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Introduction

Overview. Statistics are a powerful tool—in research, policymaking, program evaluation, and advocacy. They are used to frame the issues, monitor current circumstances and progress, judge the effectiveness of policies and programs, make projections about the future, and predict the costs of potential policy changes.

In the United States, statistics about the population with disabilities and about the government programs that serve people with disabilities—disability statistics—are often difficult to find. Numerous government agencies generate and publish disability statistics, and as a result, disability statistics are scattered and buried in documents and websites all across the federal government.

The Annual Disability Statistics Compendium is a publication of statistics about people with disabilities and about the government programs which serve them. The Compendium is designed to serve as a summary of government statistics.

New this year. The 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium was substantially revised and expanded this year. The Compendium presents key overall statistics for each section. A new Annual Disability Statistics Supplement, only available online, presents tables with additional categorizations of data for each section highlighted in the Compendium. With the addition of over 150 tables, the Compendium and Supplement now provide enhanced tables by age, gender and race/ethnicity.

In addition, a section on Employment Policy has been added to the Compendium. The Employment Policy section includes statistics on topics such as minimum wage rates and earned income tax credit rates for people living in the United States and states.

Several sections in the Compendium were removed this year. The topics removed include Federal Government Spending and Employment, International Patterns, and Disability Type. These sections presented statistics based on reports that had not been updated by the authors for several years. Although no longer available in this year’s Compendium or Supplement, these older tables can still be accessed in previous Compendiums which are available online at www.disabilitycompendium.org.

Additional Resources. A companion Annual Report is available, providing graphic representations of key findings and state differences. The Annual Report highlights state and trend data using maps related to specific tables in the Compendium and Supplement. The statistics presented here, as well as those in the Supplement and Annual Report, can be viewed and downloaded at www.disabilitycompendium.org. Help navigating any of the resources described here can be found at www.disabilitycompendium.org/help, as well as a Frequently Asked Questions section at www.disabilitycompendium.org/faq. Assistance in interpreting and locating additional statistics is available via our toll-free number, 866.538.9521, or by email, disability.statistics@unh.edu. For more information about our research projects, please visit www.researchondisability.org.

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Section 1: Population and Prevalence

This section presents statistics on the United States resident population, projected population, and people with disabilities. The prevalence statistics describe disability frequency by age, race, gender, and disability type. The principal source of these data is the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the American Community Survey. For these tables, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status or disability type) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the American Community Survey, see the glossary for more details.

Tables

Table 1.1: In 2015, the resident population in the United States was estimated to be 321,418,820 individuals, up from 318,857,056 individuals in 2014. The state with the largest population in 2015 was California, with 39,144,818 individuals. The state with the smallest population in 2015 was Wyoming, with 586,107 individuals.

Table 1.2: The projected 2030 resident population in the United States is 363,584,435 individuals, up from 349,439,199 individuals in 2025 and 335,804,546 individuals in 2020. The state with the largest projected population in 2030 is California, with 46,444,861 individuals. The state with the smallest projected population in 2030 is the District of Columbia, with 433,414 individuals.

Table 1.3: Based on data from the American Community Survey, in 2015, there were 316,450,569 individuals living in the community, 39,906,328 of which were individuals with disabilities—12.6 percent. The state with the largest number of individuals with disabilities was California, with 4,096,894 individuals, while the state with the smallest number of individuals with disabilities was Wyoming, with 71,386 individuals.

Table 1.4: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 11,232,484 of which were individuals with a hearing disability—28.1 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 42.9 percent, while the District of Columbia had the lowest percentage, 16.5 percent.

Table 1.5: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 7,291,433 of which were individuals with a vision disability—18.3 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 28.6 percent, while North Dakota had the lowest percentage, 12.4 percent.

Table 1.6: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 643,156 of which were individuals with a cognitive disability—49.1 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 73.2 percent, while Delaware had the lowest percentage, 38.7 percent.

Table 1.7: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 20,929,218 of which were individuals with an ambulatory disability—52.4 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 59.2 percent, while Wyoming had the lowest percentage, 42.4 percent.
Table 1.8: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 7,977,661 of which were individuals with a self-care disability—20.0 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 23.1 percent, while Wyoming had the lowest percentage, 11.7 percent.

Table 1.9: In 2015, there were 39,949,199 individuals living in the community with disabilities, 14,481,922 of which were individuals with an independent living disability—36.3 percent. For this disability type, California had the highest percentage, 40.9 percent, while Wyoming had the lowest percentage, 22.0 percent.
## Table 1.1 Resident Population—States: 2012 to 2015

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Source: Projections for July 1. These state projections were produced in correspondence with the U.S. interim projections released in March 2004. Projections in this table were developed for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia by age and sex for the years 2000 to 2030, based on Census 2000 results. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Interim State Population Projections, Table 6. Internet Release Date: April 21, 2005; [www.census.gov/population/projections/data/state/projectionsagesex.html](http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/state/projectionsagesex.html) Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability.
Table 1.3 Civilians Living in the Community for the United States and States, by Disability Status: 2015

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## Table 1.4 Civilians Living in the Community for the United States and States—Hearing Disability: 2015

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# Table 1.6 Civilians Living in the Community for the United States and States—Cognitive Disability: 2015

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Source: Calculations based on U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample. Data represents the civilian, noninstitutional population. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability.
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Source: Calculations based on U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample. Data represents the civilian, noninstitutional population. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability.
Section 2: Employment

This section presents statistics on monthly and annual employment participation and full-time, year-round (FTYR) employment in the United States. For both categories of employment, data are presented for people with disabilities, people without disabilities, and the difference in percentage employed (employment gap) between these two populations. There are three sources of data used in this section.

The first source of these data is the American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau). For these tables, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status or disability type) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the American Community Survey. The definition for employment status in the American Community Survey can be found in the glossary.

Monthly time trends are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Retrieval System and are based on data from the Current Population Survey-Basic Monthly Survey. Annual time trends were produced by the authors using data from the Current Population Survey-Annual Social and Economic Supplement, which is fielded annually in March. For these tables, similar to the American Community Survey, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the Current Population Survey. In addition, the definition for employment status in both Current Population Surveys can be found in the glossary.

Tables

Tables 2.1 and 2.2: In 2015, of the 20,411,546 individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 7,117,518 individuals were employed—34.9 percent. In contrast, of the 176,110,070 individuals without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 133,913,764 individuals were employed—76.0 percent. The percentage of people with disabilities employed was highest in Wyoming (57.1 percent) and lowest in West Virginia (25.4 percent).

Table 2.3: In 2015, of the 3,969,691 individuals with hearing disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 2,023,945 individuals were employed—51.0 percent. The percentage of people with hearing disabilities employed was highest in Nebraska (66.7 percent) and lowest in West Virginia (35.5 percent).

