

# Americans With Disabilities

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## Introduction

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) defines disability as a substantial limitation in a major life activity. The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) contains questions about the ability to perform a number of activities. If an individual reported having difficulty performing a specific activity, a follow-up question usually determined if the level of difficulty was severe or not. Responses to these and related questions were used to arrive at two overall measures of disability status. The criteria used to classify individuals by disability status are explained in the box on the next page.

This report presents information on the number and characteristics of individuals with disabilities and is based on data collected in wave 5 of the 1996 Panel of the SIPP. Wave 5 data were collected from August to November 1997. The SIPP is a household survey, and the estimates in this report exclude the population in institutions. Approximately 32,000 households were interviewed during wave 5 of the 1996 Panel.

## Highlights

(Table A presents the confidence intervals for the estimates cited below.)

- In 1997, 52.6 million people (19.7 percent of the population) had some level of disability and 33.0 million (12.3 percent of the population) had a severe disability.
- About 10.1 million individuals (3.8 percent of the population) needed personal

assistance with one or more ADLs or IADLs.

- Among the population 15 years old and over, 2.2 million used a wheelchair. Another 6.4 million used some other ambulatory aid such as a cane, crutches, or a walker.
- About 7.7 million individuals 15 years old and over had difficulty seeing the words and letters in ordinary newspaper print; of them, 1.8 million were unable to see.
- The poverty rate among the population 25 to 64 years old with no disability was 8.3 percent; it was 27.9 percent for those with a severe disability.

## Prevalence of Disability by Selected Characteristics

Out of a total population of 267.7 million noninstitutional individuals, 52.6 million (or 19.7 percent) had some type of disability. Among those with a disability, 33.0 million (or 12.3 percent of the total population) had a severe disability and 10.1 million (or 3.8 percent of the total population) needed personal assistance with one or more ADLs or IADLs (see Table 1).

The likelihood of having a disability increased with age. Among those 45 to 54 years old, 22.6 percent had some form of disability, 13.9 percent had a severe disability, and 3.6 percent needed personal assistance. For those 65 to 69 years old, the comparable estimates were 44.9 percent, 30.7 percent, and 8.1 percent. For the oldest age group shown in Table 1, 80 years

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### Definitions of disability status, functional limitations, activities of daily living (ADLs), and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)

Individuals 15 years old and over were identified as having a disability if they met *any* of the following criteria:

1. Used a wheelchair, a cane, crutches, or a walker
2. Had difficulty performing one or more functional activities (seeing, hearing, speaking, lifting/carrying, using stairs, walking, or grasping small objects)
3. Had difficulty with one or more *activities of daily living* (the ADLs included getting around inside the home, getting in or out of bed or a chair, bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting)
4. Had difficulty with one or more *instrumental activities of daily living* (the IADLs included going outside the home, keeping track of money and bills, preparing meals, doing light housework, taking prescription medicines in the right amount at the right time, and using the telephone)
5. Had one or more specified conditions (a learning disability, mental retardation or another developmental disability, Alzheimer's disease, or some other type of mental or emotional condition)
6. Had any other mental or emotional condition that seriously interfered with everyday activities (frequently depressed or anxious, trouble getting along with others, trouble concentrating, or trouble coping with day-to-day stress)
7. Had a condition that limited the ability to work around the house
8. If age 16 to 67, had a condition that made it difficult to work at a job or business
9. Received federal benefits based on an inability to work

Individuals were considered to have a *severe* disability if they met criteria 1, 6, or 9; or had Alzheimer's disease, or mental retardation or another developmental disability; or were unable to perform or needed help to perform one or more of the activities in criteria 2, 3, 4, 7, or 8.

The disability questions that were asked as part of the SIPP wave 5 Topical Module can be found at the following Web site: [www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/top\\_mod/1996/quests/folder.htm](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/top_mod/1996/quests/folder.htm).

old and over, the estimates were 73.6 percent, 57.6 percent, and 34.9 percent.

Among the population 15 to 24 years old, the prevalence of disability among women (9.8 percent) was lower than the prevalence among men (11.6 percent). The relationship was reversed for older age groups: among those 45 to 54 years old, the proportion with a disability was 24.2 percent for women, and 20.9 percent for men; and among those 55 to 64 years old, the rates were 37.2 for women and 34.0 for men. Overall, women made up the majority of the individuals with disabilities: 28.3 million women compared with 24.3 million men. Among those with a severe disability, 18.2 million were women and 14.8 million were men, and among those who needed personal assistance, 5.9 million were women and 4.1 million were men.

The likelihood of having a disability varies by race and Hispanic origin.<sup>1</sup> For all ages, the prevalence of severe disability was 8.5 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders, 9.7 percent for Hispanics (not statistically different from the rate for Asians and Pacific Islanders), 12.2 percent for non-Hispanic Whites, and 15.7 percent for Blacks.

Some of the overall differences cited above reflect differences in the age distributions of the populations. For the population 25 to 64 years old, the rates of severe disability were 7.9 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders, 11.0 percent for non-Hispanic Whites, 11.7 percent for Hispanics (not statistically different from the rate for non-Hispanic Whites), and 19.3 percent for Blacks. For individuals 65 years old and over, non-Hispanic Whites

<sup>1</sup>Hispanics may be of any race.

Table A.  
**Selected Disability Measures: 1997**

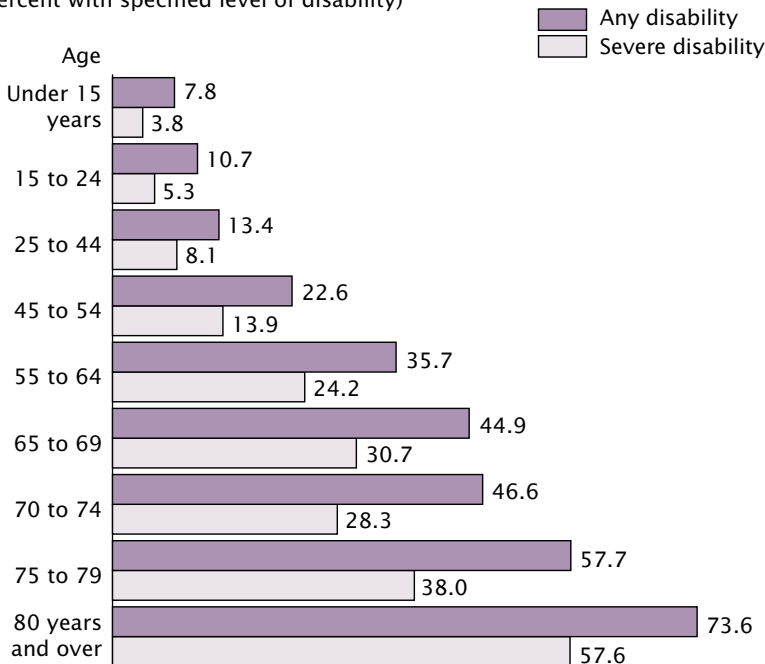
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Categories	Number with specified characteristic (in thousands)		Percent with specified characteristic	
	Number	90-percent confidence interval (±)	Percent	90-percent confidence interval (±)
All ages .....	267,665	(X)	100.0	(X)
With a disability .....	52,596	814	19.7	0.3
Severe disability .....	32,970	673	12.3	0.3
Needed personal assistance with an ADL or IADL ..	10,076	390	3.8	0.1
Age 15 years and over .....	208,059	(X)	100.0	(X)
Used a wheelchair .....	2,155	183	1.0	0.1
Used a cane, crutches, or walker (not a wheelchair) .....	6,372	313	3.1	0.2
Had difficulty seeing .....	7,673	342	3.7	0.2
Unable to see .....	1,768	166	0.8	0.1
Had difficulty hearing .....	7,966	348	3.8	0.2
Unable to hear .....	832	114	0.4	0.1
Age 25 to 64 years .....				
With any disability .....	26,493	612	100.0	(X)
In poverty .....	5,669	295	21.4	1.0
With a nonsevere disability .....	9,794	385	100.0	(X)
In poverty .....	1,018	126	10.4	1.2
With a severe disability .....	16,700	496	100.0	(X)
In poverty .....	4,651	268	27.9	1.4
No disability .....	112,604	1,007	100.0	(X)
In poverty .....	9,376	377	8.3	0.3

(X) Not applicable.  
 Note: See box on page 2 for a description of ADLs and IADLs.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

Figure 1.  
**Disability Prevalence by Age : 1997**

(Percent with specified level of disability)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

had a considerably lower rate of severe disability than individuals in the other categories: 35.3 percent compared with 49.2 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders, 47.0 percent for Hispanics, and 51.8 percent for Blacks (the rates for Asians and Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and Blacks are not statistically different).

**Prevalence of Specific Types of Disabilities**

Table 2 shows the prevalence of specific disabilities for the population 15 years old and over and for three age groups.

The number of individuals with a disability in one or more of the activities of seeing, hearing, or speaking was 14.6 million, or 7.0 percent of the population (Table 2). A relatively small proportion (2.9 million, or 1.4 percent of

the population) had a severe disability.<sup>2</sup> For these activities, individuals were considered to have a disability if they *had difficulty* seeing the words and letters in ordinary newspaper print, if they *had difficulty* hearing what was said in a normal conversation with another person (even when wearing a hearing aid), or if they *had difficulty* having their speech understood. They were considered to have a severe disability if they were *unable* to see words and letters in ordinary newspaper print, if they were *unable* to hear what was said in a normal conversation with another person, or if other people were *unable* to understand their speech.

