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IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: OCTOBER 2006

In 1990, President George 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.

446,665

The number of people in Iowa who have some kind of disability. They represent 16.6% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 5 and over

6.9%

Percentage of children ages 5 to 15 who have a disability. This amounts to 31,591 children.

64.2%

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

200,836

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

95,255

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

114,075

The number of lowans reporting a mental disability, such as learning, remembering, or concentrating.

55,437

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

138,063

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

170,499

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

Specific Disabilities

94,825

The number of people ages 16-64 with a physical disability. The number of people 65 and over with a physical disability was 102,519.



67.4%

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

55.5%

Over half of all the people in Iowa with a sensory disability are aged 65 and over. People aged 16-64 account for 40.6 percent while children 5 to 15 make up only 3.9 percent of the total.

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EDUCATION

71.9%

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

10.4%

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

63.0%

The employment rate in 2000 for Iowans with a disability. The employment rate for those Iowans without a disability at that time was 84.0%.



Assistance to Iowans with Disabilities

2,121

The number of disabled lowans who secured competitive employment in FY2005 provided by the Rehabilitation Services Bureau a division of the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services. These individuals will earn approximately \$34,230,092.

58,310

The number of disabled workers in Iowa who received benefits under Social Security's Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program in 2004.

Source:

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/poli cy/docs/factsheets/state_stats/200 4/ia.html

\$857

The average monthly benefits in 2004 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 \$266.

Source

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/poli cy/docs/factsheets/state_stats/200 4/ia.html

41,272

The number of disabled and blind lowans who received federally administered Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Source: Social Security Administration Regional Public Affairs

88,068

The number of "tickets" issued to disabled lowans under Social Security's Ticket-to-Work program as of August 2006. Tickets may be used to obtain vocational rehabilitation, employment or other support services from an approved provider (employment network) of

their choice to help them go to work and achieve their employment goals.

Source:

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/wor k/Ticket/ticket_info.html

\$950

The overall average monthly income (\$169 earned income, \$781 unearned income) of clients in the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) program administered by the Iowa Department of Human Services in August 2004.

Source:http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/ dhs2005/dhs_homepage/docs/ME PD-04_report-master.pdf

12.3%

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 7.7%