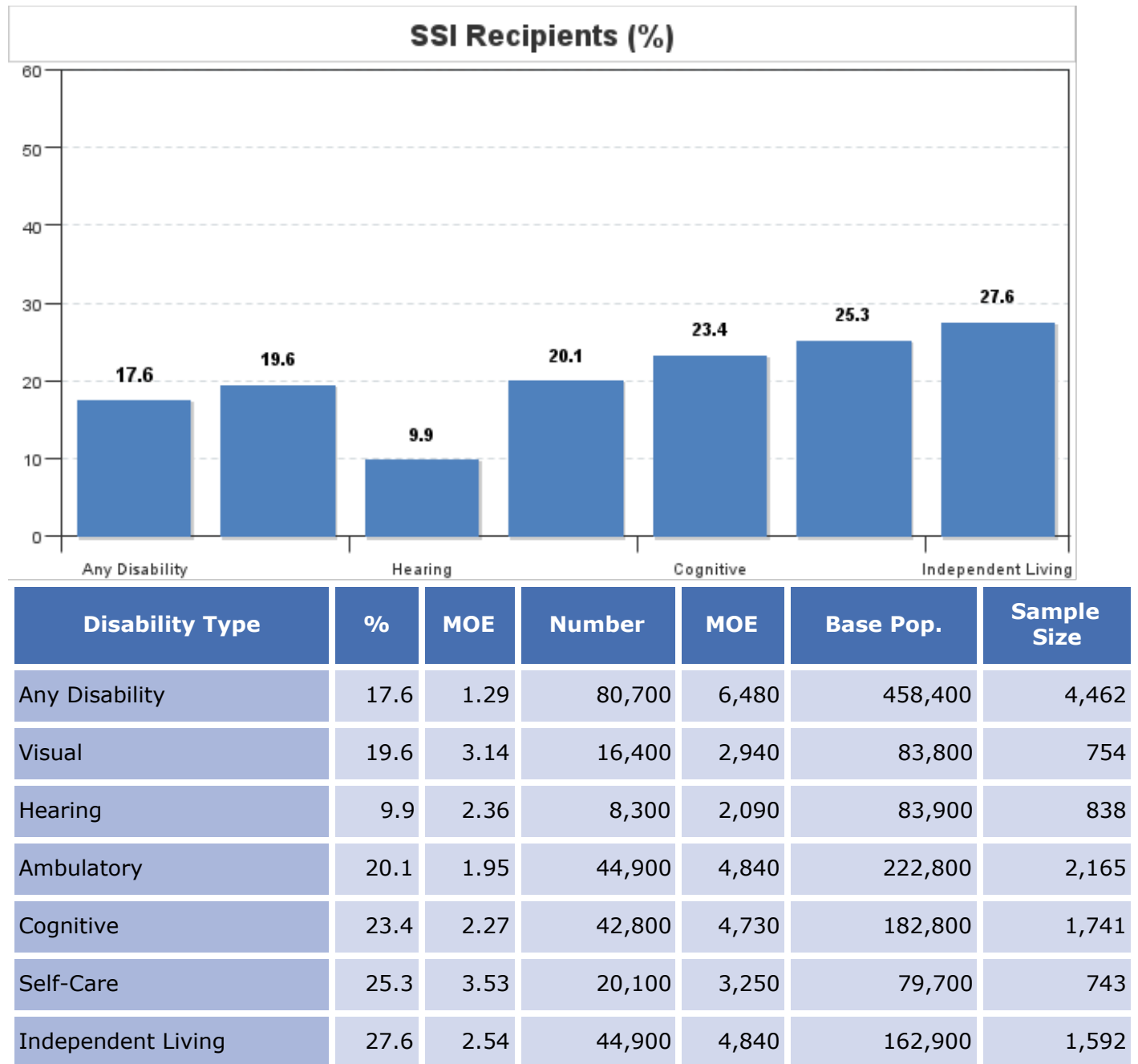
This section focuses on the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Virginia, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary. Please note that 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
17.6%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in VA was 17.6 percent.
- In 2018, the number of working-age people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income payments in VA was 80,700.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage that received SSI was people with "Independent Living Disability," 27.6 percent. The lowest percentage that received SSI was people with "Hearing Disability," 9.9 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in Virginia 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 Virginia, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

