

Disability in Wisconsin, 2008

American Community Survey 2008 Single-Year Estimates

The Census Bureau's American Community Survey is an ongoing survey that covers the same type of information previously collected every ten years by the decennial Census long form questionnaire. The American Community Survey (ACS) will replace the long form survey in the 2010 Census. Because ACS data are collected continuously, the Census Bureau will release new information every year, so it is no longer necessary to rely on a 10-year snapshot that becomes more dated throughout the decade.

NOTE that the ACS definition of disability changed substantially between 2007 and 2008, making it difficult to compare these statistics to those from prior years (including Census 2000). A brief summary of the definition of each category of disability is provided beneath each table. For further information about these definitions and about changes to the ACS disability questions, go to:

http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability/2008ACS_disability.pdf

In the summary below, numbers and percents represent estimated average values for each item over the 12 months of 2008. For complete information about sampling, calculating estimates, and other aspects of the ACS, visit the Census Bureau's ACS website at: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Persons reporting "Any Disability," by age group

	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
Under 18 years	1,309,167	50,562	3.9%
18-64 years	3,517,628	307,402	8.7%
65 years or more	713,214	236,200	33.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18101

Persons reporting "Ambulatory Difficulty," by age group

	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
5-17 years	947,950	4,341	0.5%
18-64 years	3,517,628	141,533	4.0%
65 years or more	713,214	142,881	20.0%

Ambulatory difficulty: Those who report that they have "serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18105

Persons reporting "Self-Care Difficulty," by age group

	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
5-17 years	947,950	7,379	0.8%
18-64 years	3,517,628	50,969	1.4%
65 years or more	713,214	50,053	7.0%

Self-care limitation: Those who report that they have "difficulty dressing or bathing."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18106

Persons reporting "Independent Living Difficulty," by age group			
	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
18-64 years	3,517,628	104,540	3.0%
65 years or more	713,214	95,320	13.4%
Independent-living limitation : Those who report that they have difficulty "doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping."			
Source : U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18107			

Persons Reporting "Hearing Difficulty," by Age Group			
	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
5-17 years	1,309,167	6,868	0.5%
18-64 years	3,517,628	70,069	2.0%
65 years or more	713,214	102,551	14.4%
Hearing limitation : those who report that they are "deaf or have serious difficulty hearing."			
Source : U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18102			

Persons Reporting "Vision Difficulty," by Age Group			
	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
5-17 years	1,309,167	6,035	0.5%
18-64 years	3,517,628	42,631	1.2%
65 years or more	713,214	39,348	5.5%
Vision limitation : Those who report that they are "blind or have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses."			
Source : U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18103			

Persons Reporting "Cognitive Difficulty," by Age Group			
	Population Total	Number with disability	Percent with disability
5-17 years	947,950	38,982	4.1%
18-64 years	3,517,628	127,423	3.6%
65 years or more	713,214	49,463	6.9%
Limitations in cognitive functioning : Those who report that, due to physical, mental, or emotional condition, they have "serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions."			
Source : U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18104			

Employment status by ACS disability status and age group			
	Population Total	Number employed	Percent employed
18-34 years with any disability	64,493	31,600	49.0%
<i>18-34 years with NO disability</i>	<i>1,180,905</i>	<i>952,035</i>	<i>80.6%</i>
35-64 years with any disability	242,909	109,619	45.1%
<i>35-64 years with NO disability</i>	<i>2,029,321</i>	<i>1,701,993</i>	<i>83.9%</i>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18120

Full-time work status, by sex and ACS disability status			
	Population Total	Number working full-time, year- round	Percent working full-time, year- round
Males reporting any disability	174,137	50,539	29.0%
<i>Males reporting NO disability</i>	<i>1,713,961</i>	<i>1,102,324</i>	<i>64.3%</i>
Females reporting any disability	159,186	32,963	20.7%
<i>Females reporting NO disability</i>	<i>1,678,189</i>	<i>813,411</i>	<i>48.5%</i>

These statistics recorded only for those age 16-64 years of age.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C23023

Median earnings in past 12 months, by ACS disability status and sex			
	Total (both sexes)	Males	Females
Annual earnings: Persons reporting any disability	\$17,360	\$22,545	\$13,329
<i>Annual earnings: Persons reporting NO disability</i>	<i>\$30,164</i>	<i>\$36,435</i>	<i>\$24,061</i>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18140

Poverty status by ACS disability status and age group			
	Population Total	Number w. income below poverty	Percent w. income below poverty
Under 18 years, with any disability	49,533	11,790	23.8%
<i>Under 18 years with NO disability</i>	<i>1,243,622</i>	<i>160,390</i>	<i>12.9%</i>
18-64 years, with any disability	304,677	70,148	23.0%
<i>18-64 years with NO disability</i>	<i>3,157,556</i>	<i>266,613</i>	<i>8.4%</i>
65+ years with any disability	236,200	28,309	12.0%
<i>65+ years with NO disability</i>	<i>477,014</i>	<i>31,632</i>	<i>6.6%</i>

NOTE: Numbers represent persons for whom poverty information is available (and therefore, they do not match numbers in other tables).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table C18130

Food Stamp status of households, by presence of any ACS disability			
	Total number of households	Number receiving food stamps	Percent receiving food stamps
Households with 1 or more persons with a disability	472,048	62,852	13.3%
<i>Households with NO persons with a disability</i>	<i>1,777,582</i>	<i>84,697</i>	<i>4.8%</i>
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B22010			

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