Table 2.4: In 2015, of the 3,788,786 individuals with vision disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 1,583,184 individuals were employed—41.8 percent. The percentage of people with vision disabilities employed was highest in Wyoming (72.1 percent) and lowest in West Virginia (28.0 percent).

Table 2.5: In 2015, of the 8,750,935 individuals with cognitive disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 2,230,830 individuals were employed—25.5 percent. The percentage of people with cognitive disabilities employed was highest in Wyoming (44.1 percent) and lowest in West Virginia (18.2 percent).

Table 2.6: In 2015, of the 10,092,267 individuals with ambulatory disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 2,435,850 individuals were employed—24.1 percent. The percentage of
people with ambulatory disabilities employed was highest in Wyoming (46.4 percent) and lowest in West Virginia (16.9 percent).

**Table 2.7:** In 2015, of the 3,650,483 individuals with self-care disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 571,022 individuals were employed—15.6 percent. The percentage of people with self-care disabilities employed was highest in Nevada (36.7 percent) and lowest in Kentucky (10.4 percent).

**Table 2.8:** In 2015, of the 7,274,293 individuals with independent living disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 1,189,664 individuals were employed—16.4 percent. The percentage of people with independent living disabilities employed was highest in Wyoming (34.5 percent) and lowest in Mississippi (10.6 percent).

**Table 2.9:** In 2015, 34.9 percent of people with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community were employed, while 76.0 percent of people without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community were employed—a difference of 41.1 percentage points. The difference was greatest in Maine (50.1 percentage points) and smallest in Wyoming (22.0 percentage points).

**Table 2.10:** In 2015, the difference in the percentage of people employed with and without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 41.0 percentage points. The gap was greatest in Maine (47.4 percentage points) and smallest in North Dakota (32.1 percentage points).
Table 2.1 Employment—Civilians with Disabilities Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States: 2015

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates, American FactFinder, Table B18120; factfinder.census.gov Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability. The percentage of people employed with disabilities.

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[1] The percentage of people employed with independent living disabilities.
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[1] The percentage of people employed with and without disabilities

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[1] The difference of the difference in percentage points of people employed with and without disabilities between 2014 and 2015
Section 3: Poverty

This section presents statistics on poverty in the United States. The statistics describe the number and percentage of people with and without disabilities who experience poverty as well as the difference between the poverty rates (poverty gap) of people with and without disabilities. The principal source of these data is the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the American Community Survey. For these tables, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the American Community Survey (see the glossary for more details). Annual time trends were produced by the authors using data from the Current Population Survey- Annual Social and Economic Supplement, which is fielded annually in March. Similar to the American Community Survey, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the Current Population Survey. Poverty is defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and set as a dollar threshold by the U.S. Census Bureau in all sources (see glossary for details).

Tables

Tables 3.1 and 3.2: In 2015, of the 20,297,277 individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years who were living in the community, 5,505,993 individuals lived in poverty—a poverty rate of 27.1 percent. In contrast, of the 173,591,859 individuals without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 21,438,189 individuals lived in poverty—a poverty rate of 12.3 percent. The poverty rate for people with disabilities was highest in the District of Columbia (40.0 percent) and lowest in Wyoming (15.6 percent).

Table 3.3: In 2015, the poverty rate of individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 27.1 percent, while the poverty rate of individuals without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 12.3 percent—a difference of 14.8 percentage points. The poverty gap was smallest in Wyoming (a difference of 5.1 percentage points) and greatest in the District of Columbia (a difference of 27.0 percentage points).

Table 3.4: In 2014, the poverty gap between individuals with and without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 15.2 percent. In 2015, the poverty gap between individuals with and without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 14.8 percent, a change of 0.7 percentage points. The largest percentage point increase in the poverty gap from 2014 to 2015 was in Montana, a change of 2.0 percentage points, while the largest decrease in the poverty gap was in Minnesota and Texas, a change of -8.8 percentage points.

Table 3.5: In 2016, the poverty rate among non-institutionalized civilians ages 16 to 64 was 29.9 percent for people with a work limitation and 10.9 percent for people without a work limitation. The poverty rate was 28.4 percent for people with a broad disability as compared to 11.3 percent for people without a broad disability. The poverty rate was 27.1 percent for people with a work limitation and/or broad disability as compared to 10.6 percent for people without a work limitation and/or broad disability.
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimate, American FactFinder, Table18130; factfinder.census.gov

Table 3.5 Poverty Rate among Civilians Ages 16 to 64 Years by Disability Status and Year, in March: 2000 to 2016

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[1] The percentage of people in poverty with or without work limitations or broad disabilities.

Section 4: Earnings

This section presents statistics on earnings in the United States. The statistics describe the earnings of individuals with and without disabilities in the past 12 months, as well as the difference in percentage earned (earnings gap) between these two populations. The principal source of these data is the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the American Community Survey. Statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded 'yes' to a series of questions within the American Community Survey (see the glossary for more details). In addition, in the American Community Survey people are asked about their total income for the past 12 months. This information is used to calculate earnings. When presenting earnings data, the median earnings (or middlemost) value is used rather than the average earnings because people’s incomes are heavily skewed—the higher the salary, the fewer people who earn that respective salary—the average does not represent the population as well as the median.

Tables

Tables 4.1: In 2015, for the individuals with disabilities ages 16 years and over living in the community that had earnings from work, median earnings were $21,572. In contrast, among individuals without disabilities ages 16 years and over living in the community that had earnings from work, median earnings were $31,872, an earnings gap of $10,300. This earnings gap is smallest (meaning the earnings of people with disabilities are closest to the earnings of people without disabilities) in Nevada ($4,703) and largest (meaning the earnings of people with disabilities are furthest from the earnings of people without disabilities) in the District of Columbia ($24,828).
### Table 4.1 Earnings—Median Earnings of Civilians Ages 16 Years and Over in the Past 12 Months for the United States and States, by Disability Status (in 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars): 2015

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimate, American FactFinder, Table18140; factfinder.census.gov
Section 5: Veterans

This section presents statistics on Veterans in the United States. Specifically, the data address service connected to disability rating; the prevalence of disabilities in the Veteran population; the portion of the Veteran population that experiences poverty (a swell as the difference between the poverty rates (poverty gap) of Veterans with and without disabilities), by disability status; and Veterans’ benefits, by disability status. The principal sources of these data are the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the American Community Survey and the Veterans Benefits Administration’s Annual Benefits Report. For these tables, statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded ‘yes’ to a series of questions within the American Community Survey (see the glossary for more details). Poverty is defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and set as a dollar threshold by the U.S. Census Bureau in all sources (see the glossary for details).

Tables

Table 5.1: In 2015, according to the American Community Survey, 1,164,138 individuals ages 18 and over living in the community reported having a military service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or more.

