

★ Disability Statistics: Information, Charts, Graphs and Tables

• **Synopsis:** Last Updated: 2017-07-29 - World health and disability statistics including data and facts on age, area, types, and population numbers of people with disabilities

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Definition: Annual Disability Status Report

The Annual Disability Status Reports provide policy makers, disability advocates, reporters, and the public with a summary of the most recent demographic and economic statistics on the non-institutionalized population with disabilities. They contain information on the population size and disability prevalence for various demographic subpopulations, as well as statistics related to employment, earnings, and household income. Comparisons are made to people without disabilities and across disability types. Disability Status Reports and other statistics are available for each state, DC, and Puerto Rico at www.DisabilityStatistics.org

Main Document

Disability affects hundreds of millions of families in developing countries. Currently around 10 per cent of the total world's population, or roughly 650 million people, live with a disability. In most of the OECD countries, females have higher rates of disability than males.

Having a disability places you in the world's largest minority group.

As the population ages this figure is expected to increase. Eighty per cent of persons with disabilities live in developing countries, according to the UN Development Program (UNDP). The World Bank estimates that 20 per cent of the world's poorest people have some [kind of disability](#), and tend to be regarded in their own communities as the most disadvantaged. Statistics show a steady increase in these numbers.

The reasons include:



- Emergence of new diseases and other causes of impairment, such as HIV/AIDS, stress and alcohol and drug abuse;
- [Increasing life span](#) and numbers of elderly persons, many of whom have impairments;
- Projected increases in the number of disabled children over the next 30 years, particularly in the developing countries, due to malnutrition, diseases, child labor and other causes;
- Armed conflict and violence. For every child killed in warfare, three are injured and acquire a permanent form of disability. In some countries, up to a quarter of disabilities result from injuries and violence, says WHO.

In [countries with life expectancies](#) over 70 years of age, people spend on average about 8 years, or 11.5 per cent of their life span, living with disabilities.

The two-way link between poverty and disability creates a vicious circle. Poor people are more at risk of acquiring a disability because of lack of access to good nutrition, health care, sanitation, as well as safe living and working conditions. Once this occurs, people face barriers to the education, employment, and public services that can help them escape poverty.

Dr. Amartya Sen pointed out in his keynote address at the World Bank's conference on disability, the poverty line for disabled people should take into account the extra expenses they incur in exercising what purchasing power they do have. A study in the United Kingdom found that the poverty rate for disabled people was 23.1 percent compared to 17.9 percent for non-disabled people, but when extra expenses associated with being disabled were considered, the poverty rate for people with disabilities shot up to 47.4 percent.

Disability rates in the population are higher among groups with lower educational level in the countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). On average, 19 per cent of less educated people have disabilities, compared to 11 per cent among the better educated. Ninety per cent of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school, says UNESCO. In the OECD countries, students with disabilities in higher education remain under-represented, although their numbers are on the increase, says the OECD.

1991 Brazilian census reported only a 1 percent to 2 percent disability rate, but the 2001 census recorded a 14.5 percent disability rate. Similar jumps in the measured rate of disability have occurred in Turkey (12.3 percent) and Nicaragua (10.1 percent).

Persons with disabilities are more likely to be victims of violence or rape, according to a 2004 British study, and less likely to obtain police intervention, legal protection or preventive care. Women and girls with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to abuse. A survey in Orissa, India, found that virtually all of the women and girls with disabilities were beaten at home, 25 per cent of women with [intellectual disabilities](#) had been raped and 6 per cent of women with disabilities had been forcibly sterilized. Research indicates that violence against children with disabilities occurs at annual rates at least 1.7 times greater than for their peers without disabilities.

Recent Disability Statistics and Charts

U.S. Disability Statistics by State, County, City and Age

- [Percent of Americans with a Disability by Age Range](#)
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 - [Number of Americans with Vision Difficulty by Age](#)
 - [Number of Americans with Cognitive Difficulty by Age](#)
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 - [Number of Americans with Independent Living Difficulty by Age](#)

Average Life Span Expectancy Chart by World Countries

- [U.S. Life Expectancy Statistics Chart by States](#)
- [Canadian Male and Female Life Expectancy Rates by Province and Territory](#)
- [Australian States Life Expectancy Statistics Chart](#)
- [Average Life Expectancy in India and Indian States](#)
- [UK Average Life Expectancy Statistics by Country and Region](#)
 - [Life Expectancy for England by Region](#)
 - [Life Expectancy for England at Age 65 by Region](#)
 - [Life Expectancy for UK by Country](#)
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[World Population Chart - Countries and Continents](#)

[Fundamental Rights Of Persons With Disability Statistics and Charts](#)

Other Disability Statistics and Data Tools

DHDS, CDC's innovative disability and health data tool - Find data on a range of health indicators for states, and compare the health of adults with disabilities and without disabilities. Find how a state is performing across a variety of health indicators, such as vaccine coverage and preventive services, for people with disabilities compared with people without disabilities? -

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/dhds.html.

IndexMundi - Contains detailed country statistics, charts, and maps compiled from multiple sources. You can explore and analyze thousands of indicators organized by region, country, topic, industry sector, and type - indexmundi.com

American FactFinder - Provides access to data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. Find popular facts (population, income, etc.) and frequently requested data about your community. The data in American FactFinder come from several censuses and surveys - factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

DisabilityStatistics.org - An online Resource for U.S. Disability Statistics provides detailed information on dozens of national level disability data sources including U.S. national and state-level reports presenting prevalence and relative economic status of people with disabilities - disabilitystatistics.org

Local Disability Data for Planners - This website provides housing and population tables at the county (or group of counties) level. The population tables provide summary statistics by disability status regarding: age, race, gender, ethnicity, education, labor force participation, transportation to work, and poverty. Disability housing tables The housing tables provide summary statistics for households with and without members with disabilities regarding size of household, building type, household ownership and number of household vehicles - disabilityplanning-data.com.

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Latest Facts and Statistics Publications

1. [Births and Population Prevalence of Down Syndrome in Nine States](#)
2. [Census Bureau Facts and Statistics Show Senior U.S. Population Is Still Growing](#)
3. [2017 U.S. Census Bureau Disability Statistics Facts for Features](#)
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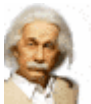
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