

## Disability Statistics

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### Basic Statistics about Illinois...

*(From Illinois Disability Status Compendium 2014<sup>1</sup> & the Illinois Disability Status Report 2012<sup>2</sup>)*

- Total Population: 12,704,616
- People with a Disability: 1,408,692 (11.1 %)
- Visual Disability 241,600
- Hearing 350,900
- Ambulatory 742,600
- Cognitive 483,900
- Self-Care 290,600
- Independent Living Disability 514,000

### % of People with a Disability by Gender, Race and Age...

*(From Illinois Disability Status Report 2012<sup>3</sup>)*

- **11.0% of Females**  
(714,700 of 6,505,600)
- **10.3% of Males**  
(640,800 of 6,209,700)
- **6.4% of Hispanic/ Latinos**  
(133,200 of 2,084,900)
- **8.2% of Caucasians**  
(450,500 of 5,520,000)
- **13.8% of African Americans**  
(142,100 of 1,028,600)
- **4.0% of Asians**  
(16,000 of 398,800)
- **11.4% of Native Americans**  
(1900 of 16,900)
- **7.4% of Other Races**  
(39,000 of 528,600)
- **37% of seniors report a disability**  
*\*(In 2010 there were 953,000 seniors in the 10 county regions, and this will double by 2040<sup>4</sup>)*

## Disability Statistics by County

*(From 2010 Illinois Census<sup>5</sup> and Disability Status Report 2012<sup>6</sup>)*

### Chicago City

- Total Population: 2,693,496
- With a Disability: 292,332 (10.9%)

### Cook County

*(Inclusive of Chicago City Data):*

- Total Population: 5,195,792
- With a Disability: 551,169 (10.6%)

### DuPage County

- Total Population: 926,095
- With a Disability: 73,908 (8.0%)

### Kane County

- Total Population: 520,509
- With a Disability: 43,831 (8.4%)

### Kendall County

- Total Population: 119,073
- With a disability: 8,773 (7.4%)

### Lake County

- Total Population: 688,290
- With a Disability: 54,928 (8.0%)

### McHenry County

- Total Population: 306,139
- With a Disability: 23,574 (7.7%)

### Will County

- Total Population: 675,757
- With a Disability: 63,764 (9.4%)

## Employment and Poverty Statistics for Disability Status

### Employment Rates:

*(From 2012 Illinois Disability Status Report<sup>7</sup>)*

- **35%** of people with disabilities are employed
- **75%** of people without disabilities are employed.

### Income:

*(From 2012 Illinois Disability Status Report<sup>7</sup>)*

- The median annual income of a person with a disability is \$21,000
- The median annual income of a person without a disability is \$31,800.

### In Illinois...

*(From 2012 Illinois Disability Status Report<sup>7</sup>)*

- **26.3%** of people with disabilities work full time
- **27.2%** of people with a disability are below the poverty line.
- **11.1%** of people without a disability are below the poverty line

### In the City of Chicago...

*(From ADA PARC<sup>8</sup>)*

- **28.4%** of people with a disability are employed
- **21.6%** of people with a disability work full time
- **35.1%** of people with a disability are below the poverty line

## Educational Outcome Statistics

### Educational Outcomes in Illinois...

*(From Education Week Research Center 2014<sup>9</sup>)*

#### % of Students with Reading Proficiency in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- General Education: **37%**
- Children with disabilities: **10%**

#### % of Students with Reading Proficiency in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- General Education: **40.3%**
- Children with Disabilities: **7.3%**

### Educational Outcomes in Chicago...

*(From CPS Office of Diverse Learners<sup>10</sup>)*

- **65%** percent of general Chicago Public School students meet literacy standards.
- **14%** of children with disabilities in high school meet literacy standards
- **19%** of children with disabilities in elementary school meet literacy standards.
- This is equivalent to a **43.3%** achievement gap in reading.

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