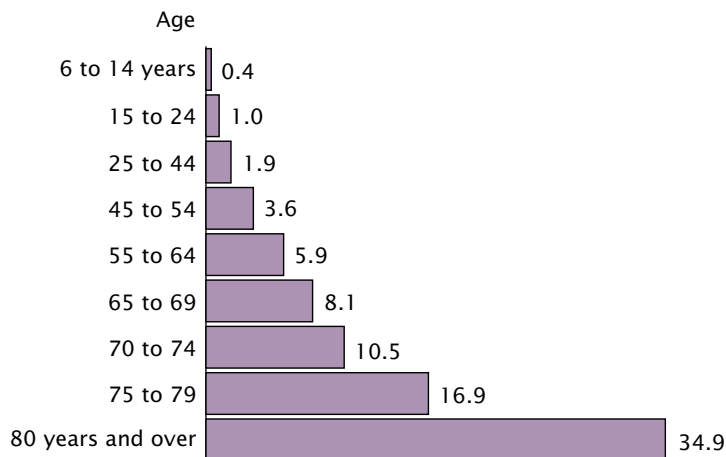
Approximately 25 million individuals 15 years old and over had an ambulatory disability--defined as having difficulty walking a quarter of a mile or up a flight of ten stairs, or using an ambulatory aid such as a wheelchair, a cane, crutches, or a walker. About 14.7 million people had a severe ambulatory disability, defined as using an ambulatory aid (8.5 million), being unable to walk a quarter of a mile (9.9 million), or being unable to walk up a flight of stairs (5.9 million).<sup>3</sup>

Eighteen million individuals had difficulty lifting and carrying a 10-pound bag of groceries or grasping small objects, and of these almost 8 million had a severe disability

<sup>2</sup>Totals for individuals with selected disabilities in 1997 were (numbers in parentheses are those with a severe disability in that category): sight — 7.7 million (1.8 million severe); hearing — 8.0 million (0.8 million severe); speech — 2.3 million (0.5 million severe). The number of individuals with a sight disability was not statistically different from the number with a hearing disability.

<sup>3</sup>19.5 million had difficulty walking a quarter of a mile; 19.8 million had difficulty walking up a flight of stairs (not statistically different from the number that had difficulty walking a quarter of a mile); 2.2 million used a wheelchair; and 6.4 million did not use a wheelchair, but used some other ambulatory aid such as a cane, crutches, or a walker.

Figure 2.  
**Percent Needing Personal Assistance by Age: 1997**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

performing either or both of these activities.<sup>4</sup>

The survey asked about the ability to perform six activities of daily living, or ADLs, and six instrumental activities of daily living, or IADLs. In 1997, 8.7 million had a limitation in at least one ADL, and of this total, 4.1 million needed personal assistance. Of those who needed personal assistance with one or more ADLs, 1.5 million needed assistance with one, 0.7 million needed assistance with two, and 1.9 million needed assistance with three or more. In the case of IADLs, 12.9 million had difficulty with at least one, and 9.4 million of this total needed personal assistance.

When both ADLs and IADLs are considered, 9.9 million individuals needed personal assistance to

<sup>4</sup>15.2 million had difficulty lifting and carrying a bag of groceries (of those, 7.7 million could not lift and carry a bag of groceries); 6.8 million had difficulty using their hands and fingers to pick up objects such as a glass or pencil (of those, 0.6 million could not use their hands and fingers to pick up a glass or pencil).

perform one or more of the 12 activities. Of those who needed personal assistance, 0.4 million were 15 to 24 years old, 4.1 million were 25 to 64, and 5.3 million were 65 or older.

The survey asked a number of questions designed to identify individuals with mental disabilities. Questions were asked about four mental conditions (a learning disability; mental retardation; Alzheimer's, senility, or dementia; or any other mental or emotional condition), and about certain symptoms (frequently depressed or anxious, trouble getting along with others, trouble concentrating, trouble coping with day-to-day stresses). If one or more of the symptoms was reported, a follow-up question asked if the problem seriously interfered with the ability to manage everyday activities. Finally, the IADL question about any difficulty keeping track of money and bills was used as an indicator of mental difficulties. In 1997, 14.3 million had a mental disability; 8.1 million had one or more of

the specific conditions; 6.9 million had one or more symptoms that seriously interfered with their ability to manage day-to-day activities; and 4.6 million had difficulty keeping track of money and bills.

In terms of specific mental conditions, 1.4 million individuals had mental retardation, and 1.9 million had Alzheimer's, senility, or dementia. The number with a learning disability was 3.5 million, and about the same number had some other mental or emotional condition.

Among the 6.9 million individuals with one or more specific mental symptoms that seriously interfered with their day-to-day activities, 5.6 million were frequently depressed or anxious, 4.7 million had trouble coping with stress, 3.8 million had trouble concentrating, and 1.8 million had trouble getting along with others.

Questions about whether a physical, mental, or other health condition prevented or limited the work that could be done at a job or business (that is, had a "work disability") were asked in each wave of the 1996 SIPP Panel. In addition to the core questions, the wave 5 disability supplement also asked about the presence of a condition that has made it difficult to remain employed or to find a job. In 1997, 18.5 million individuals 16 to 64 years old were identified as having a work disability by either the core questions or the disability supplement question. The core questions identified 9.7 million individuals as prevented from working and 7.2 million as limited in the kind or amount of work they could do, but not prevented from working. The disability supplement question identified 11.3 million as

having a condition that had made it difficult to remain employed or to find a job.

Of the individuals 16 years old and over, 17.6 million were limited in the kind or amount of housework they could do, and of those, 4.4 million were prevented from doing housework.

The final section of Table 2 shows the number of individuals within three disability domains: communication (seeing, hearing, or speaking), physical (unable to perform a specific physical activity or who had a specific physical condition), and mental as defined above. Individuals may have a disability in more than one domain, and, in some cases, the domain of the disability cannot be identified. The latter situation could occur if an individual has a disability in a general activity such as working at a job and does not report a specific condition as the cause of the disability. In 1997, 28.0 million individuals had a disability in one domain (21.1 million physical, 3.9 million mental, and 2.9 million communication); 13.6 million had a disability in two domains (7.5 million physical and communication, 5.3 million physical and mental, and 0.7 million mental and communication); and 4.3 million had a disability in all three domains. Finally, 2.1 million had a disability whose domain could not be identified.

The survey included a question about the use of a hearing aid, although the use of a hearing aid was not a criterion for determining disability status. The number of individuals who used a hearing aid was 4.0 million; 1.7 million of these individuals reported difficulty hearing what was said in a normal conversation and 2.3 million did not.

## **Selected Characteristics by Disability Status**

Table 3 shows the relationships between disability status and a number of other characteristics for two groups: individuals 25 to 64 years old and 65 and older.

Individuals with a severe disability are much less likely than individuals with no disability to be a householder or a spouse of a householder in a married-couple family, and they are much more likely to live as an unrelated individual. In 1997, 46.1 percent of individuals 25 to 64 years old with a severe disability were householders or spouses of householders, and 33.4 percent lived as unrelated individuals. For those in the same age group but with no disability, the comparable figures were 66.3 percent and 20.0 percent.

For individuals 65 years old and over, 42.0 percent of those with a severe disability were householders or spouses compared with 60.1 percent among those with no disability in the same age category. In addition, 44.8 percent of those with a severe disability lived as unrelated individuals, compared with 32.5 percent for those with no disability.

There is a strong relationship between disability status and perceived health status. Among those 25 to 64 years old with a severe disability, 14.5 percent reported very good or excellent health and 58.9 percent fair or poor, compared with 75.1 percent and 2.6 percent of those in the same age group with no disability. Among those 65 years old and over with a severe disability, 8.8 percent reported very good or excellent health, and 68.0 percent fair or poor. Among those 65 years old and over with

no disability, 50.7 percent reported good or excellent health, and 10.5 percent fair or poor.

