

# IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: 2015

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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, state and local government services and telecommunications.

**357,730**

The number of people in Iowa in 2013 who have some kind of disability. They represent 11.7% of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

**11.7%**

The percent of males in Iowa in 2013 with a disability. This compares to 11.8% of females.

**150,083**

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

**32.7%**

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2013 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

**27,213**

Number of children under 18 in 2013 who have disabilities. This amounts to 3.8% of the population under 18 years of age.



**9,823**

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

**40.2%**

Percentage of above grandparents with a disability who are responsible for grandchildren.

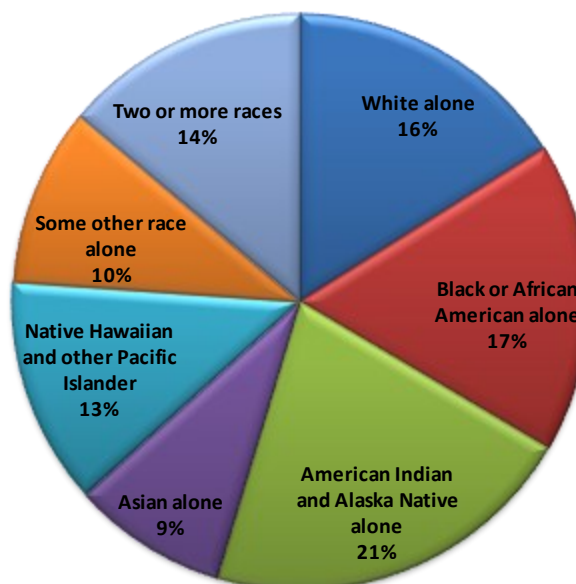
**181,561**

The number of people aged 18-64 with a disability in 2013.

**8.7%**

The percent of population in 2013 with a disability in Iowa that was Hispanic or Latino.

**Disability in Iowa by Race: 2013**



## Specific Disabilities

**115,062**

The number of Iowans in 2013 reporting an inability to hear conversations or a serious hearing loss.

**6.0%**

Percentage of population age 5 and over with an ambulatory disability in 2013.

**59,405**

The number of Iowans age 5 and over in 2013 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

**105,009**

The number of noninstitutionalized Iowans age 18 and over in 2013 who reported an independent living disability that made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

**54,445**

The number of Iowans of any age in 2013 who reported a disability of blindness or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing contacts or glasses.

**128,309**

Number of people 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 group comprises 4.5 percent of the population 5 and older. 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.

**76,009**

Number of non-institutionalized Iowans 18 to 64 years of age in 2013 with 2 or more types of disabilities. This number is 5.6% of noted population. Another 4.1% have a single disability.

**98.7%**

**Percent of transit buses nation-wide that were lift or ramp-equipped as of 2011.**

Source: [http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national\\_transportation\\_statistics/html/table\\_01\\_08.html](http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national_transportation_statistics/html/table_01_08.html)

## Veterans

**57,046**

Number of Iowa veterans in 2013 with a disability representing 27.9% of Iowa veterans.

**33.2%**

The percent of the veteran population 18 to 64 years of age with a disability, below the poverty level

**34.0%**

The percent of the veteran population 65 years and over with a disability, below the poverty level in 2013



**77,493**

The number of Iowa disabled workers in 2013 receiving benefits under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

Source:  
[http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong\\_stats/2013/ia.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/2013/ia.pdf)

# Income and Poverty

## \$20,258

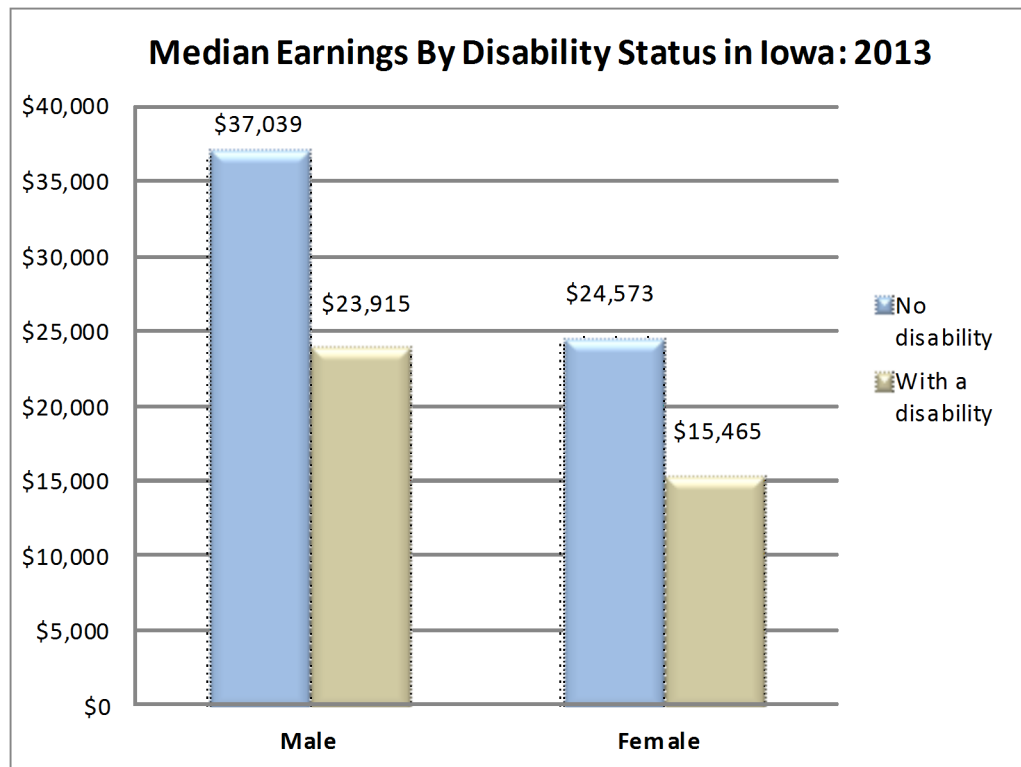
Median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2013. The median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over without disabilities is \$30,787.

## 19.9%

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities in 2013. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 11.7%.

## 42.0%

Percent of food stamp recipients in Iowa with at least one person in the household with a disability in 2013. This amounts to 63,071 of the population.



# Employment

## 49,072

The number of Iowans age 18 to 64 with a disability were employed in 2013 in a full-time status. 52.0% of Iowans with a disability worked at least part-time

## 5.3%

Percent of the workforce with a disability of some type.

## 11.0%

*The unemployment rate in 2013 for Iowans with a disability. The unemployment rate in Iowa at that time was 4.8%*



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

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# Health Insurance

**98.7%**

Percent of children under 18 in Iowa that have a disability and are covered by insurance, of which 47.3% is private health insurance with the remainder being public sourced in 2013.

**89.8%**

Percent of Iowans age 18 thru 64 with a disability and health insurance coverage in 2013.

**99.7%**

Percentage of Iowans 65 and over with health insurance coverage; 32.7% of which had a disability in 2013.

**10.2%**

Percent of Iowans 18 thru 64 with a disability that had no health insurance coverage in 2013.

**48.9%**

Percentage of Iowans age 18 thru 64 with a disability that carry private health insurance coverage in 2013.

**69.2%**

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and over with a disability that carry private health insurance in 2013.

## Disabilities by Type in Iowa : 2013

