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# IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: 2016

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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.

**353,430**

The number of people in Iowa in 2014 who have some kind of disability. They represent 11.5% of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

**31.8%**

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2014 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

**27,138**

Number of children under 18 in 2014 who have disabilities. This amounts to 5.1% of the population under 18 years of age.

**176,576**

The number of people aged 18-64 with a disability in 2014 or 9.4% of the population aged 18-64.

**6.7%**

The percent of population in 2014 with a disability in Iowa that was Hispanic or Latino.

**11.8%**

The percent of males in Iowa in 2014 with a disability. This compares to 11.3% of females.

**40.3%**

The percent of households receiving food stamps which have one or more persons with a disability in 2014.

**34.9%**

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

**59,655**

The number of households receiving food stamps which have one or more persons with a disability in 2014. This 40.3% of all households receiving food stamps in Iowa.

**9,589**

Number of Iowa grandparents with a disability living with grandchildren under 18 in 2014.



## Specific Disabilities

**111,866**

The number of Iowans in 2014 reporting an inability to hear conversations or a serious hearing loss.

**5.8%**

Percentage of population age 5 and over with an ambulatory disability in 2014.

**57,089**

The number of Iowans age 5 and over in 2014 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

**108,425**

The number of noninstitutionalized Iowans age 18 and over in 2014 who reported an independent living disability that made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

**51,659**

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.

**124,817**

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 4.4% 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.

## Veterans

**52,941**

Number of Iowa veterans in 2014 with a disability representing 27.2% of Iowa veterans.

**33.2%**

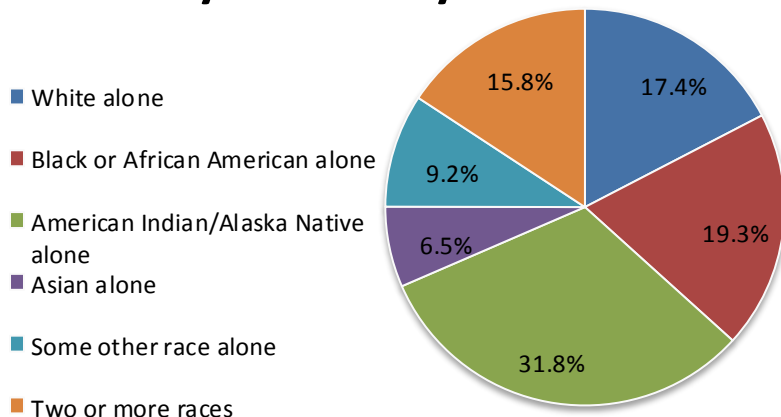
The percent of the veteran population 18 to 64 years of age below the poverty level who have a disability.

**48.5%**

The percent of the veteran population 65 years and over below the poverty level in 2014 who have a disability.



## Disability in Iowa by Race: 2014



**78,016**

The number of Iowa disabled workers in 2014 receiving benefits under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

Source:

[http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong\\_stats/2014/ia.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/2014/ia.pdf)



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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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American Community Survey, 2014  
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## Employment

**48,184**

The number of Iowans age 18 to 64 with a disability who were employed in 2014 in a full-time status. 54.9% of Iowans with a disability worked at least part-time.

**6.0%**

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

**10.6%**

The unemployment rate in 2014 for Iowans with a disability. The unemployment rate in Iowa at that time was 3.7%



**97.4%**

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)

## Health Insurance

**97.4%**

Percent of children under age 18 in Iowa that have a disability and are covered by insurance in 2014.

**8.5%**

Percent of Iowans 18 to 64 years of age with a disability that had no health insurance coverage in 2014.

**31.7%**

The percent of Iowans age 65 and over with health insurance that also have a disability in 2014

**337,249**

The number of Iowans with disabilities that have health insurance coverage in 2014. This is 95.4% of all persons with disabilities in Iowa.

## Income and Poverty

**\$18,647**

Median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2014. The median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over without disabilities is \$31,435.

**18.9%**

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities in 2014. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 11.4%.