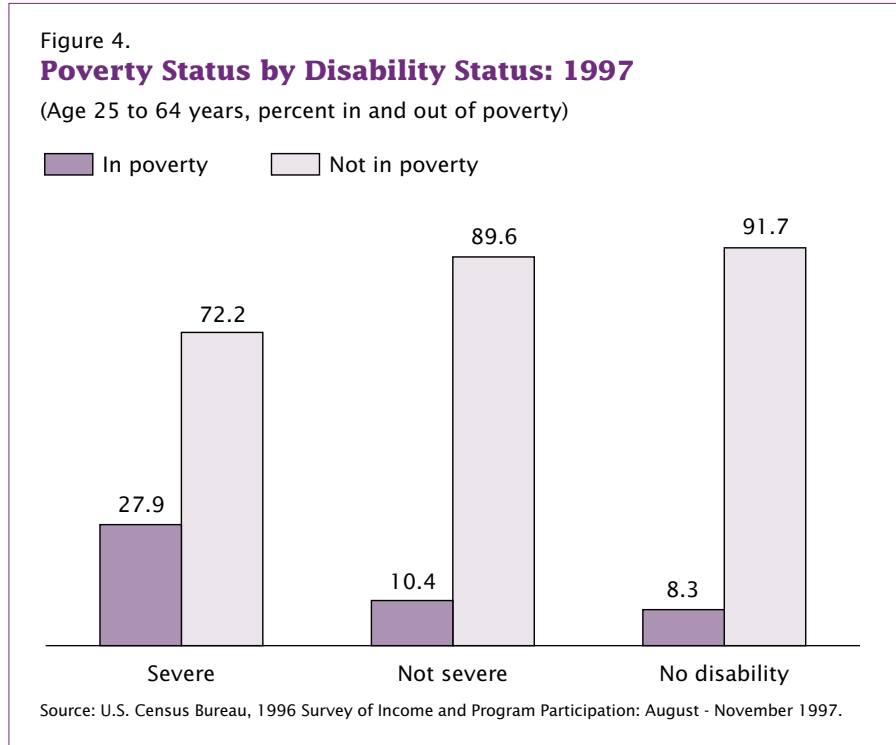
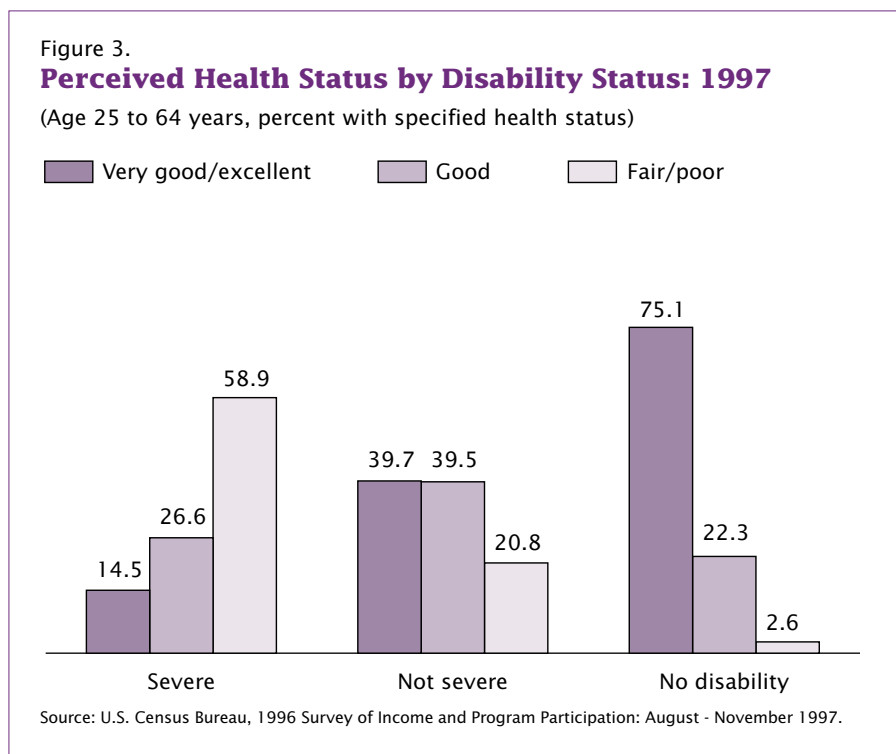
Individuals with a severe disability are less likely to be covered by private or military health insurance. Among the population 25 to 64 years old with a severe disability, 47.5 percent were covered by private or military health insurance compared to 82.3 percent of those with no disability. Among people 65 years old and over with a severe disability, 67.0 percent were covered by private or military health insurance, compared with 79.7 percent of those with no disability. Among those 25 to 64 years old, 17.2 percent of those with a severe disability and 15.4 percent of those with no disability lacked any form of health insurance.

Disability status is associated with sharp differences in levels of educational attainment. For individuals 25 to 64 years old with a severe disability, 32.6 percent had not finished high school compared with 10.7 percent of those with no disability. In 1997, 9.4 percent of those with a severe disability had graduated from college compared with 28.5 percent of those with no disability. Among those 65 years old and over with a severe disability, 46.2 percent had not finished high school compared to 25.9 percent with no disability.

The presence of a severe disability is associated with an increased likelihood of receiving welfare benefits, of having low levels of income, and being more likely to live in poverty.

Among individuals 25 to 64 years old with a severe disability:

- 20.3 percent received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)



- 5.8 percent received some other form of cash assistance
- 16.2 percent received food stamps

- 9.2 percent lived in public or subsidized housing

For those in the same age group with no disability:



- 1.2 percent received cash assistance
- 2.1 percent received food stamps
- 1.9 percent lived in public or subsidized housing<sup>5</sup>

The proportion of individuals 25 to 64 years old with an annual personal income less than \$20,000 was 80.2 percent for those with a severe disability compared with 43.7 percent for those with no disability. When the income measure was household income, 41.8 percent of those with a severe disability, and 13.9 percent of those with no disability, lived in a household with an annual income below \$20,000. In 1997, 27.9 percent of those with a severe disability and 8.3 percent of those with no disability in this age group lived in poverty.

Income differentials by disability status also exist for individuals 65 years old and over. Among those with a severe disability, the proportion with an annual personal income less than \$20,000 was 83.5 percent, the proportion living in a household with an annual income below \$20,000 was 52.6 percent, and the proportion in poverty was 16.6 percent. The comparable figures for those in the same age group with no disability were 68.4 percent, 34.1 percent, and 6.9 percent, respectively.

### **Employment and Earnings by Disability Status**

Table 4 shows the employment rate and median and average annual earnings for individuals 21 to 64 years old by overall disability status and by specific disability

<sup>5</sup>For individuals with no disability, the percent living in public or subsidized housing is not statistically different from the percent receiving food stamps.

categories. Individuals with a severe disability had an employment rate of 31.4 percent and median earnings of \$13,272, compared with 82.0 percent and \$20,457 for those with a nonsevere disability, and 84.4 percent and \$23,654 for those with no disability.

The first section of Table 4 shows selected data on the relationship between disability status and program participation status. One reason for examining this arrangement of the data is to examine whether individuals with a disability who participate in a major program such as medicare, SSI, or social security, or who are identified in the survey as having a condition that prevents them from working, have a reduced availability for employment. Of the 17.4 million individuals aged 21 to 64 with a severe disability, 6.9 million were either covered by medicare or received SSI payments, and an additional 1.2 million received social security benefits. In other words, 8.1 million individuals with a severe disability participated in one or more of these three programs. Of the 9.3 million individuals with a severe disability who did not participate in one or more of the three programs, 3.3 million reported that they were prevented from working and 6.0 million did not.

These three categories of severely disabled individuals (participated in one or more major programs, did not participate but who had a disability that prevented them from working, and did not participate and were not prevented from working) might prove useful when examining their employment situation. If individuals with a severe disability who were not employed are to become employed, the 8.1 million who participated in a major program may need special transition assistance, and the

3.3 million who did not may need to be convinced that changes to the physical and social environment can make employment feasible. Many (73.5 percent) of the 6.0 million individuals in the third category were already employed.

The remainder of Table 4 shows data by type of disability. For example, individuals with a limitation in seeing had an employment rate of 41.5 percent and median earnings of \$16,791. Those with a mental disability had an employment rate of 37.0 percent and median earnings of \$13,534. And those who had experienced difficulty finding a job or remaining employed had an employment rate of 21.1 percent and median earnings of \$7,975.

For additional information on employment and earnings, see the materials referenced in the section on "Related material."

### **Disability Status of Children Under 15 Years Old**

The survey asked two questions about the disability status of children under 3 years old and two questions about the disability status of children 3 to 5 years old. Two percent of children under 3 had a disability with either a developmental delay or a condition that limited the ability to use arms or legs. In 1997, 3.4 percent of children 3 to 5 had a disability with either a developmental delay or a condition that limited the activities of walking, running, or playing.

A longer set of disability questions were asked for children 6 to 14 years old: 11.2 percent had some disability and 4.8 percent had a severe disability. Children in this age category were considered to have a severe disability if they met any of the following criteria:

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(1) they had mental retardation or some other developmental disability, (2) they had some other developmental condition for which they had received therapy or diagnostic services, (3) they used an ambulatory aid, (4) they had a severe limitation in the ability to see, hear, or speak, or (5) they needed personal assistance for an activity of daily living.

In terms of specific disabilities, 6.8 percent of children 6 to 14 years old had difficulty doing regular schoolwork, 5.2 percent had a learning disability, 1.5 percent had a developmental disability (including mental retardation, autism, or cerebral palsy), and 3.7 percent had some other developmental condition for which they had received therapy or diagnostic services. The proportion who used an ambulatory aid (wheelchair, cane, crutches, or a walker) was 0.3 percent.

In 1997, 0.7 percent of children 6 to 14 had difficulty seeing, the same percentage as those who had difficulty hearing, and 2.1 percent had difficulty speaking, the same percentage as those who had difficulty walking, running, or taking part in sports and games.

### **Related Material**

This report updates estimates shown in "Americans With Disabilities: 1991-92," Series P70-33, and "Americans with Disabilities: 1994-95," Series P70-61. The latter report can be found on the U.S. Census Bureau's disability Web site: [www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability.html).

The Census Bureau's disability Web site also contains additional tables about disability in 1997, as well as "Employment, Earnings, and Disability," a paper by John McNeil that was presented at the 75th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International, June 29-July 3, 2000.