Table 5.2: In 2015, there were 9,370,349 civilian veterans ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 1,702,562 of which were individuals with disabilities—a prevalence rate of 18.2 percent. Oregon had the highest prevalence rate, 24.6 percent, while Virginia had the lowest prevalence rate, 12.8 percent.

Tables 5.3 and 5.4: In 2015, of the 1,702,562 civilian veterans with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 296,399 individuals lived in poverty—a poverty rate of 17.4 percent. In contrast, of the 7,667,787 civilian veterans without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community, 530,677 civilian veterans lived in poverty—a poverty rate of 6.9 percent. The poverty rate for civilian veterans with disabilities was highest in the District of Columbia (42.0 percent) and lowest in Nebraska (8.2 percent).

Table 5.5: In 2015, the poverty rate of civilian veterans with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 17.4 percent, while the poverty rate of individuals without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community was 6.9 percent—a poverty gap of 10.5 percentage points. The poverty gap was smallest in Nebraska (4.5 percentage points), meaning the poverty rate of individuals without disabilities was higher than that of individuals with disabilities) and greatest in the District of Columbia (36.0 percentage points).

Table 5.6: In the Federal Fiscal Year 2015, the United States spent a total of $75,787,356 on compensation and pension benefits paid to disabled veterans.
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[1] Count of disability or no disability as a percent of total.
Table 5.3 Poverty—Civilian Veterans with Disabilities Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States: 2015

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[1] Count of Veterans with disabilities in poverty as a percent of total.
### Table 5.4 Poverty—Civilian Veterans without Disabilities Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States: 2015

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Table 5.5 Poverty Gap—Civilian Veterans Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States by Disability Status: 2015

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates, American FactFinder, Table B21007; factfinder.census.gov (accessed 26 October 2015). Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability.

[1] Count of civilian Veterans as a percent of total.
### Table 5.6 Veterans Benefits Administration—Compensation and Pension Benefits Paid to Disabled Veterans and their Survivors: Federal Fiscal Year 2015

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[1] In thousands (75,265,435 represents 75,265,435,000), except as indicated.
Section 6: Health Insurance Coverage

This section presents statistics on health insurance coverage in the United States, especially the health insurance coverage of people with disabilities. It presents statistics concerning Medicaid and Medicare, the government-run health care programs in the United States. Specifically, the data address the percentage of people with and without disabilities who have some sort of health insurance coverage as well as the difference in percent health insurance coverage between people with and without disabilities (health insurance coverage gap). The data also address the number of people with disabilities served under Medicaid and Medicare and the amount spent under each program on people with disabilities. This section also presents the type of health insurance coverage possessed by people with disabilities. The principal source of these data is the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the American Community Survey. Statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded ‘yes’ to a series of questions within the American Community Survey (see the glossary for more details). People receiving disability benefits from Social Security usually automatically qualify for Medicaid and Medicare, however some states have more restrictive eligibility criteria. The principal source of the Medicaid and Medicare data is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ 2013 Medicare and Medicaid Statistical Supplement, produced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Tables

Table 6.1: In 2015, 89.6 percent of individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community had health insurance coverage. In contrast, 86.5 percent of individuals without disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community had health insurance coverage—a health insurance coverage gap between those with and without disabilities of 3.5 percentage points. In other words, as a whole, 3.5 percent more individuals with disabilities had health insurance than individuals without disabilities. The health insurance gap ranges from 9.9 percentage points in Florida to -5.2 percentage points in the District of Columbia.

Table 6.2: In 2015, 45.4 percent of individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community had private health insurance and 55.7 percent had public health insurance (some had both), while 10.4 percent of individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 64 years living in the community did not have health insurance. The state with the smallest percentage of people with disabilities without health insurance coverage was Massachusetts (3.1). The state with the largest percentage of people with disabilities without health insurance coverage was Alaska (18.6).
# Table 6.1 Health Insurance Coverage—Civilians with Disabilities Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States by Disability Status: 2015

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[1] The percentage of people with and without disabilities with health insurance coverage.
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# Table 6.2 Health Insurance Coverage—Civilians with Disabilities Ages 18 to 64 Years Living in the Community for the United States and States by Type of Coverage: 2015

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey, American FactFinder, Table B18135; factfinder.census.gov Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability.

[1] The percentage of people with disabilities with private or public health insurance coverage.

Section 7: Health

This section presents statistics on health in the United States, especially the health of people with disabilities. Specifically, the data address the prevalence of disabilities, health behaviors such as smoking, binge drinking, obesity, and health insurance coverage by disability status. These statistics were generated by the authors using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. See the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Disability and Health Data System for more detailed information on the health of the population with disabilities. Statistics for people with disabilities (disability status) are based on having responded ‘yes’ to either of two questions within the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (see the glossary for more details).

Tables

Tables 7.1: In 2015, there were 239,294,799 individuals ages 18 and over living in the community, and 53,776,731 had a disability (22.5 percent). The state with the largest number of individuals with disabilities was California, with 5,965,603 individuals with disabilities, while the state with the smallest number of individuals with disabilities was Wyoming, with 105,404 individuals with disabilities.

Table 7.2: In 2015, individuals (ages 18 years and over) with disabilities were more likely to smoke (23.4 percent) than adults without disabilities (14.9 percent). Adults with disabilities were most likely to smoke in Kentucky (32.7 percent) and least likely to smoke in Utah (13.5 percent).

Table 7.3: In 2015, individuals (ages 18 years and over) with disabilities were more likely to be obese (39.9 percent) than adults without disabilities (25.4 percent). Adults with disabilities were most likely to be obese in Alaska (45.9 percent) and least likely to be obese in Colorado (30.0 percent).

Table 7.4: In 2015, individuals (ages 18 years and over) with disabilities were less likely to binge drink (11.3 percent) than adults without disabilities (17.8 percent). Adults with disabilities were most likely to binge drink in Delaware (17.5 percent) and least likely to binge drink in Missouri and Wisconsin (7.3 percent).

Table 7.5: In 2015, individuals ages 18 and over with disabilities in Delaware were most likely to have health insurance coverage (97.3 percent), while individuals ages 18 and over with disabilities in Wyoming were least likely to have health insurance coverage (83.5 percent).
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[1] The count of people with or without a disability as a percent of total.
Table 7.2 Health Behavior—Smoking among Persons Ages 18 and Over by Disability Status: 2015

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[1] The percentage of people who smoke with or without a disability.