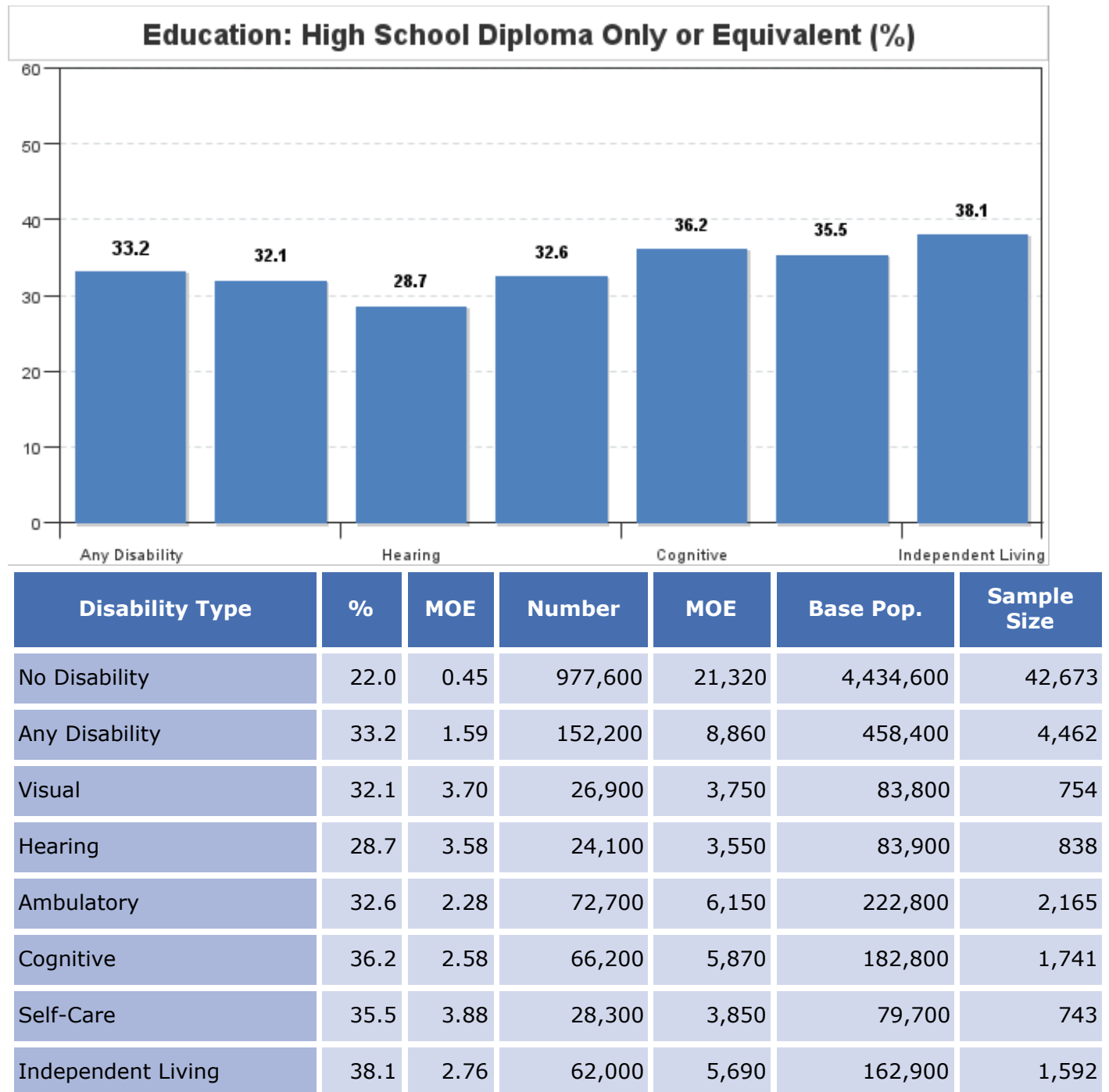
Quick Statistics

High School
Only: with
disability
33.2%

High School
Only: without
disability
22.0%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in VA was 33.2 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent in VA was 22.0 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent between working-age people with and without disabilities was 11.2 percentage points.
- Among the six types of disabilities identified in the ACS, the highest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 38.1 percent. The lowest percentage with only a high school diploma or equivalent was for people with "Hearing Disability," 28.7 percent.

Percentage of non-institutionalized working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with only a high school diploma or equivalent by disability status in VA 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 Virginia, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

