

IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: 2008

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, state and local government services and telecommunications.

390,349

The number of people in Iowa in 2006 who have some kind of disability. They represent 14.2% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 5 and over

6.7%

Percentage of children ages 5 to 15 in 2006 who have a disability. This amounts to 29,443 children.

36.0%

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2006 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

54.5%

Percentage of disabled children age 5 to 15 with a mental disability in 2006.

SPECIFIC DISABILITIES

229,454

The number of Iowans in 2006 reporting a physical disability, a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying.

202,580

The number of Iowans in 2006 who reported that a disability made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

111,235

The number of Iowans in 2006 reporting a sensory disability such as blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment.

119,646

The number of Iowans in 2006 who reported that a disability made it difficult to work at a job or business.

147,728

The number of Iowans in 2006 reporting a mental disability, such as learning, remembering, or concentrating.

121,364

The number of people ages 16-64 with a physical disability in 2006. The number of people 65 and over with a physical disability was 104,683.

61,056

The number of Iowans in 2006 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

54.1%

Over half of all the people in Iowa in 2006 with a sensory disability are aged 65 and over. People aged 16-64 account for 41.0 percent while children 5 to 15 make up only 4.9 percent of the total.



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EDUCATION

71.9%

The percent of Iowans in 2000 with a disability who have a high school degree or higher. The percent of Iowans without a disability who have a high school degree or higher is 90.1%.

10.4%

The percent of Iowans with a disability in 2000 who have a Bachelor's degree or higher. The percent of Iowans without a disability who have a Bachelor's degree or higher is 24.1%.



\$938

The average monthly benefits in 2005 to Iowa disabled workers under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program. The average monthly benefit to Iowa children of disabled workers was \$278.

Source:
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/state_stats/2005/ia.html

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$13,896

Median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2006. The median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with earnings in 2006 without disabilities is \$26,117.

20.3%

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities in 2006. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 8.9%.

45.2%

The employment rate in 2006 for Iowans with a disability. The employment rate for those Iowans without a disability at that time was 81.6%.

Median Earnings by Type of Disability in Iowa: 2006