Table 7.3 Health Behavior—Obesity among Persons 18 and Over by Disability Status: 2015

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[1] The percentage of people who are obese with or without a disability.
[2] The difference in percentage points between people who are obese with and without a disability.
### Table 7.4 Health Behavior—Binge Drinking among Persons Ages 18 and Over by Disability Status: 2015

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[1] The percentage of people who drink with or without a disability.
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[2] The difference in percentage points between people with health insurance coverage with and without a disability.
Section 8: Social Security Administration Program

This section presents statistics on Social Security Administration Programs in the United States. Specifically, these data concern the number of beneficiaries served by, and the amount spent on, Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, by disability status. A table also addresses those who have concurrent benefits (are enrolled in both programs), by disability status. The principal source of this data is the Social Security Administration, specifically the 2016 Annual Statistical Supplement. The 2016 Annual Statistical Supplement provides information about programs administrated by the Social Security Administration. In part, data in the Supplement provide a basis for research and policy recommendations for the programs.

In this section, disability status under Social Security is based on the ability to work. A person is considered disabled if they cannot do the work they did before; cannot adjust to other work because of a medical condition; and disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or result in death. Definitions for aged (65 and older), blindness (statutory blindness), disabled adult child(ren), disabled widow(er) are specific to the Social Security Administration and Social Security Act and can be found on the Social Security Administration website.

Tables

Table 8.1: In December 2015, of the 8,308,532 individuals who received federally administered payments from the Supplemental Security Income program, 1,157,342 were eligible based on being 65 years or older, 67,845 were eligible based on blindness, and 7,083,345 were eligible based on disability status.

Table 8.2: In December 2015, of the $54,958,742 of federally administered payments from the Supplemental Security Income program, $5,728,667 was spent on individuals eligible based on being ages 65 years or older, $448,374 was spent on individuals eligible based on blindness, and $48,781,701 was spent on individuals eligible based on disability status.

Table 8.3: In December 2015, of the 1,266,875 individuals under age 18 who received federally administered payments from the Supplemental Security Income program, 5,979 were eligible based on blindness, and 1,260,896 were eligible based on disability status.

Table 8.4: In December 2015, of the 792,549 individuals who received federally administered payments from Supplemental Security Income program, 167,928 were under age 18, 514,591 were ages 18 to 64, and 110,030 were ages 65 and older.

Table 8.5a: In December 2015, of the 10,013,977 individuals who were beneficiaries under the Social Security Disability Insurance program, 8,720,480 were disabled workers, 1,039,555 were disabled adult children, and 253,942 were disabled widow(ers).

Tables 8.5b–8.5g: In December 2015, of the 10,013,977 individuals who were beneficiaries under the Social Security Disability Insurance program, 364,677 were receiving benefits on the basis of injuries.

Table 8.6: In December 2015, of the $11,163,679 spent on individuals who were beneficiaries under
the Social Security Disability Insurance program, $10,189,795 was spent on individuals who were disabled workers, $790,980 was spent on individuals who were disabled adult children, and $182,900 was spent on individuals who were disabled widows(ers).

Table 8.7a: From 2014 to 2015, the total number of recipients of Supplemental Security Income changed by -0.3 percent. The total number of recipients had the greatest positive change in Nevada (by 5.1 percent) and had the greatest negative change in Kentucky (by -2.3 percent). From 2014 to 2015, the number of aged (65 or older) recipients of Supplemental Security Income changed by 0.5 percent. The number of aged recipients had the greatest positive change in Nevada (by 5.7 percent) and had the greatest negative change in Alabama (by -5.9 percent).

Table 8.7b: From 2014 to 2015, the number of blind recipients of Supplemental Security Income changed by 0.7 percent. The number of blind recipients had the greatest positive change in Vermont (by 10.9 percent) and had the greatest negative change in Wyoming (by -10.5 percent). From 2014 to 2015, the number of disabled recipients of Supplemental Security Income changed by -0.5 percent. The number of disabled recipients had the greatest positive change in Nevada (by 4.9 percent) and had the greatest negative change in Kentucky (by -2.3 percent).

Table 8.8a: From 2014 to 2015, the total number of recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance changed by -0.2 percent. The total number of beneficiaries had the greatest positive change in Nevada (by 1.7 percent) and had the greatest negative change in West Virginia (by -1.8 percent). From 2014 to 2015, the number of disabled workers receiving Social Security Disability Insurance changed by -0.4 percent.

Table 8.8b: From 2014 to 2015, the total number of beneficiaries of Social Security Disability Insurance among disabled adult children changed by 1.9 percent. The total number of beneficiaries among disabled adult children had the greatest positive change in Nebraska (by 11.0 percent) and had the greatest negative change in North Dakota (by -1.5 percent). From 2014 to 2015, the number of disabled widow(er)s receiving Social Security Disability Insurance changed by 0.7 percent.

Table 8.9–8.11: The monthly number of Social Security Disability Insurance applicants grew from 154,330 in of 2003 to 221,215 in September of 2016. The highest number can be found in October of 2010, reporting 293,682 beneficiaries. The lowest number can be found in February 2003, reporting 136,075.
### Table 8.1 Supplemental Security Income—Number of Recipients of Federally Administered Payments: December 2015

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[1] In thousands (53,892,497 represents 53,892,457,000), except as indicated.
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### Notes:
- The table includes the number of recipients of federally administered Supplemental Security Income payments by age group for each state in December 2015.
- The data are sourced from the Social Security Administration, 2016 Annual Statistical Supplement, Table 7.B9; [www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2015/7b.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2015/7b.html).
- The blind and disabled categories include some individuals aged 65 or older.
## Table 8.5a Social Security Disability Insurance—Number of Beneficiaries: December 2015

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[1] The percent change in number between 2014 and 2015
## Table 8.8a Social Security Disability Insurance—Change in the Number of Beneficiaries of Federally Administered Payments by Total and Disabled Worker: 2014 to 2015

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Table 8.8b Social Security Disability Insurance—Change in the Number of Beneficiaries of Federally Administered Payments from 2014 to 2015

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## Table 8.11 Social Security Disability Insurance—Monthly Number of Applicants: March 2012 to September 2016

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Section 9: Special Education

This section presents statistics on Special Education programs in the United States, specifically on children served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B. These data concern the number of children with disabilities served (by age and by type of disability), mainstream education of children with disabilities, dropout and graduation rates, and state grant awards. The principal source of this data is the Office of Special Education Programs' Data Accountability Center, which produces the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 618 Data Tables. Categories of disability and program outcomes under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act can be found on the Center for Parent Information and Resources website.

Tables

Table 9.1: In the fall of 2014, there were 66,985,784 people ages 6 to 21. Of these people ages 6 to 21, 5,819,531 or 8.7 percent received special education services under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B. Hawaii had the smallest percentage (6.3 percent), while New Jersey had the largest percentage (11.8 percent).

Table 9.2: Of the youth ages 3 to 21 who received special education services under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, in the fall of 2014, 735,760 were 3 to 5 years old; 2,730,140 were 6 to 11 years old; 2,743,190 were 12 to 17 years old; and 346,201 were 18 to 21 years old.