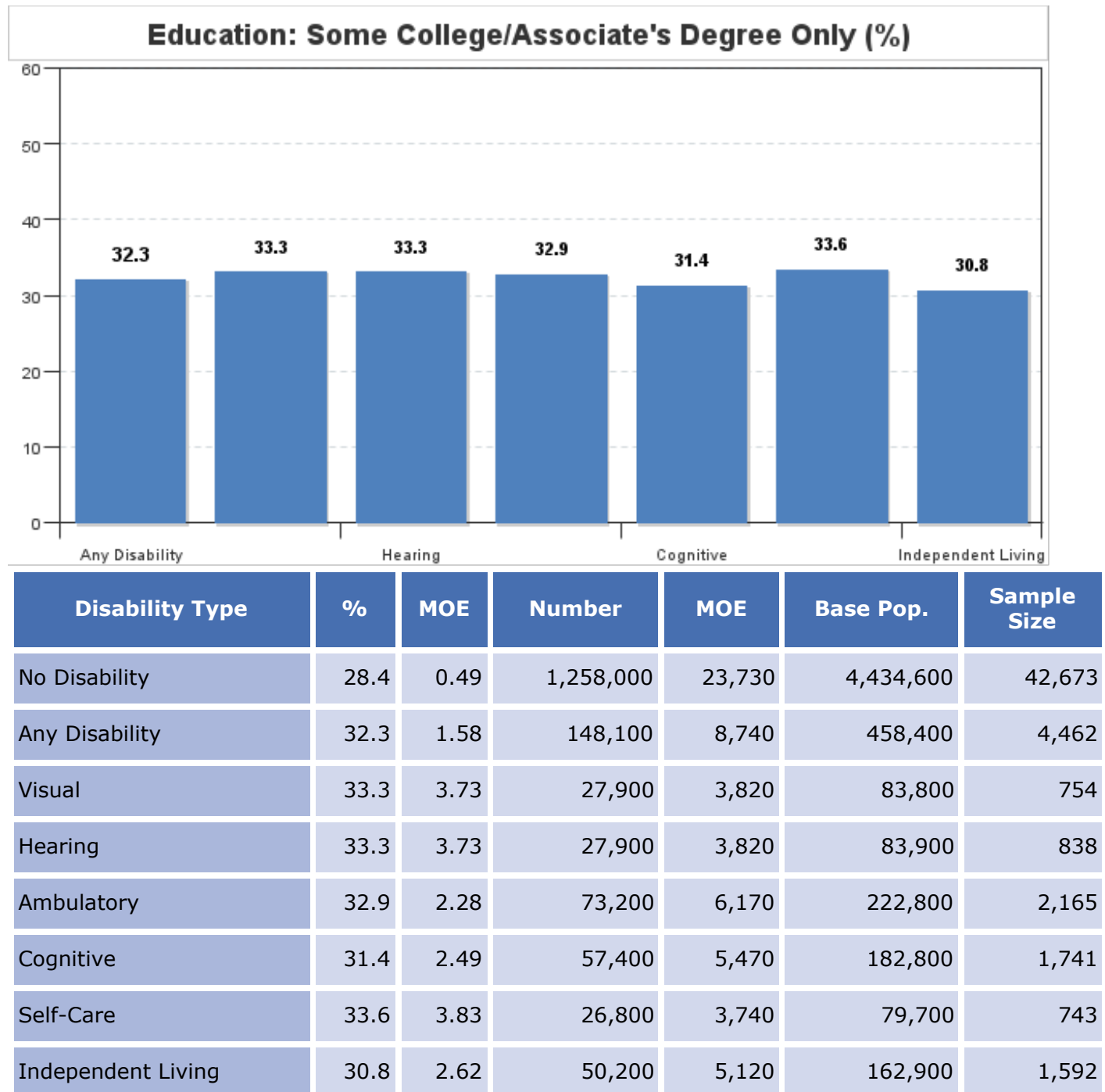
Quick Statistics

Some
College: with
disability
32.3%

Some
College:
without
disability
28.4%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in VA was 32.3 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree in VA was 28.4 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with only some college or an Associate's degree between working-age people with and without disabilities was -3.9 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 "Self-Care Disability," 33.6 percent. The lowest percentage with only some college or Associate's degree was for people with "Independent Living Disability," 30.8 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 Virginia 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 Virginia, using data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). For definitions of terms, see Glossary.