### **Accuracy of the Estimates**

Statistics from surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. All comparisons presented in this report have taken sampling error into account and meet the U.S. Census Bureau's standards for statistical significance. Nonsampling errors in surveys may be attributed to a variety of sources, such as how the survey was designed, how respondents interpret questions, how able and willing respondents are to provide correct answers, and how accurately the answers are coded and classified. The Census Bureau employs quality control procedures throughout the production

process — including the overall design of surveys, the wording of questions, review of the work of interviewers and coders, and statistical review of reports.

The Survey of Income and Program Participation employs ratio estimation, whereby sample estimates are adjusted to independent estimates of the national population by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin. This weighting partially corrects for bias due to undercoverage, but how it affects different variables in the survey is not precisely known. Moreover, biases may also be present when people who are missed in the survey differ from those interviewed in ways other than the categories used in weighting (age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin). All of these considerations affect comparisons across different surveys or data sources.

For further information on statistical standards and the computation and use of standard errors, contact Sam Sae-Ung, Demographic Statistical Methods Division, at 301-457-4221 or on the Internet at [Smanchai.Sae.Ung@census.gov](mailto:Smanchai.Sae.Ung@census.gov).



Table 1.  
**Prevalence of Disability by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1997**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	Total	With a disability by severity and need for assistance					
		All severities		Severe		Needs assistance	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>BOTH SEXES, ALL RACES</b>							
All ages .....	267,665	52,596	19.7	32,970	12.3	10,076	3.8
Under 15 years .....	59,606	4,661	7.8	2,256	3.8	224	0.4
15 years and over .....	208,059	47,935	23.0	30,714	14.8	9,851	4.7
15 to 24 years .....	36,897	3,961	10.7	1,942	5.3	372	1.0
25 to 44 years .....	83,887	11,200	13.4	6,793	8.1	1,635	1.9
45 to 54 years .....	33,620	7,585	22.6	4,674	13.9	1,225	3.6
55 to 64 years .....	21,591	7,708	35.7	5,233	24.2	1,280	5.9
65 years and over .....	32,064	17,480	54.5	12,073	37.7	5,339	16.7
65 to 69 years .....	9,555	4,291	44.9	2,930	30.7	777	8.1
70 to 74 years .....	8,514	3,967	46.6	2,407	28.3	898	10.5
75 to 79 years .....	6,758	3,897	57.7	2,565	38.0	1,140	16.9
80 years and over .....	7,237	5,325	73.6	4,170	57.6	2,525	34.9
<b>MALE, ALL RACES</b>							
All ages .....	130,985	24,331	18.6	14,754	11.3	4,149	3.2
Under 15 years .....	30,494	3,015	9.9	1,502	4.9	130	0.4
15 years and over .....	100,491	21,316	21.2	13,252	13.2	4,019	4.0
15 to 24 years .....	18,663	2,166	11.6	1,007	5.4	216	1.2
25 to 44 years .....	41,571	5,403	13.0	3,323	8.0	846	2.0
45 to 54 years .....	16,418	3,427	20.9	2,138	13.0	535	3.3
55 to 64 years .....	10,342	3,518	34.0	2,364	22.9	584	5.7
65 years and over .....	13,498	6,801	50.4	4,421	32.8	1,838	13.6
65 to 69 years .....	4,338	1,813	41.8	1,171	27.0	333	7.7
70 to 74 years .....	3,722	1,695	45.5	1,022	27.5	392	10.5
75 to 79 years .....	2,800	1,494	53.4	881	31.5	381	13.6
80 years and over .....	2,639	1,800	68.2	1,347	51.1	732	27.7
<b>FEMALE, ALL RACES</b>							
All ages .....	136,680	28,265	20.7	18,216	13.3	5,927	4.3
Under 15 years .....	29,112	1,646	5.7	754	2.6	95	0.3
15 years and over .....	107,568	26,619	24.7	17,462	16.2	5,832	5.4
15 to 24 years .....	18,235	1,795	9.8	935	5.1	156	0.9
25 to 44 years .....	42,316	5,797	13.7	3,470	8.2	789	1.9
45 to 54 years .....	17,202	4,158	24.2	2,536	14.7	690	4.0
55 to 64 years .....	11,250	4,190	37.2	2,869	25.5	695	6.2
65 years and over .....	18,565	10,679	57.5	7,652	41.2	3,502	18.9
65 to 69 years .....	5,217	2,478	47.5	1,759	33.7	444	8.5
70 to 74 years .....	4,792	2,272	47.4	1,386	28.9	506	10.5
75 to 79 years .....	3,958	2,404	60.7	1,684	42.6	759	19.2
80 years and over .....	4,598	3,525	76.7	2,823	61.4	1,793	39.0
<b>BOTH SEXES, WHITE NOT HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages .....	193,234	39,478	20.4	23,627	12.2	7,413	3.8
Under 15 years .....	38,505	3,173	8.2	1,492	3.9	127	0.3
15 years and over .....	154,729	36,305	23.5	22,135	14.4	7,286	4.7
15 to 24 years .....	24,307	2,727	11.2	1,206	5.0	286	1.2
25 to 64 years .....	103,353	19,239	18.6	11,386	11.0	2,823	2.7
65 years and over .....	27,069	14,338	53.0	9,544	35.3	4,177	15.4
<b>MALE, WHITE NOT HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages .....	94,664	18,266	19.3	10,460	11.0	2,988	3.2
Under 15 years .....	19,642	2,054	10.5	980	5.0	71	0.4
15 years and over .....	75,022	16,212	21.6	9,480	12.6	2,917	3.9
15 to 24 years .....	12,236	1,502	12.3	611	5.0	157	1.3
25 to 64 years .....	51,372	9,160	17.8	5,430	10.6	1,354	2.6
65 years and over .....	11,414	5,550	48.6	3,439	30.1	1,406	12.3
<b>FEMALE, WHITE NOT HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages .....	98,570	21,212	21.5	13,167	13.4	4,425	4.5
Under 15 years .....	18,863	1,119	5.9	512	2.7	56	0.3
15 years and over .....	79,707	20,093	25.2	12,655	15.7	4,369	5.5
15 to 24 years .....	12,071	1,225	10.2	595	4.9	129	1.1
25 to 64 years .....	51,982	10,079	19.4	5,956	11.5	1,469	2.8
65 years and over .....	15,655	8,787	56.1	6,105	39.0	2,771	17.7

Table 1.  
**Prevalence of Disability by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	Total	With a disability by severity and need for assistance					
		All severities		Severe		Needs assistance	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>BOTH SEXES, BLACK</b>							
All ages . . . . .	34,369	7,338	21.3	5,382	15.7	1,495	4.3
Under 15 years . . . . .	9,584	800	8.4	397	4.1	32	0.3
15 to 24 years . . . . .	5,589	672	12.0	421	7.5	27	0.5
25 to 64 years . . . . .	16,538	4,136	25.0	3,187	19.3	776	4.7
65 years and over . . . . .	2,659	1,729	65.0	1,376	51.8	660	24.8
<b>MALE, BLACK</b>							
All ages . . . . .	16,048	3,380	21.1	2,511	15.6	621	3.9
Under 15 years . . . . .	4,858	517	10.6	285	5.9	25	0.5
15 to 24 years . . . . .	2,685	342	12.7	224	8.3	12	0.4
25 to 64 years . . . . .	7,457	1,879	25.2	1,493	20.0	371	5.0
65 years and over . . . . .	1,048	643	61.4	509	48.6	214	20.4
<b>FEMALE, BLACK</b>							
All ages . . . . .	18,322	3,957	21.6	2,871	15.7	873	4.8
Under 15 years . . . . .	4,726	284	6.0	112	2.4	7	0.1
15 to 24 years . . . . .	2,904	330	11.4	197	6.8	15	0.5
25 to 64 years . . . . .	9,081	2,257	24.9	1,695	18.7	405	4.5
65 years and over . . . . .	1,611	1,086	67.4	867	53.8	446	27.7
<b>BOTH SEXES, ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>							
All ages . . . . .	9,159	1,192	13.0	776	8.5	223	2.4
Under 15 years . . . . .	2,089	63	3.0	34	1.6	5	0.3
15 to 24 years . . . . .	1,454	77	5.3	33	2.3	5	0.4
25 to 64 years . . . . .	4,971	647	13.0	390	7.9	87	1.7
65 years and over . . . . .	645	404	62.6	317	49.2	125	19.4
<b>MALE, ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>							
All ages . . . . .	4,445	537	12.1	337	7.6	87	2.0
Under 15 years . . . . .	1,117	58	5.2	29	2.6	5	0.5
15 to 24 years . . . . .	733	52	7.1	18	2.5	5	0.7
25 to 64 years . . . . .	2,307	257	11.1	158	6.8	26	1.1
65 years and over . . . . .	288	171	59.4	132	45.7	50	17.3
<b>FEMALE, ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>							
All ages . . . . .	4,713	655	13.9	439	9.3	136	2.9
Under 15 years . . . . .	973	6	0.6	6	0.6	-	-
15 to 24 years . . . . .	720	25	3.5	15	2.1	-	-
25 to 64 years . . . . .	2,664	391	14.7	232	8.7	60	2.3
65 years and over . . . . .	357	233	65.3	186	52.0	75	21.1
<b>BOTH SEXES, HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages . . . . .	30,086	4,151	13.8	2,906	9.7	820	2.7
Under 15 years . . . . .	9,133	533	5.8	275	3.0	61	0.7
15 to 24 years . . . . .	5,398	414	7.7	251	4.7	39	0.7
25 to 64 years . . . . .	13,966	2,297	16.4	1,632	11.7	391	2.8
65 years and over . . . . .	1,590	907	57.1	748	47.0	329	20.7
<b>MALE, HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages . . . . .	15,372	1,937	12.6	1,311	8.5	387	2.5
Under 15 years . . . . .	4,676	329	7.0	174	3.7	32	0.7
15 to 24 years . . . . .	2,917	230	7.9	138	4.7	29	1.0
25 to 64 years . . . . .	7,094	1,002	14.1	712	10.0	178	2.5
65 years and over . . . . .	686	376	54.9	288	42.0	148	21.6
<b>FEMALE, HISPANIC<sup>1</sup></b>							
All ages . . . . .	14,714	2,215	15.1	1,594	10.8	433	2.9
Under 15 years . . . . .	4,457	203	4.6	101	2.3	29	0.6
15 to 24 years . . . . .	2,481	185	7.4	113	4.6	10	0.4
25 to 64 years . . . . .	6,872	1,295	18.9	920	13.4	213	3.1
65 years and over . . . . .	904	531	58.8	460	50.9	181	20.0

- Rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup>Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

Table 2.  
**Prevalence of Types of Disability Among Individuals 15 Years Old and Over: 1997**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	15 years and over		15 to 24 years		25 to 64 years		65 years and over	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>Both sexes</b> .....	<b>208,059</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36,897</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>139,098</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>32,064</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>								
With a disability .....	47,935	23.0	3,961	10.7	26,493	19.0	17,480	54.5
Severe .....	30,714	14.8	1,942	5.3	16,700	12.0	12,073	37.7
Not severe .....	17,221	8.3	2,019	5.5	9,794	7.0	5,408	16.9
No disability .....	160,124	77.0	32,936	89.3	112,604	81.0	14,583	45.5
<b>SEEING/HEARING/SPEAKING</b>								
With a disability .....	14,613	7.0	608	1.6	6,963	5.0	7,042	22.0
Severe .....	2,883	1.4	121	0.3	1,174	0.8	1,588	5.0
Not severe .....	11,731	5.6	487	1.3	5,789	4.2	5,454	17.0
Had difficulty seeing words/letters .....	7,673	3.7	202	0.5	3,594	2.6	3,877	12.1
Severe .....	1,768	0.8	39	0.1	661	0.5	1,069	3.3
Not severe .....	5,904	2.8	163	0.4	2,933	2.1	2,808	8.8
Had difficulty hearing conversation .....	7,966	3.8	262	0.7	3,400	2.4	4,304	13.4
Severe .....	832	0.4	22	0.1	315	0.2	495	1.5
Not severe .....	7,134	3.4	239	0.6	3,085	2.2	3,809	11.9
Had difficulty with speech .....	2,270	1.1	277	0.8	1,176	0.8	818	2.6
Severe .....	493	0.2	85	0.2	237	0.2	171	0.5
Not severe .....	1,778	0.9	192	0.5	939	0.7	647	2.0
<b>WALKING/USING STAIRS</b>								
With a disability .....	25,138	12.1	619	1.7	11,717	8.4	12,803	39.9
Severe .....	14,698	7.1	251	0.7	5,883	4.2	8,563	26.7
Not severe .....	10,441	5.0	367	1.0	5,833	4.2	4,240	13.2
Had difficulty walking .....	19,465	9.4	443	1.2	8,938	6.4	10,084	31.4
Severe .....	9,860	4.7	170	0.5	3,838	2.8	5,852	18.3
Not severe .....	9,605	4.6	273	0.7	5,100	3.7	4,232	13.2
Had difficulty using stairs .....	19,757	9.5	461	1.2	9,223	6.6	10,073	31.4
Severe .....	5,925	2.8	111	0.3	2,286	1.6	3,528	11.0
Not severe .....	13,832	6.6	350	0.9	6,937	5.0	6,545	20.4
Used a wheelchair .....	2,155	1.0	95	0.3	843	0.6	1,216	3.8
Used a cane/crutches/walker .....	6,372	3.1	54	0.1	2,141	1.5	4,176	13.0
<b>SELECTED PHYSICAL TASKS</b>								
With a disability .....	18,071	8.7	419	1.1	8,803	6.3	8,849	27.6
Severe .....	7,964	3.8	194	0.5	3,372	2.4	4,399	13.7
Not severe .....	10,107	4.9	226	0.6	5,431	3.9	4,450	13.9
Had difficulty lifting/carrying 10 lbs. ....	15,198	7.3	336	0.9	7,098	5.1	7,764	24.2
Severe .....	7,720	3.7	182	0.5	3,247	2.3	4,291	13.4
Not severe .....	7,478	3.6	154	0.4	3,851	2.8	3,473	10.8
Had difficulty grasping objects .....	6,758	3.2	187	0.5	3,560	2.6	3,012	9.4
Severe .....	564	0.3	32	0.1	258	0.2	274	0.9
Not severe .....	6,194	3.0	155	0.4	3,302	2.4	2,738	8.5
<b>SPECIAL AIDS</b>								
Used a wheelchair .....	2,155	1.0	95	0.3	843	0.6	1,216	3.8
Used a cane/crutches/walker .....	6,372	3.1	54	0.1	2,141	1.5	4,176	13.0
Had used for 6 months or more. ....	5,128	2.5	28	0.1	1,656	1.2	3,444	10.7
Used a hearing aid <sup>1</sup> .....	3,972	1.9	95	0.3	880	0.6	2,997	9.3
Had difficulty hearing .....	1,684	0.8	45	0.1	340	0.2	1,300	4.1
Did not have difficulty hearing .....	2,288	1.1	50	0.1	540	0.4	1,698	5.3
<b>ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING</b>								
With an ADL limitation .....	8,672	4.2	185	0.5	3,928	2.8	4,559	14.2
Needed personal assistance .....	4,052	1.9	144	0.4	1,603	1.2	2,304	7.2
Did not need personal assistance .....	4,620	2.2	40	0.1	2,325	1.7	2,254	7.0
Had difficulty getting around inside ...	3,680	1.8	96	0.3	1,412	1.0	2,171	6.8
Needed personal assistance .....	1,861	0.9	81	0.2	631	0.5	1,149	3.6
Did not need personal assistance .....	1,819	0.9	15	0.0	781	0.6	1,022	3.2
Had difficulty getting in/out of bed/chair .....	6,179	3.0	142	0.4	2,960	2.1	3,078	9.6
Needed personal assistance .....	2,407	1.2	107	0.3	1,036	0.7	1,264	3.9
Did not need personal assistance .....	3,772	1.8	35	0.1	1,924	1.4	1,813	5.7

Table 2.  
**Prevalence of Types of Disability Among Individuals 15 Years Old and Over: 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	15 years and over		15 to 24 years		25 to 64 years		65 years and over	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING—Con.</b>								
Had difficulty taking a bath or shower . . . . .	4,957	2.4	124	0.3	2,017	1.4	2,816	8.8
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	2,897	1.4	112	0.3	982	0.7	1,803	5.6
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	2,060	1.0	12	0.0	1,034	0.7	1,013	3.2
Had difficulty dressing . . . . .	3,541	1.7	134	0.4	1,551	1.1	1,856	5.8
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	2,174	1.0	122	0.3	852	0.6	1,199	3.7
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	1,367	0.7	12	0.0	698	0.5	656	2.0
Had difficulty eating . . . . .	1,497	0.7	88	0.2	587	0.4	822	2.6
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	801	0.4	73	0.2	227	0.2	501	1.6
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	696	0.3	15	0.0	360	0.3	320	1.0
Had difficulty getting to/using the toilet . . . . .	2,297	1.1	104	0.3	830	0.6	1,363	4.3
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	1,432	0.7	99	0.3	467	0.3	866	2.7
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	865	0.4	5	0.0	363	0.3	497	1.5
<b>INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING</b>								
With an IADL limitation . . . . .	12,940	6.2	453	1.2	5,578	4.0	6,910	21.6
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	9,444	4.5	359	1.0	3,880	2.8	5,204	16.2
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	3,496	1.7	93	0.3	1,697	1.2	1,706	5.3
Had difficulty going outside alone . . . . .	8,583	4.1	238	0.6	3,312	2.4	5,033	15.7
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	6,613	3.2	197	0.5	2,294	1.6	4,122	12.9
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	1,969	0.9	41	0.1	1,017	0.7	911	2.8
Had difficulty managing money/bills . . . . .	4,636	2.2	288	0.8	1,946	1.4	2,402	7.5
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	3,937	1.9	251	0.7	1,556	1.1	2,130	6.6
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	699	0.3	37	0.1	390	0.3	271	0.8
Had difficulty preparing meals . . . . .	4,739	2.3	206	0.6	1,838	1.3	2,695	8.4
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	3,791	1.8	203	0.6	1,413	1.0	2,175	6.8
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	948	0.5	2	0.0	425	0.3	520	1.6
Had difficulty doing light housework . . . . .	6,455	3.1	175	0.5	2,735	2.0	3,545	11.1
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	4,768	2.3	156	0.4	1,882	1.4	2,731	8.5
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	1,687	0.8	20	0.1	853	0.6	814	2.5
Had difficulty taking prescriptions . . . . .	3,821	1.8	237	0.6	1,547	1.1	2,037	6.4
Needed personal assistance . . . . .	3,026	1.5	215	0.6	1,131	0.8	1,679	5.2
Did not need personal assistance . . . . .	796	0.4	22	0.1	417	0.3	357	1.1
Had difficulty using the telephone . . . . .	2,863	1.4	142	0.4	948	0.7	1,774	5.5
Unable to use ordinary phone . . . . .	1,054	0.5	101	0.3	348	0.2	606	1.9
Able to use ordinary phone . . . . .	1,809	0.9	41	0.1	600	0.4	1,169	3.6
<b>NEED FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE</b>								
Number of ADLs or IADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more . . . . .	9,851	4.7	372	1.0	4,140	3.0	5,339	16.7
1 . . . . .	3,508	1.7	112	0.3	1,581	1.1	1,815	5.7
2 . . . . .	1,723	0.8	54	0.1	774	0.6	896	2.8
3 or more . . . . .	4,620	2.2	206	0.6	1,786	1.3	2,628	8.2
Number of ADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more . . . . .	4,052	1.9	144	0.4	1,603	1.2	2,304	7.2
1 . . . . .	1,453	0.7	25	0.1	568	0.4	861	2.7
2 . . . . .	712	0.3	21	0.1	354	0.3	337	1.1
3 or more . . . . .	1,887	0.9	99	0.3	681	0.5	1,106	3.5
Number of IADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more . . . . .	9,444	4.5	359	1.0	3,880	2.8	5,204	16.2
1 . . . . .	3,777	1.8	106	0.3	1,698	1.2	1,974	6.2
2 . . . . .	1,843	0.9	62	0.2	779	0.6	1,002	3.1
3 or more . . . . .	3,824	1.8	192	0.5	1,403	1.0	2,229	7.0

