

# 2021 Annual Disability Infographic: Social Inequities Experienced by African Americans

*In the US, nearly 3.5 million African American adults have a disability<sup>a</sup>*

## Percentage Reporting Disability<sup>a</sup>

10.5  
%

All races



13.5  
%

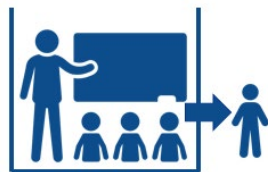
African American

African Americans with disabilities face many social inequities that prevent them from realizing their full potential. Policies to promote equity are needed to improve social determinants like education, employment, and more among African Americans with disabilities.

## Education

**Compared to all races, African American students with disabilities are...**

15.4%  
more  
likely



**to spend time outside a regular classroom<sup>b</sup>**

African American 40.4%  
All races 35%

160%  
more  
likely



**to be placed in a correctional facility<sup>b</sup>**

African American 0.39%  
All races 0.15%

2.5%  
less  
likely



**to have completed high school<sup>a</sup>**

African American 79%  
All races 81%

## Employment

## Poverty

## Inadequate Housing

**Compared to all races, African American adults with disabilities are...**

20%  
less  
likely



**to be employed<sup>a</sup>**

African American 30%  
All races 37.5%

33%  
more  
likely



**to experience poverty<sup>a</sup>**

African American 32%  
All races 24%

49%  
more  
likely



**to lack adequate housing<sup>c</sup>**

African Americans 12.5%  
All races 8.4%

Sources: Authors' calculations using data from <sup>a</sup>2019 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS ([www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)), <sup>b</sup>2019-20 IDEA Part B, ages 6 to 21, and <sup>c</sup>2019 American Housing Survey, ages 16+.



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