Quick Statistics

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: with
disability

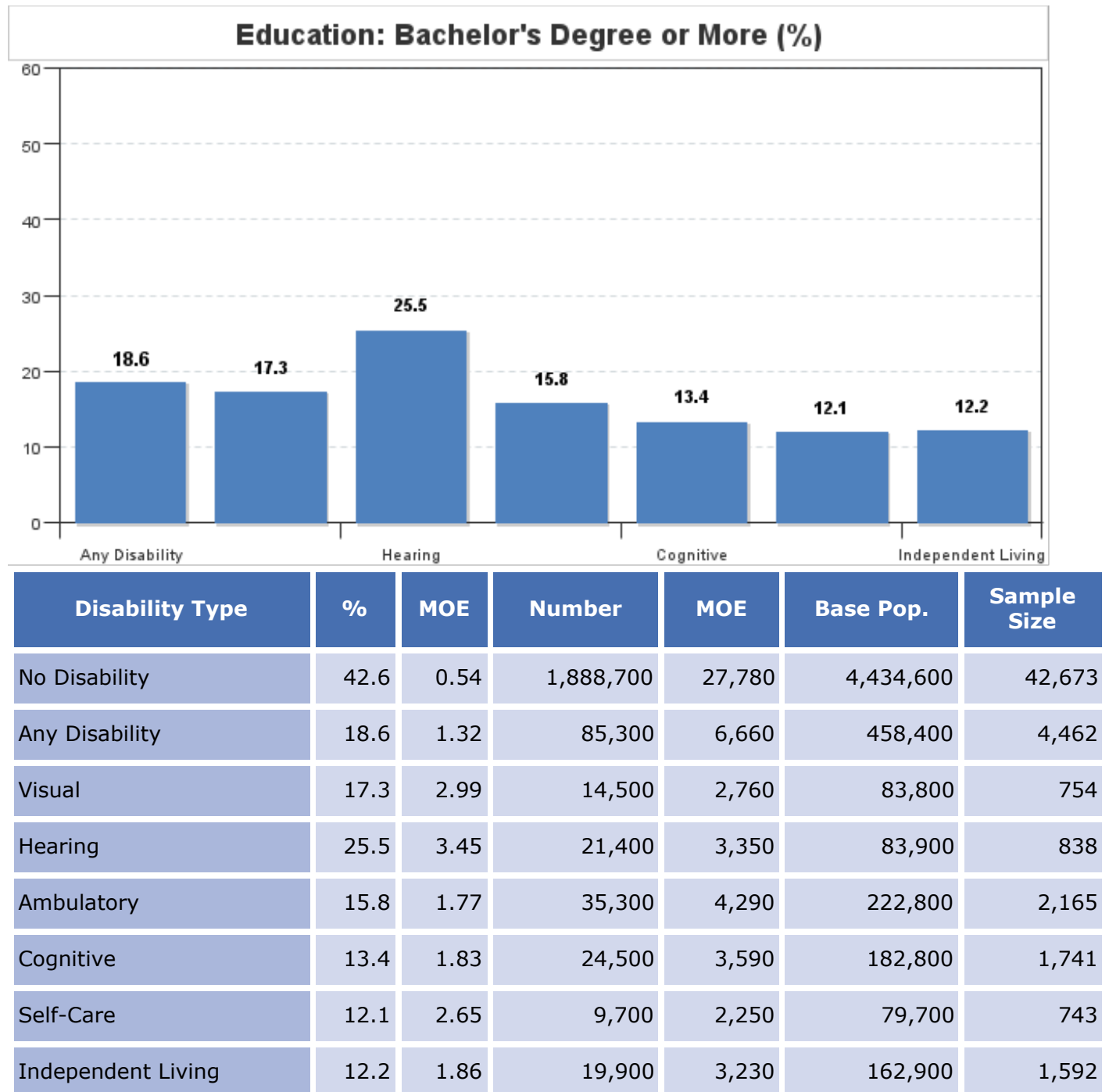
18.6%

Bachelor's
Degree or
More: without
disability

42.6%

- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in VA was 18.6 percent.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more in VA was 42.6 percent.
- The difference in the percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities was 24 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," 25.5 percent. The lowest percentage with a Bachelor's degree or more was for people with "Self-Care Disability," 12.1 percent.