Table 2.  
**Prevalence of Types of Disability Among Individuals 15 Years Old and Over: 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	15 years and over		15 to 24 years		25 to 64 years		65 years and over	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>MENTAL</b>								
With a disability . . . . .	14,267	6.9	2,021	5.5	8,334	6.0	3,912	12.2
With one or more selected conditions . . . . .	8,144	3.9	1,513	4.1	4,909	3.5	1,722	5.4
A learning disability . . . . .	3,451	1.7	1,048	2.8	2,193	1.6	210	0.7
Mental retardation . . . . .	1,366	0.7	264	0.7	988	0.7	114	0.4
Alzheimers, senility, or dementia . . . . .	1,873	0.9	58	0.2	595	0.4	1,219	3.8
Other mental/emotional condition . . . . .	3,418	1.6	497	1.3	2,415	1.7	506	1.6
With one or more selected symptoms that seriously interfered with everyday activities . . . . .	6,862	3.3	734	2.0	4,454	3.2	1,684	5.3
Frequently depressed or anxious . . . . .	5,615	2.7	511	1.4	3,848	2.8	1,256	3.9
Trouble getting along with others . . . . .	1,816	0.9	346	0.9	1,145	0.8	325	1.0
Trouble concentrating . . . . .	3,753	1.8	480	1.3	2,307	1.7	967	3.0
Trouble coping with stress . . . . .	4,659	2.2	508	1.4	3,180	2.3	971	3.0
Had difficulty keeping track of money/bills . . . . .	4,636	2.2	288	0.8	1,946	1.4	2,402	7.5
<b>WORKING AT A JOB</b>								
Age 16 to 64 . . . . .	172,030	100.0	32,932	100.0	139,098	100.0	na	na
With disability-related employment problems . . . . .	18,475	10.7	1,679	5.1	16,796	12.1	na	na
Has had difficulty remaining employed or finding a job . . . . .	11,286	6.6	933	2.8	10,354	7.4	na	na
Limited in kind or amount of work that can be done . . . . .	16,874	9.8	1,408	4.3	15,466	11.1	na	na
Prevented from working at a job . . . . .	9,699	5.6	581	1.8	9,117	6.6	na	na
Not prevented from working at a job . . . . .	7,175	4.2	826	2.5	6,349	4.6	na	na
<b>WORKING AROUND THE HOUSE</b>								
Age 16 and over . . . . .	204,094	100.0	32,932	100.0	139,098	100.0	32,064	100.0
Limited in kind/amount of housework that can be done . . . . .	17,588	8.6	615	1.9	9,318	6.7	7,655	23.9
Prevented from doing housework . . . . .	4,355	2.1	138	0.4	1,918	1.4	2,299	7.2
Not prevented from doing housework . . . . .	13,233	6.5	477	1.4	7,399	5.3	5,356	16.7
<b>PROGRAM PARTICIPATION</b>								
Under 65 and covered by Medicare . . . . .	4,346	2.1	76	0.2	4,270	3.1	na	na
Under 65 and received SSI . . . . .	4,009	1.9	614	1.7	3,396	2.4	na	na
<b>DISABILITY DOMAINS</b>								
With a disability in one domain . . . . .	27,952	13.4	2,437	6.6	16,137	11.6	9,377	29.2
Communication . . . . .	2,940	1.4	241	0.7	1,851	1.3	848	2.6
Physical . . . . .	21,077	10.1	882	2.4	11,868	8.5	8,326	26.0
Mental . . . . .	3,935	1.9	1,314	3.6	2,418	1.7	203	0.6
With a disability in two domains . . . . .	13,582	6.5	681	1.8	7,079	5.1	5,823	18.2
Communication and physical . . . . .	7,544	3.6	150	0.4	3,111	2.2	4,282	13.4
Communication and mental . . . . .	727	0.3	133	0.4	457	0.3	137	0.4
Physical and mental . . . . .	5,312	2.6	398	1.1	3,511	2.5	1,403	4.4
With a disability in three domains . . . . .	4,294	2.1	177	0.5	1,949	1.4	2,168	6.8
Domain(s) not identified . . . . .	2,107	1.0	666	1.8	1,328	1.0	112	0.4
No disability . . . . .	160,124	77.0	32,936	89.3	112,604	81.0	14,583	45.5

na Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>The use of a hearing aid is not part of the disability definition.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

Table 3.  
**Selected Characteristics of Individuals 25 Years Old and Over by Disability Status: 1997**

Characteristics	Disability status by age					
	25 to 64 years old			65 years old and over		
	Severe	Not severe	None	Severe	Not severe	None
<b>Total (thousands)</b> .....	<b>16,700</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>112,604</b>	<b>12,073</b>	<b>5,408</b>	<b>14,583</b>
Percent distribution .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>						
In married-couple family .....	52.4	65.5	70.0	47.0	54.6	62.3
Householder or spouse .....	46.1	63.4	66.3	42.0	52.2	60.1
In other family .....	14.2	11.9	10.0	8.2	5.8	5.3
Householder .....	12.2	10.3	8.4	7.2	5.4	4.8
Unrelated individual .....	33.4	22.6	20.0	44.8	39.6	32.5
Lives alone .....	17.0	13.1	10.0	36.8	35.2	28.1
<b>PERCEIVED HEALTH STATUS</b>						
Very good or excellent .....	14.5	39.7	75.1	8.8	25.9	50.7
Good .....	26.6	39.5	22.3	23.2	41.3	38.7
Fair or poor .....	58.9	20.8	2.6	68.0	32.8	10.5
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STATUS</b>						
With health insurance .....	82.8	83.7	84.6	99.4	99.6	98.8
Private or military .....	47.5	79.7	82.3	67.0	78.1	79.7
Medicare .....	25.6	-	-	95.8	97.2	94.6
Both medicare and private or military .....	10.6	-	-	65.6	76.2	76.4
Medicaid .....	32.5	4.8	2.7	18.0	8.0	5.0
Both medicaid and medicare .....	9.6	-	-	15.7	7.5	4.0
No health insurance .....	17.2	16.3	15.4	0.6	0.4	1.2
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Not a high school graduate .....	32.6	15.0	10.7	46.2	34.6	25.9
High school graduate .....	34.8	34.6	30.7	28.8	33.6	35.4
Some college .....	23.2	32.3	30.1	16.2	18.6	21.1
College graduate .....	9.4	18.2	28.5	8.8	13.2	17.6
<b>PROGRAM PARTICIPATION</b>						
Cash assistance .....	24.4	2.6	1.2	11.0	4.4	2.6
SSI .....	20.3	-	-	10.7	4.1	2.5
Other cash assistance .....	5.8	2.6	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.1
Food stamps .....	16.2	3.8	2.1	6.7	2.3	1.3
Public/subsidized housing .....	9.2	2.8	1.9	7.2	3.7	1.9
<b>INDIVIDUAL INCOME (ANNUAL RATE<sup>1</sup>)</b>						
Less than \$20,000 .....	80.2	50.1	43.7	83.5	72.6	68.4
\$20,000 to \$39,999 .....	14.0	31.8	32.5	13.1	21.3	22.9
\$40,000 to \$59,999 .....	3.6	11.3	13.3	2.4	3.5	5.1
\$60,000 to \$79,999 .....	1.4	3.7	5.6	0.7	1.6	1.6
\$80,000 and over .....	0.9	3.0	4.9	0.4	1.0	2.1
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME (ANNUAL RATE<sup>1</sup>)</b>						
Less than \$20,000 .....	41.8	19.6	13.9	52.6	42.6	34.1
\$20,000 to \$39,999 .....	29.3	28.3	26.0	28.7	34.8	37.6
\$40,000 to \$59,999 .....	13.9	22.8	23.3	10.7	11.7	14.4
\$60,000 to \$79,999 .....	7.2	13.8	15.9	4.1	5.6	6.9
\$80,000 and over .....	7.9	15.6	20.9	3.9	5.3	7.0
<b>POVERTY STATUS</b>						
In poverty .....	27.9	10.4	8.3	16.6	9.1	6.9
Not in poverty .....	72.2	89.6	91.7	83.4	90.9	93.1

- Rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup>The annual rate of income equals the income received during the 4 months preceding the interview month multiplied by 3.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.



