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IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: 2020

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On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, guaranteeing equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, schools, state and local government services and telecommunications.

368,548

The number of people in Iowa in 2019 report having a disability. They represent 11.8% of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

31.1%

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2019 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

26,587

Number of children under 18 in 2019 who have disabilities. This amounts to 3.7% of the population under 18 years of age.

176,866

The number of people aged 18-64 with a disability in 2019 or 9.5% of the population aged 18-64.

12.0%

The percent of males in Iowa in 2019 with a disability. This compares to 11.7% of females.

42.9%

The percent of households receiving food stamps which have one or more persons with a disability in 2019.

52,365

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9,613

Number of Iowa grandparents with a disability living with grandchildren under 18 in 2019.

23.2%

Percentage of grandparents who are responsible for grandchildren under 18 in 2019, that have a disability.



Specific Disabilities

114,835

The number of Iowans in 2019 reporting an inability to hear conversations or a serious hearing loss.

5.8%

Percentage of population age 5 and over with an ambulatory disability in 2019.

61,575

The number of Iowans age 5 and over in 2019 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

120,249

The number of noninstitutionalized Iowans age 18 and over in 2019 who reported an independent living disability that made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

54,449

The number of Iowans of any age in 2019 who reported a disability of blindness or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing contacts or glasses.

140,016

Number of Iowans in 2019 with limitations in cognitive functioning or who have a mental or emotional illness that interferes with daily activities, including those with Alzheimer's disease and intellectual disabilities. This included people with one or more problems that interfere with daily activities, such as frequently being depressed or anxious, trouble getting along with others, trouble concentrating and trouble coping with stress.

Veterans

51,819

Number of Iowa veterans in 2019 with a disability, representing 28.7% of Iowa veterans.

46.9%

The percent of the veteran population 18 to 64 years of age below the poverty level who have a disability in 2019.

37.6%

In 2019, the percent of the veteran population 65 years and over below the poverty level who have a disability.

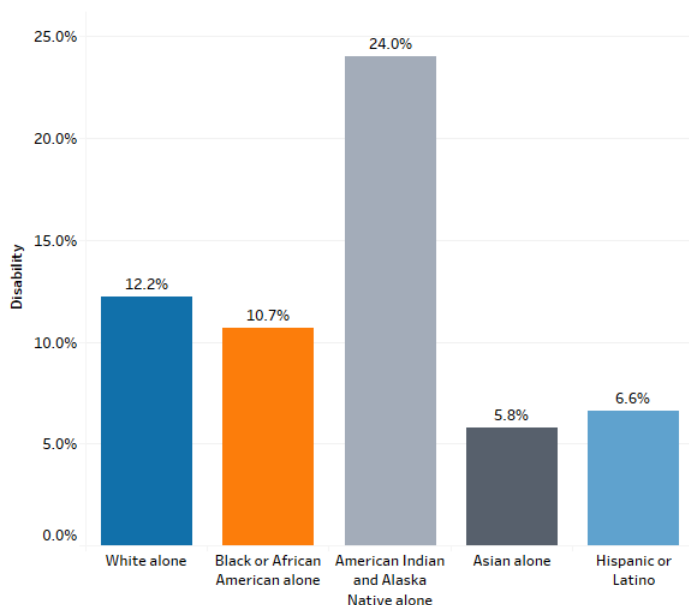
76,483

The number of Iowa disabled workers in 2019 receiving benefits under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

Source:

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/2019/ia.pdf

Disability Status by Race: 2019





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The data presented in this report are for the civilian noninstitutionalized population which excludes people in prisons, nursing homes, and active duty military

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Employment

79,980

The number of lowans age 18 to 64 in the labor force with a disability who were employed in 2019. 53.2% of lowans in this age group, with a disability, worked at least part-time.

5.2%

Percent of the labor force in 2019 with a disability of some type.

9.1%

The unemployment rate in 2019 for lowans with a disability. The unemployment rate in Iowa at that time was 3.7%

Health Insurance

98.1%

Percent of children under age 19 in Iowa that have a disability and are covered by insurance in 2019.

5.8%

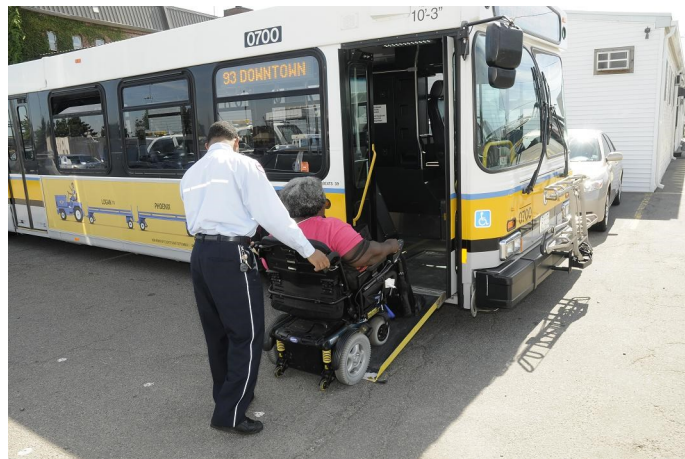
Percent of lowans 19 to 64 years of age with a disability that had no health insurance coverage in 2019.

97.0%

The percent of lowans with a disability that are covered by insurance in 2019.

357,353

The number of lowans with disabilities that have health insurance coverage in 2019.



Income and Poverty

\$20,519

Median earnings for lowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2019. The median earnings for lowans age 16 and over without disabilities is \$36,810.

19.7%

The poverty rate for lowans with disabilities in 2019. The poverty rate for lowans without disabilities is 11.2%.

97.8%

Percent of transit buses nationwide that were lift or ramp-equipped as of 2018.

Source:
<https://www.bts.gov/content/ada-lift-or-ramp-equipped-transit-buses>