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



Veterans Service-Connected Disability Rating

Introduction

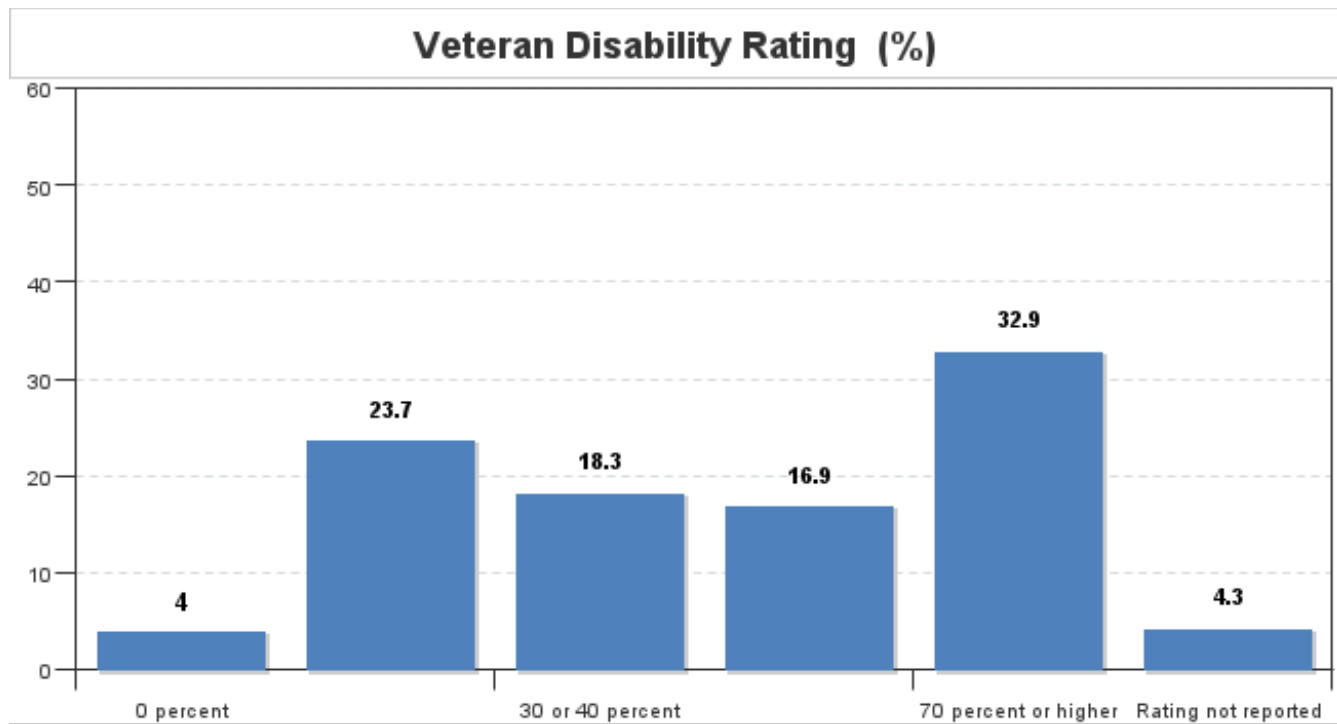
This section presents the percentage of non-institutionalized working-age (ages 21 to 64) civilian veterans reporting a service-connected disability rating in Virginia. The 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) asks if the veteran has a service-connected disability, and if so, what their rating is (0-100%). 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
31.1%