Table 4.  
**Disability Status, Employment, and Annual Rate of Earnings: Individuals 21 to 64 Years  
 Old: 1997**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	Total	Employed		Median earnings		Mean earnings	
		Number	Percent	Value	Standard error	Value	Standard error
<b>Both sexes</b> .....	<b>152,886</b>	<b>119,616</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>\$22,941</b>	<b>\$151</b>	<b>\$30,155</b>	<b>\$358</b>
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>							
With a disability .....	27,802	13,991	50.3	\$17,669	\$423	\$23,373	\$731
Severe .....	17,409	5,464	31.4	\$13,272	\$651	\$18,631	\$800
Covered by medicare or received SSI ...	6,920	909	13.1	\$4,944	\$671	\$8,836	\$849
Covered by medicare .....	4,330	536	12.4	\$4,493	\$716	\$8,215	\$1,033
Received SSI .....	3,627	466	12.9	\$4,737	\$1,037	\$8,808	\$1,215
Not covered by medicare and did not receive SSI .....	10,490	4,555	43.4	\$15,541	\$676	\$20,586	\$930
Received Social Security .....	1,196	135	11.3	\$5,939	\$1,923	\$7,803	\$1,614
Prevented from working .....	865	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not prevented from working .....	331	135	40.6	\$5,939	\$1,923	\$7,803	\$1,614
Did not receive Social Security .....	9,294	4,420	47.6	\$15,989	\$669	\$20,976	\$954
Prevented from working .....	3,279	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not prevented from working .....	6,014	4,420	73.5	\$15,989	\$669	\$20,976	\$954
Not severe .....	10,393	8,527	82.0	\$20,457	\$508	\$26,412	\$1,078
Received Social Security .....	492	191	38.8	\$6,815	\$976	\$8,998	\$1,515
Did not receive Social Security .....	9,901	8,337	84.2	\$20,795	\$515	\$26,810	\$1,100
No disability .....	125,084	105,624	84.4	\$23,654	\$157	\$31,053	\$394
Received Social Security .....	2,015	714	35.4	\$7,690	\$741	\$10,972	\$1,470
Did not receive Social Security .....	123,068	104,910	85.2	\$23,775	\$157	\$31,190	\$396
<b>FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS</b>							
Had difficulty seeing words/letters .....	3,664	1,519	41.5	\$16,791	\$974	\$21,559	\$1,229
Severe .....	669	200	29.9	\$15,781	\$1,815	\$19,714	\$3,782
Not severe .....	2,995	1,319	44.0	\$17,109	\$1,271	\$21,838	\$1,293
Had difficulty hearing conversation .....	3,514	2,176	61.9	\$23,483	\$971	\$29,290	\$2,122
Severe .....	323	150	46.5	\$21,750	\$4,058	\$31,889	\$5,903
Not severe .....	3,192	2,026	63.5	\$23,574	\$963	\$29,098	\$2,237
Had difficulty with speech .....	1,281	476	37.1	\$14,836	\$1,543	\$17,802	\$1,680
Severe .....	252	61	24.1	\$3,084	\$7,294	\$10,712	\$3,837
Not severe .....	1,029	415	40.3	\$15,315	\$1,566	\$18,837	\$1,811
Had difficulty walking .....	9,150	3,108	34.0	\$16,445	\$806	\$20,990	\$1,515
Severe .....	3,915	882	22.5	\$14,677	\$1,823	\$18,222	\$1,413
Not severe .....	5,235	2,226	42.5	\$17,205	\$1,025	\$22,085	\$2,037
Had difficulty using stairs .....	9,436	3,304	35.0	\$16,172	\$807	\$20,860	\$1,160
Severe .....	2,333	450	19.3	\$11,529	\$2,407	\$17,979	\$2,200
Not severe .....	7,103	2,854	40.2	\$16,650	\$824	\$21,315	\$1,296
Had difficulty lifting/carrying 10 lbs. ....	7,247	2,178	30.1	\$15,883	\$1,173	\$20,218	\$993
Severe .....	3,304	666	20.2	\$13,556	\$1,988	\$19,024	\$1,694
Not severe .....	3,943	1,512	38.4	\$16,746	\$1,216	\$20,743	\$1,218
Had difficulty grasping objects .....	3,628	1,403	38.7	\$16,268	\$1,467	\$20,723	\$1,226
Severe .....	265	87	32.8	\$17,226	\$7,762	\$31,985	\$10,579
Not severe .....	3,362	1,317	39.2	\$16,189	\$1,509	\$19,979	\$1,088
<b>ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING</b>							
With an ADL limitation .....	4,016	1,055	26.3	\$14,857	\$1,966	\$21,460	\$1,731
Needed personal assistance .....	1,668	280	16.8	\$8,731	\$3,340	\$16,985	\$3,040
Did not need personal assistance .....	2,348	775	33.0	\$17,225	\$2,134	\$23,078	\$2,068
Had difficulty getting around inside .....	1,459	222	15.2	\$10,857	\$3,218	\$17,437	\$3,206
Needed personal assistance .....	662	62	9.3	\$2,474	\$1,466	\$8,122	\$3,066
Did not need personal assistance .....	796	160	20.1	\$13,552	\$3,686	\$21,022	\$4,091
Had difficulty getting in/out of bed/chair .....	3,028	797	26.3	\$14,402	\$2,175	\$21,279	\$2,053
Needed personal assistance .....	1,078	183	17.0	\$9,965	\$5,263	\$17,892	\$3,604
Did not need personal assistance .....	1,949	614	31.5	\$15,425	\$2,315	\$22,288	\$2,431
Had difficulty taking a bath or shower .....	2,061	407	19.8	\$11,386	\$3,311	\$20,572	\$2,640
Needed personal assistance .....	1,019	136	13.3	\$9,991	\$7,664	\$19,661	\$5,135
Did not need personal assistance .....	1,042	271	26.1	\$12,153	\$3,829	\$21,028	\$3,012
Had difficulty dressing .....	1,608	312	19.4	\$13,710	\$3,872	\$23,293	\$3,688
Needed personal assistance .....	903	145	16.1	\$10,062	\$4,733	\$18,009	\$4,107
Did not need personal assistance .....	706	167	23.7	\$17,449	\$4,329	\$27,877	\$5,767
Had difficulty eating .....	619	130	21.1	\$14,934	\$8,331	\$23,640	\$4,750
Needed personal assistance .....	250	22	8.6	\$31,865	\$16,794	\$28,855	\$11,432
Did not need personal assistance .....	368	109	29.5	\$12,286	\$7,832	\$22,600	\$5,190
Had difficulty getting to/using the toilet .....	868	117	13.5	\$11,018	\$5,756	\$17,725	\$4,230
Needed personal assistance .....	500	46	9.2	\$8,218	\$13,888	\$18,433	\$6,967
Did not need personal assistance .....	368	71	19.2	\$11,538	\$5,233	\$17,263	\$5,306