Tables 9.3a-9.3d: The 5,819,531 students ages 6 to 21 who received special education services under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, in the fall of 2014 were in the following diagnostic categories: 2,267,532 in specific learning disability, 1,018,504 in speech or language impairment, 408,519 in intellectual disabilities, 345,936 in emotional disturbance, 124,179 in multiple disabilities, 67,080 in hearing impairments, 45,865 in orthopedic impairments, 839,329 in other health impairments, 24,921 in visual impairments, 509,820 in autism, 1,218 in deaf/blindness, 25,334 in traumatic brain injury, and 141,294 in developmental delay.

Table 9.4: Of the 5,819,531 youth ages 6 to 21 who received special education services under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, in the fall of 2014, 4,722,547 (or 81.1 percent) spent 40 percent or more of their time in the regular classroom. New York had the smallest percentage (69.5 percent), while North Dakota had the largest percentage (91.4 percent).
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[1] Autism
[2] Deaf-Blindness

† Estimate either unavailable or too few sample observations.
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[1] Number greater than 40 percent in regular class.
[2] Greater than 40 percent as a percent of students in all environments.
‡ Estimate either unavailable or too few sample observations.
Section 10: Vocational Rehabilitation

This section presents statistics on Vocational Rehabilitation programs, administered by the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the United States. These data concern the number of individuals with disabilities who apply for services, receive services, and find employment (are successfully rehabilitated). Presented here categorically, vocational rehabilitation agencies often provide services through both state and private rehabilitation agencies (combined), broad state-based services for people (general), and specialized services to people with visual impairments (blind). The tables also address the expenditures associated with vocational rehabilitation, as well as whether vocational rehabilitation agencies are on order of selection. The principal source of this data is the Rehabilitation Services Administration’s Management Information System. Please note: The statistics presented in this section may vary from those provided by state agencies due to varying methods and analytic procedures.

Tables

Table 10.1: In the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 state vocational rehabilitation agencies processed 506,489 applicants.

Table 10.2: In the Federal Fiscal Year 2015, state vocational rehabilitation agencies closed 320,155 cases of individuals who either initiated or completed services.

Table 10.3: In the Federal Fiscal Year 2015, state vocational rehabilitation agencies closed 181,008 cases of individuals who either initiated or completed services in which the individuals entered successful employment.

Table 10.4: In the Federal Fiscal Year 2015, of 320,155 closed cases of individuals who either initiated or completed services, 56.5 percent achieved successful employment, i.e., a rehabilitation rate of 56.5 percent.

Table 10.5: In Federal Fiscal Year 2015, thirty-five agencies were on Order of Selection. Over the period from 2011 to 2015, nineteen states have never had any agency on Order of Selection. Over the period from 2011 to 2015, seventeen states have always had all of their agencies on Order of Selection.

Table 10.6: From 2014 to 2015, the number of Vocational Rehabilitation applicants in the U.S. changed by -2.4 percent.

Table 10.7: From 2014 to 2015, the rehabilitation rate in the U.S. changed by -0.3 percentage points.
### Table 10.1 Vocational Rehabilitation—Applicants: Federal Fiscal Year 2015

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Source: U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Management Information System, Ad Hoc Query of the ARR RSA-113 Cumulative Caseload Report; rsa.ed.gov. In some states there are separate agencies for the blind.
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## Table 10.7 Vocational Rehabilitation—Change in the Rehabilitation Rate: 2014 to 2015

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Section 11: Employment Policy

This section presents statistics relevant to disability employment policy research in the United States. Specifically, the data address state minimum wage rates, Social Security disability allowance rates, Supplemental Security Income supplementary payments, and earned income tax credit rates.

The data for state minimum wage rates are accurate as of August 2016, and were gathered from the Department of Labor. The Federal minimum wage is presented as default if a state does not have a minimum wage or if the rate is below the Federal level.

The data for Social Security disability allowance rates and Supplemental Security Income supplementary payments are from the Social Security Administration. More information about allowance rates and supplementary payments can be found in the State Assistance Programs for SSI Recipients report released in January 2011 through the Social Security Administration.

The data for earned income tax credit rates were found through the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities provides information and policy recommendations about policy issues such as earned income tax credits.

Tables

Table 11.1: In 2016, the states with the highest and lowest Social Security disability allowance rates were Alaska and Mississippi, with allowance rates of 53.30 and 23.40 percent.

Table 11.2: In 2016, the states with the highest and lowest earned income tax credits were California and Louisiana, with credits of 85.00 and 3.50 percent.

Table 11.3: In 2011, the states with the highest and lowest Supplemental Security Income Supplementary Payments were Indiana and Utah, with payments of $827.06 and $3.13.

Table 11.4: In 2016, the state with the highest minimum wage rate was the District of Columbia with a rate of $11.50. 21 states have no minimum wage or one that is lower than the Federal Minimum of $7.25.
Table 11.1 Employment Policy—Social Security Disability Insurance Allowance Rate for People Living in the United States, by State: 2016

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Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, States Can Adopt or Expand Earned Income Tax Credits to Build a Stronger Future Economy, Table 1 State Earned Income Tax Credits, 2015; http://www.cbpp.org/research/state-budget-and-tax/states-can-adopt-or-expand-earned-income-tax-credits-to-build-a.
Table 11.3 Employment Policy—Monthly Supplemental Security Income Supplementary Payments for People Living in the United States, by State: 2011

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State | SSI Supplementary Payments ($) | Living Arrangements |
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| MO    | 156.00                         | Licensed residential care facility - level 1 |
| MT    | 94.00                          | Assisted living facility |
| NE    | 5.00                           | Living independently |
| NV    | 109.30                         | Living independently - blind |
| NH    | 27.00                          | Living independently or in the household of another |
| NJ    | 31.25                          | Living alone or with others |
| NM    | 100.00                         | Licensed adult residential care home |
| NY    | 87.00                          | Living alone |
| NC    | 554.00                         | Adult care home - basic (aged, blind, and disabled) |
| ND    | -                              | No Program          |
| OH    | 506.00                         | Adult family or foster home |
| OK    | 42.00                          | Living independently |
| OR    | -                              | No Program          |
| PA    | 22.10                          | Living alone |
| RI    | 39.92                          | Living alone |
| SC    | 483.00                         | Licensed community residential care facility |
| SD    | 15.00                          | Living independently |
| TN    | -                              | No Program          |
| TX    | 60.00                          | Medicaid facility |
| UT    | 3.13                           | Living in the household of another |
| VT    | 52.04                          | Living independently |
| VA    | 686.00                         | Assisted living facility - planning district 8 |
| WA    | 46.00                          | Living independently |
| WV    | -                              | No Program          |
| WI    | 83.78                          | Living independently |
| WY    | 25.00                          | Living independently |

Table 11.4 Employment Policy—Minimum Wage Rates for People Living in the United States, by State: 2016

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Source: Department of Labor, Minimum Wage Laws in the States – August 1, 2016, Consolidated State Minimum Wage Update Table; https://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#Consolidated.
Glossary

Allowance Rate (Initial)—The number of allowances divided by the determinations, expressed as a percentage.