- In 2018, there were 401,000 working-age civilian veterans in VA, of whom 124,500 had a VA service-connected disability.
- In 2018, the percentage of working-age civilian veterans in VA with a VA service-connected disability was 31.1 percent.
- In 2018, 40,900 working-age civilian veterans in VA had the most severe service-connected disability rating (70 percent or above).
- In 2018, 32.9 percent of the working-age civilian veterans in VA 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 Virginia in 2018



Service-Connected Disability	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Has a service-connected disability rating (0-100%)	31.1	1.68	124,500	8,030	401,000	3,966
Disability rating of veterans with a service connected-disability						
0 percent	4.0	1.27	5,000	1,620	124,500	1,253
10 or 20 percent	23.7	2.76	29,500	3,930	124,500	1,253
30 or 40 percent	18.3	2.51	22,700	3,450	124,500	1,253
50 or 60 percent	16.9	2.43	21,000	3,320	124,500	1,253
70 percent or higher	32.9	3.05	40,900	4,620	124,500	1,253
Rating not reported	4.3	1.32	5,300	1,670	124,500	1,253

Health Insurance Coverage

Introduction

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

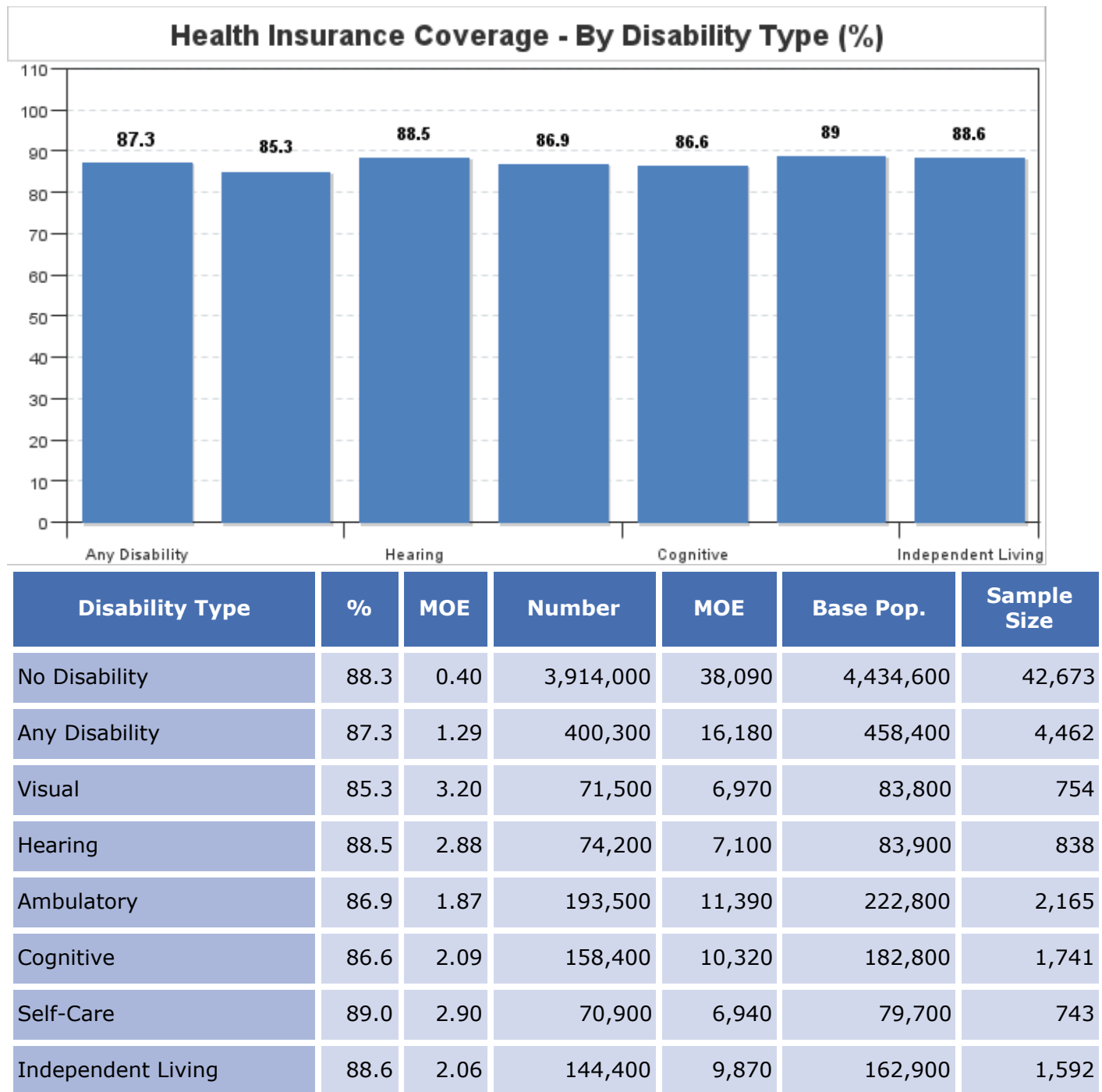
Quick Statistics

Health
Coverage:
with Disability
87.3%

Health
Coverage:
without
Disability
88.3%

- In 2018, 87.3 percent of working-age people with disabilities in VA had some type of health insurance coverage.
- In 2018, 88.3 percent of working-age people without disabilities in VA had some type of health insurance coverage.
- The difference in the health insurance coverage rate between working-age people with and without disabilities was 1 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," 89.0 percent. The lowest health insurance coverage rate was for people with "Visual Disability," 85.3 percent.

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



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 Virginia, 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