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**Disability Status, Employment, and Annual Rate of Earnings: Individuals 21 to 64 Years**  
**Old: 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	Total	Employed		Median earnings		Mean earnings	
		Number	Percent	Value	Standard error	Value	Standard error
<b>INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING</b>							
With an IADL limitation .....	5,776	1,427	24.7	\$11,767	\$1,357	\$18,406	\$1,355
Needed personal assistance .....	4,021	825	20.5	\$9,423	\$1,536	\$15,959	\$1,815
Did not need personal assistance .....	1,755	602	34.3	\$16,612	\$2,119	\$21,765	\$1,989
Had difficulty going outside alone .....	3,421	543	15.9	\$9,054	\$1,778	\$15,639	\$1,929
Needed personal assistance .....	2,377	310	13.1	\$4,964	\$2,433	\$13,741	\$2,705
Did not need personal assistance .....	1,044	232	22.2	\$14,608	\$3,437	\$18,176	\$2,642
Had difficulty keeping track of money/bills .....	2,056	424	20.6	\$5,519	\$1,332	\$11,169	\$1,735
Needed personal assistance .....	1,646	342	20.8	\$4,492	\$903	\$9,375	\$1,787
Did not need personal assistance .....	410	82	20.0	\$11,999	\$4,841	\$18,636	\$4,497
Had difficulty preparing meals .....	1,916	286	14.9	\$7,744	\$3,005	\$15,250	\$2,739
Needed personal assistance .....	1,491	194	13.0	\$4,189	\$2,458	\$11,606	\$2,620
Did not need personal assistance .....	425	92	21.6	\$15,059	\$4,808	\$22,962	\$6,075
Had difficulty doing light housework .....	2,804	534	19.1	\$12,037	\$2,626	\$19,470	\$2,340
Needed personal assistance .....	1,943	305	15.7	\$12,525	\$3,526	\$20,401	\$3,307
Did not need personal assistance .....	861	229	26.6	\$11,339	\$3,513	\$18,231	\$3,210
Had difficulty taking prescriptions .....	1,636	355	21.7	\$6,989	\$1,848	\$12,205	\$1,972
Needed personal assistance .....	1,202	237	19.7	\$4,979	\$2,164	\$11,902	\$2,647
Did not need personal assistance .....	434	118	27.2	\$10,020	\$2,743	\$12,814	\$2,631
Had difficulty using the telephone .....	988	352	35.6	\$18,547	\$2,776	\$24,979	\$3,421
Unable to use ordinary phone .....	371	110	29.7	\$16,018	\$8,951	\$23,631	\$7,813
Able to use ordinary phone .....	617	242	39.2	\$19,758	\$3,242	\$25,593	\$3,481
<b>USE OF AMBULATORY AIDS</b>							
Used a wheelchair .....	877	194	22.2	\$21,240	\$6,207	\$28,307	\$4,559
Used a cane/crutches/walker .....	2,173	539	24.8	\$17,358	\$2,477	\$21,119	\$1,968
<b>MENTAL DISABILITIES</b>							
With a disability .....	8,987	3,328	37.0	\$13,534	\$697	\$20,353	\$1,653
With one or more selected conditions .....	5,370	2,213	41.2	\$13,293	\$764	\$21,111	\$2,393
Had a learning disability .....	2,468	1,360	55.1	\$16,042	\$1,368	\$25,645	\$3,798
Had mental retardation .....	1,071	337	31.5	\$5,423	\$1,700	\$8,191	\$1,113
Had Alzheimers, senility, or dementia .....	621	141	22.7	\$11,610	\$3,545	\$12,932	\$2,341
Had other mental/emotional condition .....	2,599	764	29.4	\$10,578	\$1,612	\$15,424	\$1,299
With one or more selected symptoms that seriously interfered with everyday activities ..	4,723	1,414	29.9	\$12,643	\$1,190	\$18,081	\$1,204
Was frequently depressed or anxious .....	4,055	1,228	30.3	\$12,752	\$1,254	\$18,688	\$1,346
Had trouble getting along with others .....	1,239	284	22.9	\$7,090	\$1,793	\$13,103	\$2,001
Had trouble concentrating .....	2,459	571	23.2	\$8,682	\$2,124	\$15,130	\$1,621
Had trouble coping with stress .....	3,356	906	27.0	\$11,571	\$1,672	\$16,559	\$1,252
Had difficulty keeping track of money/bills .....	2,056	424	20.6	\$5,519	\$1,332	\$11,169	\$1,735
<b>WORKING AT A JOB</b>							
With disability-related employment problems ..	17,526	6,114	34.9	\$13,848	\$606	\$19,086	\$845
Has had difficulty remaining employed or finding a job .....	10,744	2,271	21.1	\$7,975	\$761	\$13,823	\$888
Was limited in kind or amount of work that could be done .....	16,081	5,487	34.1	\$13,889	\$599	\$19,216	\$920
Was prevented from working at a job .....	9,371	-	-	-	-	-	-
Was not prevented from working at a job .....	6,710	5,487	81.8	\$13,889	\$599	\$19,216	\$920
<b>DISABILITY DOMAINS</b>							
With a disability in one domain .....	16,984	9,830	57.9	\$18,608	\$501	\$24,452	\$955
Communication .....	1,981	1,660	83.8	\$24,668	\$982	\$31,274	\$2,678
Physical .....	12,239	6,508	53.2	\$17,708	\$591	\$22,869	\$983
Mental .....	2,765	1,662	60.1	\$14,704	\$1,095	\$23,838	\$3,122
With a disability in two domains .....	7,389	2,976	40.3	\$15,731	\$740	\$20,622	\$876
Communication and physical .....	3,184	1,678	52.7	\$18,480	\$1,556	\$23,594	\$1,215
Communication and mental .....	497	250	50.2	\$9,261	\$2,677	\$12,986	\$1,968
Physical and mental .....	3,708	1,049	28.3	\$12,679	\$1,254	\$17,685	\$1,410
With a disability in three domains .....	2,017	368	18.2	\$13,231	\$2,576	\$17,209	\$2,235
Domain(s) not identified .....	1,412	818	57.9	\$16,281	\$1,922	\$23,186	\$3,636
No disability .....	125,084	105,624	84.4	\$23,654	\$157	\$31,053	\$394

- Rounds to zero.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation: August - November 1997.

Table 5.  
**Disability Status of Children Under 15 Years Old**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>Age under 3 years</b> .....	<b>11,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,671</b>	<b>100.0</b>
With a disability .....	233	2.0	138	2.3	95	1.7
With a developmental delay .....	206	1.8	121	2.0	85	1.5
Had difficulty moving arms or legs .....	58	0.5	38	0.6	19	0.3
With no disability .....	11,386	98.0	5,809	97.7	5,576	98.3
<b>Age 3 to 5 years</b> .....	<b>12,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,963</b>	<b>100.0</b>
With a disability .....	410	3.4	239	3.8	171	2.9
With a developmental delay .....	335	2.7	194	3.1	141	2.4
Had difficulty running or playing .....	218	1.8	125	2.0	94	1.6
With no disability .....	11,782	96.6	5,990	96.2	5,792	97.1
<b>Age 6 to 14 years</b> .....	<b>35,795</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,317</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>
With a disability .....	4,018	11.2	2,638	14.4	1,381	7.9
Severe .....	1,715	4.8	1,187	6.5	528	3.0
Not severe .....	2,303	6.4	1,450	7.9	853	4.9
With no disability .....	31,777	88.8	15,679	85.6	16,097	92.1
Had difficulty doing regular schoolwork .....	2,446	6.8	1,655	9.0	791	4.5
Had difficulty getting along with others .....	647	1.8	451	2.5	196	1.1
With one or more selected conditions .....	2,818	7.9	1,882	10.3	935	5.4
A learning disability .....	1,867	5.2	1,209	6.6	658	3.8
Mental retardation .....	307	0.9	185	1.0	122	0.7
Other developmental disability <sup>1</sup> .....	240	0.7	167	0.9	73	0.4
Other developmental condition <sup>1</sup> .....	1,314	3.7	900	4.9	414	2.4
With a developmental disability or condition <sup>1</sup> ..	1,611	4.5	1,109	6.1	503	2.9
Used a wheelchair .....	70	0.2	30	0.2	40	0.2
Used a cane/crutches/walker .....	20	0.1	8	0.0	12	0.1
Had used for 6 months or more .....	12	0.0	6	0.0	6	0.0
Had difficulty seeing words/letters .....	264	0.7	160	0.9	104	0.6
Severe .....	45	0.1	23	0.1	22	0.1
Not severe .....	219	0.6	136	0.7	83	0.5
Had difficulty hearing conversation .....	234	0.7	141	0.8	93	0.5
Severe .....	57	0.2	37	0.2	20	0.1
Not severe .....	177	0.5	104	0.6	73	0.4
Had difficulty with speech .....	752	2.1	546	3.0	205	1.2
Severe .....	154	0.4	115	0.6	38	0.2
Not severe .....	598	1.7	431	2.4	167	1.0
Had difficulty walking or running .....	758	2.1	431	2.4	327	1.9
<b>ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING</b>						
With an ADL limitation .....	286	0.8	174	1.0	112	0.6
Needed personal assistance .....	224	0.6	130	0.7	95	0.5
Did not need personal assistance .....	62	0.2	44	0.2	18	0.1
Had difficulty getting around inside .....	111	0.3	62	0.3	49	0.3
Needed personal assistance .....	82	0.2	42	0.2	41	0.2
Did not need personal assistance .....	29	0.1	20	0.1	9	0.1
Had difficulty getting in/out of bed/chair .....	77	0.2	36	0.2	40	0.2
Needed personal assistance .....	74	0.2	36	0.2	37	0.2
Did not need personal assistance .....	3	-	-	-	3	-
Had difficulty taking a bath or shower .....	147	0.4	87	0.5	60	0.3
Needed personal assistance .....	147	0.4	87	0.5	60	0.3
Did not need personal assistance .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Had difficulty dressing .....	208	0.6	119	0.7	89	0.5
Needed personal assistance .....	191	0.5	102	0.6	89	0.5
Did not need personal assistance .....	18	-	18	0.1	-	-
Had difficulty eating .....	92	0.3	50	0.3	41	0.2
Needed personal assistance .....	82	0.2	47	0.3	35	0.2
Did not need personal assistance .....	10	-	3	-	6	-
Had difficulty getting to/using the toilet .....	114	0.3	64	0.4	50	0.3
Needed personal assistance .....	97	0.3	53	0.3	45	0.3
Did not need personal assistance .....	17	-	12	0.1	5	-

<sup>1</sup> Rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> A child was considered to have a developmental disability if a "yes" response was received to a question about the presence of mental retardation or to a question about the presence of some other developmental disability such as autism or cerebral palsy. A child was considered to have a developmental condition if a "yes" response was received to a question about the presence of a developmental condition for which the child had received therapy or diagnostic services.

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