Allowances (Initial)—Fully or partially favorable determinations.

Ambulatory Disability (ACS)—In the American Community Survey, individuals five or more years old who responded “yes” when asked if they had “serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs.”

American Community Survey (ACS)—The American Community Survey is a large, continuous demographic survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau that will provide accurate and up-to-date profiles of America’s communities every year. Annual and multiyear estimates of population and housing data are generated for small areas, including tracts and population subgroups. This information is collected by mailing questionnaires to a sample of addresses. See the U.S. Census Bureau website for additional details.

Base Population—The sum of a population or an estimate used as the root for evaluation purposes. Typically, the last Census count or the estimate from a previous date is used.

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)—The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a state-based system of health surveys that collects information on health risk behaviors, preventive health practices, and health care access primarily related to chronic disease and injury. BRFSS was established in 1984 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); currently data are collected monthly in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. More than 350,000 adults are interviewed each year, making the BRFSS the largest telephone health survey in the world. States use BRFSS data to identify emerging health problems, establish and track health objectives, and develop and evaluate public health policies and programs. Many states also use BRFSS data to support health-related legislative efforts. See the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for additional details.

Beneficiary (SSA)—An individual who is receiving benefits, or monthly payments, from Social Security Disability Insurance.

Binge Drinking (BRFSS)—Respondents were asked “[c]onsidering all types of alcoholic beverages, how many times during the past 30 days did you have [5, if male respondent] [4, if female respondents] or more drinks on an occasion?” Respondents who reported doing so at least one time were consider to have engaged in binge drinking.

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)—The federal agency with the United States Department of Health and Human Services that administers the Medicaid and Medicare programs.

Civilian—A person not in active-duty military.

Cognitive Difficulty (ACS)—In the American Community Survey, individuals who indicated “yes” when asked if due to a physical, mental, or emotional problem, having difficulty remembering, concentrating, or making decisions (DREM).

Monthly Survey (CPS-BMS) is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population and provides estimates for the nation as a whole. The sample is scientifically selected to represent the civilian non-institutionalized population. Individuals are asked questions about the employment status of each member of the household 15 years of age and older, but published data only focuses on those ages 16 and over. Estimates obtained from the CPSBMS include employment, unemployment, earnings, hours of work, and other indicators. See the U.S. Census Bureau website for additional details.

Current Population Survey-Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS-ASEC)—The Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS-ASEC) is an annual survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census. This survey is the primary source of information on income, poverty, and health insurance in the U.S. It also asks about employment in the previous calendar year. The sample for the CPS-ASEC is drawn from the sample of the CPS-BMS. The CPS-ASEC is also known as the CPS March Supplement and the CPS Income Supplement. See the U.S. Census Bureau website for additional details.

Department of Labor (DOL)—The Department of Labor is a US government department responsible for the assessment and management of wage and hour standards, occupational safety, unemployment insurance benefits, reemployment services and some economic statistics.

Determination (Initial)—A determination is the finding made by a state agency on the initial claim made in the designated time period. The finding can be favorable, partially favorable, or unfavorable.

Disability Rating—The disability rating scale is used to track the impairment, disability, or handicap of an individual. The severity of the disability corresponds to the value of the rating and used to determine eligibility for supports and services and ability to work or return to work.

Disability Status (ACS)—The U.S. Census Bureau used six questions to identify persons with disabilities. A response of "yes" to any one of the questions indicates that the person in question has a disability—vision, hearing, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living. However, the cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living related questions are not used to identify disability in individuals less than five years old, and the independent living related question is not used to identify disability in individuals less than 18 years old.

Disability Status (BRFSS)—An individual is classified as having a disability based on answers to the following questions: (1) Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems? And (2) Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone? (Include occasional use or use in certain circumstances).

Disability Status (ACS, CPS-BMS & CPSASEC)—The American Community Survey and CPS uses a set of six questions to identify persons with disabilities. A response of "yes" to any one of the questions indicates that the person in question has a disability. The disability questions appear in the CPS in the following format:

This month we want to learn about people who have physical, mental, or emotional conditions that
cause serious difficulty with their daily activities. Please answer for household members who are 16 years old or over.

- **Is anyone deaf or does anyone have serious difficulty hearing?**
- **Is anyone blind or does anyone have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?**
- **Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?**
- **Does anyone have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?**
- **Does anyone have difficulty dressing or bathing?**
- **Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor’s office or shopping?**

**Disability Type**—See disability status and specific definitions in the glossary (Vision Disability, Hearing Disability, Ambulatory Disability, Cognitive Disability, Independent Living Disability, and Self-Care Disability).

**Disabled-Worker (SSA)**—A worker not yet at full retirement age receiving insurance payments due to a disability.

**Earned/Earnings (ACS)**—Regularly received income from salaries/wages, self-employment or both, for people 16 or more years old before deductions for personal income taxes, Social Security, bond purchases, union dues, Medicare deductions, etc.

**Earned Income Tax**—Earned income tax is the tax that is applied to the income a person has earned over a designated time period.

**Earned Income Tax Credit**—The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit for working individuals who earn low to moderate incomes, providing extra benefits for individuals with children.

**Earned Income Tax Credit Rate**—The amount that is determined by the percent of tax refunded federally and allowed by each individual state.

**Earnings Gap**—The difference in percentage earned between two populations, usually people with and without disabilities.

**Educational Attainment (ACS)**—All individuals 18 years or older are classified based on their highest degree or level of education attained. The categories include:

1. Completed the twelfth grade without receiving a high school diploma.
2. High school graduate meaning received a diploma or General Educational Development (G.E.D.), and did not attend college.
3. Some college credit, but less than one year.
4. One or more years of college, but no degree.
5. Associate’s degree which includes people who generally completed two years of college level work
in an occupational program that prepared them for a specific occupation, or an academic program primarily in the arts and sciences. The course work may or may not be transferable to a bachelor’s degree.

6. Bachelor’s degree or more which includes individuals who received a bachelor’s degree and have taken additional courses but not received a Master’s or PhD.

7. Master’s degrees include the traditional MA and MS degrees and field-specific degrees, such as MSW and MBA.

8. Professional degrees which includes MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, and JD.

9. Doctorate degrees which include PhD.

Schooling completed in foreign or ungraded school systems is reported as the equivalent level of schooling in the regular American system. Certificates or diplomas for training in specific trades or from vocational, technical, or business schools are not included. Honorary degrees awarded for a respondent’s accomplishments are not included.