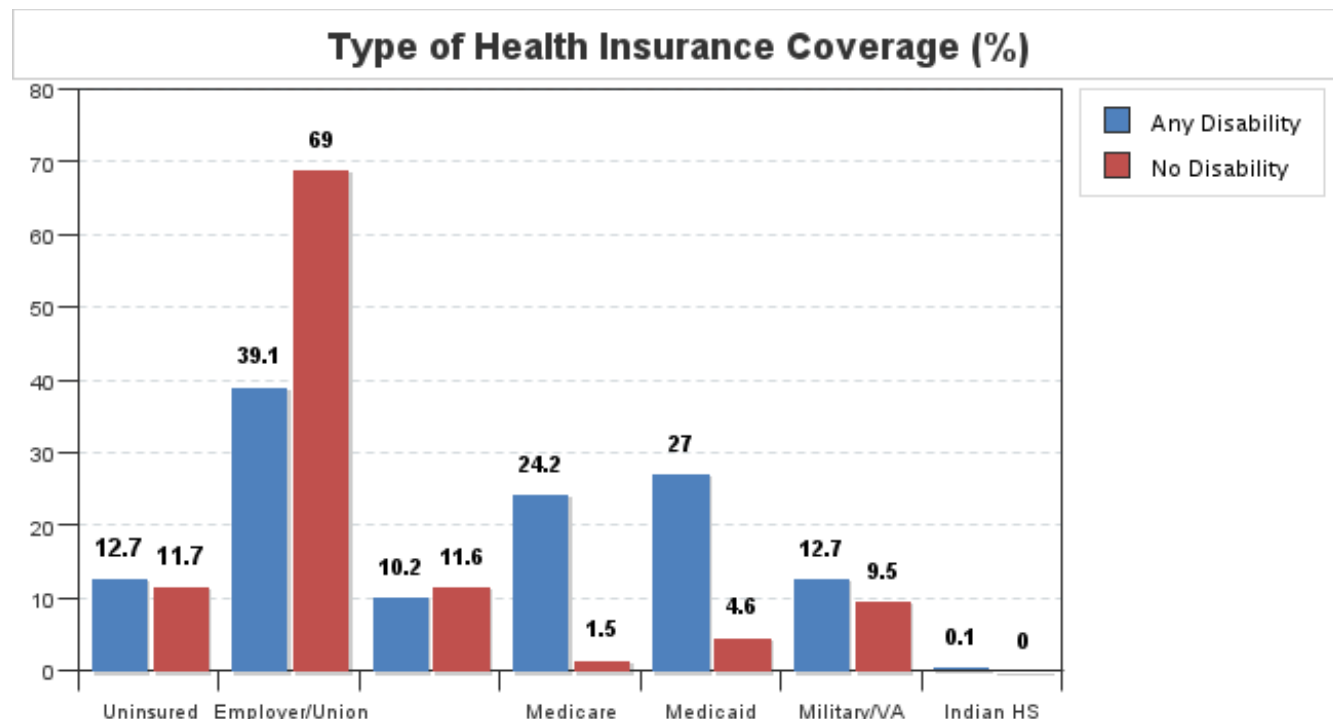
39.1%

Coverage
through
Employer/Union:
without
Disability

69.0%

- In 2018, 39.1 percent of working-age people with disabilities in VA reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2018, 69.0 percent of working-age people without disabilities in VA reported health insurance coverage through a current or former employer or union (theirs or another family member).
- In 2018, 10.2 percent of working-age people with disabilities in VA reported purchasing health insurance coverage directly from an insurance company (by themselves or another family member).
- In 2018, 24.2 percent of working-age people with disabilities in VA reported Medicare coverage and 27.0 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 Virginia in 2018



Disability Status/ Insurance Type	%	MOE	Number	MOE	Base Pop.	Sample Size
Any Disability						
Uninsured	12.7	1.29	58,100	6,290	458,400	4,462
Employer/Union	39.1	1.89	179,300	10,970	458,400	4,462
Purchased	10.2	1.17	46,600	5,640	458,400	4,462
Medicare	24.2	1.66	111,100	8,670	458,400	4,462
Medicaid	27.0	1.72	123,600	9,140	458,400	4,462
Military/VA	12.7	1.29	58,100	6,290	458,400	4,462
Indian Health Service	0.1	3.29	500	560	458,400	4,462
No Disability						
Uninsured	11.7	0.40	520,600	18,310	4,434,600	42,673
Employer/Union	69.0	0.58	3,060,700	36,670	4,434,600	42,673
Purchased	11.6	0.40	512,600	18,180	4,434,600	42,673
Medicare	1.5	3.29	68,400	6,820	4,434,600	42,673
Medicaid	4.6	0.26	203,600	11,670	4,434,600	42,673
Military/VA	9.5	0.36	423,100	16,610	4,434,600	42,673
Indian Health Service	0.0	3.29	1,700	1,070	4,434,600	42,673

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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