

Iowans with Disabilities: 2024

July, 2024

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.

402,615

The number of people in Iowa in 2022 report having a disability. They represent 12.8% of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

29.9%

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2022 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

33,774

Number of children under 18 in 2022 who have disabilities. This amounts to 4.7% of the population under 18 years of age.

200,304

The number of people aged 18-64 with a disability in 2022 or 10.7% of the population aged 18-64.

13.0%

The percent of males in Iowa in 2022 with a disability. This compares to 12.5% of females.

49.8%

The percent of households receiving food stamps which have one or more persons with a disability in 2022.

56,514

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7,417

Number of Iowa grandparents with a disability living with grandchildren under 18 in 2022.

26.9%

Percentage of grandparents who are responsible for grandchildren under 18 in 2022 that have a disability.



Specific Disabilities

115,978

The number of lowans in 2022 reporting an inability to hear conversations or a serious hearing loss.

5.7%

Percentage of population age 5 and over with an ambulatory disability in 2022.

59,444

The number of lowans age 5 and over in 2022 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

130,798

The number of noninstitutionalized lowans age 18 and over in 2022 who reported an independent living disability that made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

62,546

The number of lowans of any age in 2022 who reported a disability of blindness or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing contacts or glasses.

155,898

Number of lowans in 2022 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

46,216

Number of Iowa veterans in 2022 with a disability, representing 30.0% of Iowa veterans.

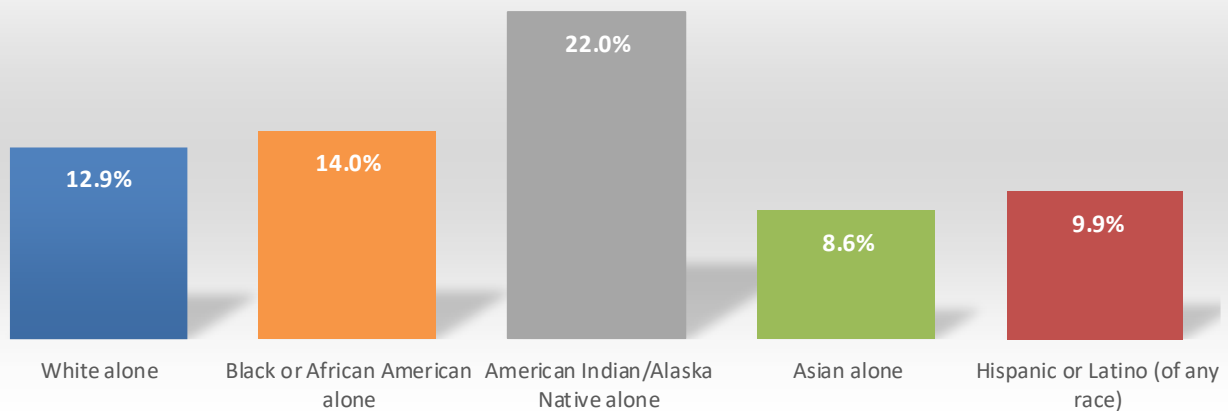
40.1%

The percent of the veteran population 18 to 64 years of age below the poverty level who have a disability in 2022.

47.1%

In 2022, the percent of the veteran population 65 years and over below the poverty level who have a disability.

Disability Status by Race and Ethnicity: 2022



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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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2022 American Community Survey
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Employment

105,988

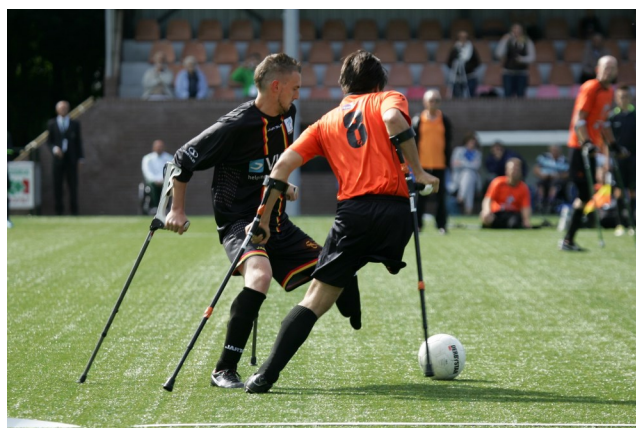
The number of Iowans age 18 to 64 in the labor force with a disability who were employed in 2022. 52.3% of Iowans in this age group, with a disability, worked at least part-time.

7.0%

Percent of the labor force in 2022 with a disability of some type.

7.4%

The unemployment rate in 2022 for Iowans with a disability. The unemployment rate in Iowa at that time was 3.5%



Health Insurance

98.1%

Percent of children under age 19 in Iowa that have a disability and are covered by insurance in 2022.

3.8%

Percent of Iowans 19 to 64 years of age with a disability that had no health insurance coverage in 2022.

97.9%

The percent of Iowans with a disability that are covered by insurance in 2022.

394,203

The number of Iowans with disabilities that have health insurance coverage in 2022.

96.9%

Percent of transit buses nationwide that were lift or ramp-equipped as of 2022.

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

Income and Poverty

73,109

The number of Iowa disabled workers in 2020 receiving benefits under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

Source: https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2022/ia.html

\$27,395

Median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2022. The median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over without disabilities is \$42,622.

26.2%

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities in 2022. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 10.9%.