**Employed/Employed Persons (CPS-BMS & CPS-ASEC)**—Individuals 16 years or older who are civilians and are not currently institutionalized and, during the reference week; (a) performed at least one hour of work as a paid employee, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid worker in a business owned by a relative; and (b) all those who had jobs or businesses but are on leave because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training, or other family or personal reasons, regardless of whether they were compensated for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job. Individuals who work around their own house (painting, repairing, or own home housework) or volunteer for religious, charitable, and other organizations are excluded.

**Employed/Employed Persons (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, people who responded as having worked during the past week. See **employed** status for the American Community Survey for greater detail.

**Employment/Employment Status (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, individuals were asked a series of questions designed to identify their status. Based on the answers, individuals were classified into one of five groups: (1) people who worked at any time during the reference week; (2) people on temporary layoff who were available for work; (3) people who did not work during the reference week but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent (excluding layoff); (4) people who did not work during the reference week, but who were looking for work during the last four weeks and were available for work during the reference week; and (5) people not in the labor force. The employment status data shown in American Community Survey tabulations relate to people 16 years are older.

**Employment Gap**—The difference between the percentage of people employed for two different sub-populations, usually people with and without disabilities.

**Employment Participation**—Individuals who participated in the labor force. Includes all persons
classified as employed or unemployed.

**Employment-Population Ratio (CPS-BMS)**—The proportion of the civilian non-institutional population aged 16 or more years who are employed.

**Employment Rate (CPS-ASEC)**—The number of individuals that are employed as a percent of the civilian non-institutional population.

**Federal Fiscal Year**—The United States federal government’s fiscal year is the twelve month period ending on September 30th of that year.

**Full-Time, Full-Year (CPS-ASEC)**—A person is considered to be a working full-time, full-year if he or she worked 35 hours or more per week for 50 to 52 weeks in the past 12 months.

**Full-Time, Full-Year Rate (CPS-ASEC)**—The number of individuals that are working full-time, full-year as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population.

**Hearing Disability (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, individuals who indicated “yes” when asked if they were “deaf or … [had] serious difficulty hearing.”

**Health Insurance Coverage (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, health insurance coverage is broadly defined as both private health insurance and public coverage. Respondents are asked to report their current coverage and to mark “yes” or “no” for each of the eight types listed:

1. Insurance through a current or former employer or union (of this person or another family member).
2. Insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (by this person or another family member).
3. Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities.
4. Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability.
5. TRICARE or other military health care.
6. VA (including those who have ever used or enrolled for VA health care).
7. Indian Health Service.
8. Any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan.

**Health Insurance Coverage (BRFSS)**—In the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, respondents are considered to have health insurance coverage is they respond ‘yes’ to having, “…any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare, or Indian Health Service?”

**Health Insurance Coverage Gap**—The difference in percent health insurance coverage between people with and without disabilities.

**Income (ACS)**—The sum of all wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, and tips; self-employment income from own nonfarm and farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships; interest,
dividends, net rental income, royalty income, and income from estates and trusts; Social Security and Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income; any public assistance and welfare payments from the state and local welfare office; retirement, survivor, and disability pensions; and any other sources received regularly such as Veterans Affairs payments, unemployment compensation, child support, and alimony.

**Income Maintenance Programs**—Government programs that provide direct financial assistance to needy individuals, families, and/or households. Examples include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and general assistance.

**Independent Living Disability (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, individuals who indicated “yes” when asked if due to a physical, mental, or emotional condition, they had difficulty “doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor’s office or shopping.”

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**—A law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education, and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. Children and youth (ages 3-21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B.

**Labor Force (CPS-BMS & CPS-ASEC)**—All persons classified as employed or unemployed.

**Labor Force Participation Rate (CPS-BMS & CPS-ASEC)**—The labor force as a percent of the civilian non-institutional population.

**Labor Market Attachment (CPS-ASEC)**—A person is considered to be attached to the labor market if he or she worked at least 52 hours in the calendar year prior to the survey.

**Labor Market Attachment Rate (CPS-ASEC)**—The number of individuals attached to the labor market as a percent of the civilian non-institutional population.

**Living in the Community**—Describes persons who are residing in the community and who are not living in institutions such as jails, prisons, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.

**Median Earnings**—The median is the middlemost value of a sample that separates the upper half of the values from the lower half of the values. The median earnings is the amount that divides the income distribution in two equal groups. Half of the people earn more than this value and half of the people earn less than this value.

**Medicaid (CMS)**—Medicaid is a state administered, but federally required, program to provide health insurance to certain groups of people. States determine specific eligibility requirements, but in general low income individuals, families, children, and pregnant women are eligible for health care coverage under Medicaid. In some states, other groups (such as people with disabilities) are also eligible.

**Medicare (CMS)**—Medicare is a Federal program that provides health care services to individuals 65 or older, individuals under age 65 with disabilities, and individuals of all ages with end-stage renal failure. There are three programs within Medicare: Part A (hospital insurance), Part B (medical
insurance), and Prescription Drug Coverage (new since January 1, 2006). Individuals pay into Part A throughout their careers, and then Part A covers that individual for hospital care. People who are eligible for Medicare have the opportunity to purchase Part B, or medical insurance that covers them for more than just hospital care.

**Minimum Wage**—A minimum wage is the lowest a person can be paid for hourly work in the US, set by the federal government.

**Minimum Wage Rate**—The minimum wage rate is set by individual US states. This rate must be equal to or above the federal minimum wage.

**Non-Institutionalized Population**—Describes individuals who are residing in the community and who are not living in institutions such as jails, prisons, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.

**OASDI Benefits**—The Social Security Administration’s Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program provides monthly benefits to qualified retired and disabled workers, their dependents and to survivors of insured workers. Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by the worker’s contributions to Social Security.

**Obese/Obesity (BRFSS)**—The condition where a person has a body mass index greater than 30.

**Office of Special Education Programs**—Part of the United States Department of Education, the Office of Special Education Programs’ mission is to improve education-related outcomes and experiences of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support at the state and federal level. Their goals include:

• “Fostering and supporting research and the development of knowledge and innovations to improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities;” and

• “Evaluating, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of federal policy and programs and the effectiveness of early intervention and educational efforts for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.”

**Order of Selection**—A state is required by the Federal Government to implement an order of selection when it does not have the funds and/or the personnel to provide services for all eligible individuals with disabilities. This process is detailed under The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and 34 CFR 361.36. When this situation occurs, a state must classify eligible individuals according to the significance of their disability(ies), and must serve the most significantly disabled first.

