In the US, nearly 3.5 million African American adults have a disability\(^a\)

**Disability Prevalence**

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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...

- 12.5% more likely to spend time outside a regular classroom\(^b\)
  - African American: 40.5%
  - All races: 36%

- 181% more likely to be placed in a correctional facility\(^b\)
  - African American: .45%
  - All races: .16%

- 4% less likely to have completed high school\(^a\)
  - African American: 77%
  - All races: 80%

**Employment**

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

- 29% less likely to be employed\(^a\)
  - African American: 28%
  - All races: 36%

- 32% more likely to experience poverty\(^a\)
  - African American: 33%
  - All races: 25%

- 37.5% more likely to lack adequate housing\(^c\)
  - African Americans: 11%
  - All races: 8%

Sources: Authors’ calculations using data from \(^a\)2018 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS (www.ipums.org), \(^b\)2018-19 IDEA Part B, ages 6 to 21, and \(^c\)2017 American Housing Survey, ages 16+. 

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