



Growing ND by the Numbers

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Percent of People with a Disability
North Dakota tied with California and Maryland for the third lowest percent of population with a disability at 10.6 percent. West Virginia had the highest at 19.9 percent, while Utah had the lowest at 9.6 percent.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 One Year American Community Survey, Table GCT1810

Population with Disabilities in North Dakota

The U.S. Census Bureau collects data on disability primarily through the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). SIPP estimates of disability are generally broader and encompass more activities on which disability is assessed. The ACS estimates are narrower and have the added benefit of estimates down to county and metropolitan areas. They cover six disability types: hearing difficulty;

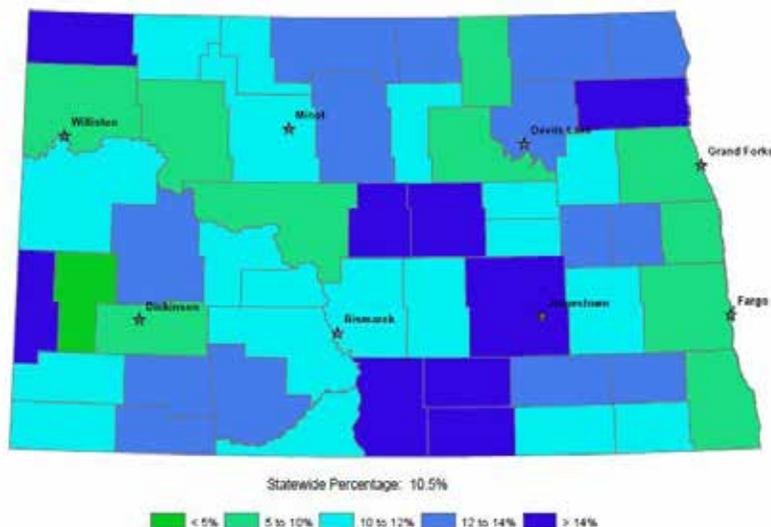
vision difficulty; cognitive difficulty; ambulatory difficulty; self-care difficulty; and independent living difficulty.

In North Dakota, almost 73,000 of our civilian noninstitutionalized population have a disability. This represents 10.5 percent of the population. Nationally, more than 18 percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population are disabled. Under 18 years, has just under 5,000 with a disability

or 3.1 percent of that age group. The working age group, age 18 to 64 years, has just over 35,000 with a disability or 8 percent. The percent disabled increases dramatically with the 65 and over age group, where over 34.4 percent are living with a disability.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Americans With Disabilities: 2010*, Issued July 2012, 2014 Five Year American Community Survey, Table DP02

DISABLED POPULATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION BY COUNTY



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Working Age Population Receiving Disability

Only a handful of states had a lower percentage of its resident population age 18–64, receiving disability than North Dakota as reported in the latest statistical report from the Social Security Administration. North Dakota had 3.4 percent, well lower than the national average of 4.8 percent.

Source: Social Security Administration, Annual Report on SSDI Program, 2014, U.S. Census Bureau 2014 Population Estimates

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Characteristics of North Dakota’s Disabled Population

In the area of educational attainment, North Dakota’s disabled population is more likely to have a high school diploma or less. Just over 20 percent of the population with a disability have less than a high school diploma compared to just over 6 percent for the population without a disability. For the disabled population, 14 percent have attained a bachelor’s degree or higher, while 30 percent of the population with no disability have a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Median earnings are about \$10,000 less than those without a disability (\$22,377

verses \$31,754). Nearly 20 percent of North Dakota’s disabled population are living in poverty compared to 10 percent for the population with no disability. While over 69 percent of North Dakota’s civilian noninstitutionalized (working age) population is in the workforce, only about one third of North Dakota’s disabled population are in the workforce.

The top employment sectors for North Dakota’s population with a disability include, in order of percentage-employed, educational services and healthcare, retail trade,

accommodation and food services, agriculture and mining, manufacturing and construction. They are also more likely to use public transportation in their commute to work, 2.5 percent compared to 0.4 percent for those without a disability.

Source: ACS 2014 5-Year Estimate, Tables S0801 and S0802

Disability by Age Group from the Current Five Year American Community Survey

Age Group	Percent Disabled	Hearing Difficulty	Vision Difficulty	Cognitive Difficulty	Ambulatory Difficulty	Self-Care Difficulty	Independent Living Difficulty
All Groups	10.5%						
Under 5	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%				
5 to 17	4.1%	0.5%	0.4%	3.0%	0.5%	0.6%	
18 to 64	8.0%	2.2%	1.3%	3.3%	3.5%	1.1%	2.3%
65 +	34.4%	16.3%	5.8%	6.7%	19.5%	5.3%	11.7%

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