**Participation in the labor force**—See labor force.

**Percentage Point(s)**—A number, count or ratio expressed as a fraction of 100.

**Persons with Targeted Disability**—People with Targeted Disabilities are recognized and defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and United States Office of Personnel Management as “[People with]… the most severe disabilities including blindness, deafness, partial and full paralysis, missing extremities, dwarfism, epilepsy, intellectual disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities. Individuals with these disabilities typically have the greatest difficulty finding employment. … the federal government has a special emphasis on recruiting, hiring, and retaining people with targeted
Prevalence—The proportion of the population with a particular status or condition. Prevalence is usually expressed as a percentage or a number of people per unit of the population.

Prevalence Rate—The prevalence of a particular status or condition estimated over a specific period of time.

Projected Population—Estimates of what the population will be at a future date. The United States Census Bureau definition states that population projections “are typically based on an estimated population consistent with the most recent decennial census and are produced using the cohort-component method.”

Population—The total number of inhabitants in a defined geographic area including all races, classes, and groups.

Poverty (ACS & CPS-A SEC)—The U.S. Office of Management and Budget in Statistical Policy Directive 14 sets the standards for which poverty is calculated. The U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of dollar value thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family’s total income is less than the dollar value of the appropriate threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty.

Poverty Gap—The difference between the poverty rates of two populations, usually people with and without disabilities.

Poverty Rate (ACS & CPS-A SEC)—Percent of the population who are determined to be in poverty.

Postsecondary Institutions—In the United States, any education, school, training or program beyond the high school level.

Race (ACS)—Individuals identified themselves as one of six categories in the survey: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race.

Rehabilitation Rate—The number of successful employment outcomes divided by the number of closures after initiating or completing services.

Rehabilitation Services Administration—The Rehabilitation Services Administration is a United States Department of Education agency that help individuals with disabilities obtain employment and live more independently. Data provided by the Rehabilitation Services Administration can be found in the ‘Ad Hoc Query’ section of their website: http://rsa.ed.gov.

Resident Population—All residents (both civilian and Armed Forces) living in the United States (all 50 states and the District of Columbia).

Sampling Variability—The variation of a statistic when estimated from repeated samples.

Seasonally Adjusted Statistics—Statistics that face predictable variation over the course of a year due to seasonal changes (i.e. increases in employment in farming during harvest months) and are adjusted using statistical techniques that attempt to account for these expected seasonal changes.
**Self-Care Disability (ACS)**—In the American Community Survey, individuals who indicated “yes” when asked if they “have difficulty dressing or bathing.”

**Service-Connected Disability Rating**—In the American Community Survey, the VA service connected disability rating for an individual who is a veteran. The rating reflects the degree of the veteran’s disability on a scale from 0 to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percent.

**Service-Connected Disability Rating Status**—In the American Community Survey, the designation associated with individuals who were in the Reserves or National Guard, trained with the Reserves or National Guard, or active duty military that have a disability as a result of disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. These disabilities are defined according to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities in Title 38, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4.

**Smoking (BRFSS)**—Respondents were asked about smoking: “Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?” and “Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?” Respondents who reported smoking at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and who, at the time of survey, smoked either every day or some days were defined as current smoker (i.e., smoking).

**Social Security Administration**—The Social Security Administration is an independent agency within the United States federal government managing services supporting people eligible for social security programs. This includes employment-, retirement-, survivor and disability-related benefits. These benefits are earned by paying Social Security taxes on earnings.

**Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**—A monthly benefit paid to disabled workers and certain family members if the worker meets eligibility criteria including evidence of disability and a sufficient work history.

**Social Security Income (SSI)**—A monthly benefit paid to low-income persons with disabilities if they meet eligibility criteria including evidence of disability.

**Social Security Income Supplement**—The Social Security Income supplement is managed by individual states to provide extra support for people with disabilities.

**Social Security Income Supplementary Payments**—Social Security Income Supplementary Payments are extra supplementary payments to people with disabilities on top of the SSI they receive from the federal government. Each state manages the supplementary payments independently.

**Special Education**—Specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability, including (i) instruction at the classroom, home, hospitals and institutions, and in other settings; and (ii) physical education. The term can include each of the following: (i) speech-language pathology services, or any other related service, if the service is considered special education rather than a related service under state standards; (ii) travel training; and (iii) vocational education.

**Successful Employment (VR)**—The U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration defines successful employment as employment for at least 90 days in an integrated employment setting.
Successfully Rehabilitated—Successful rehabilitation describes achieved vocational rehabilitation outcomes including occupational/vocational skills training, employment (re-entering the workforce), technical assistance, and transportation services.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)—The Social Security Administration pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. Social Security Income benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits.

Unemployed Persons (CPS-BMS & CPSASEC)—Individuals who are 16 years or older and were available to work, who had no employment during the reference week, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the month prior to the reference week.

Unemployment Rate (ACS, CPS-BMS, CPSASEC)—The percent of the labor force who do not have a job and are available and looking for work. See unemployed persons.

United States Census Bureau—An agency within the United States Federal Statistical System tasked with producing data about the American people and economy. Their primary task is to conduct the United States Census every ten years.

United States Department of Health and Human Services—A department in the United States government tasked with protecting and maintaining the health of all Americans.

Veteran(s)—A person who previously served in the armed forces.

Veteran Benefits—Federal assistance provided to Veterans and their dependents. This includes disability compensation, Veteran’s pension programs, medical care, and educational programs.

Vision Disability—In the American Community Survey, individuals who indicated “yes” when asked if they were “blind or … have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses.”

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)—Employment services offered to individuals with mental or physical disabilities. These services are designed to enable participants to attain skills, resources, attitudes, and expectations needed to compete in the interview process, get a job, and keep a job. These services may also help an individual retrain for employment after an injury or mental disorder has disrupted previous employment.

Work Limitation (CPS-ASEC)—A person is considered to have a work limitation if he or she has “a health problem or disability which prevents them from working or which limits the kind or amount of work he or she can do.”
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC)

Policymakers, program administrators, service providers, researchers, advocates for people with disabilities, and people with disabilities and their families need accessible, valid data/statistics to support their decisions related to policy improvements, program administration, service delivery, protection of civil rights, and major life activities. The StatsRRTC supports decision making through a variety of integrated research and outreach activities by (a) improving knowledge about and access to existing data, (b) generating the knowledge needed to improve future disability data collection, and (c) strengthening connections between the data from and regarding respondents, researchers, and decision makers. In this way, the Stats RRTC supports the improvement of service systems that advance the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Led by the University of New Hampshire, the StatsRRTC is a collaborative effort involving the following partners: American Association of People with Disabilities, Center for Essential Management Services, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, Kessler Foundation, Mathematica Policy Research, and Public Health Institute.

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Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (EPM-RRTC)

The EPM-RRTC generates and translates new information about disability employment policy and ways to measure the labor market experiences of people with disabilities. By improving the quality of available information about program interactions, policy options, and employment outcomes, the EPM-RRTC increases evidence based advocacy and policymaking.

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