

Table 5.
Disability Status, Employment, and Annual Earnings: Individuals 21 to 64 Years Old: 2002
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Both sexes	164,362	1,326	136,714	1,336	83.2	0.5	24,160	315	31,840	532
Disability Status										
With a disability	25,597	759	14,313	579	55.9	1.5	17,150	909	23,034	1,014
Severe	16,892	626	7,177	415	42.5	1.9	12,781	1,084	18,363	1,228
Covered by Medicare, received supplemental security income, or received social security	7,345	420	1,022	158	13.9	2.0	3,685	3,566	5,934	1,222
Covered by Medicare	3,707	300	420	102	11.3	2.6	3,375	5,672	4,650	1,070
Received supplemental security income	3,539	294	380	97	10.7	2.6	3,019	6,094	4,853	1,717
Received social security	4,772	340	767	137	16.1	2.6	3,870	4,067	6,178	1,436
Not covered by Medicare and did not receive supplemental security income	10,625	502	6,460	395	60.8	2.4	14,514	1,297	19,861	1,329
Received social security	1,079	163	304	87	28.2	6.8	4,796	6,076	8,437	3,141
Prevented from working	668	128	76*	43	11.4	6.1	3,152	13,534	5,692	4,186
Not prevented from working	411	101	229	75	55.6	12.2	5,454	6,699	9,347	3,902
Did not receive social security	9,546	477	6,156	385	64.5	2.4	15,000	1,373	20,426	1,376
Prevented from working	3,004	271	702	131	23.4	3.8	7,200	3,350	9,694	2,425
Not prevented from working	6,542	397	5,454	363	83.4	2.3	16,455	1,472	21,807	1,498
Not severe	8,705	456	7,136	414	82.0	2.0	21,980	1,333	27,733	1,571
Received social security	535	115	213	72	39.8	10.5	8,464	5,455	12,445	3,403
Did not receive social security	8,170	442	6,923	408	84.7	2.0	22,336	1,364	28,204	1,608
No disability	198,766	1,337	122,401	1,321	88.2	0.4	25,046	341	32,870	581
Received social security	3,122	276	1,269	177	40.6	4.4	9,041	2,098	13,509	2,072
Did not receive social security	135,643	1,335	121,132	1,319	89.3	0.4	25,228	344	33,077	586
Seeing/Hearing/Speaking										
Difficulty seeing words/letters	3,869	307	2,140	229	55.3	4.0	15,884	2,347	22,106	2,219
Severe	800	140	384	97	48.0	8.8	15,842	5,540	22,189	5,303
Not severe	3,069	274	1,755	207	57.2	4.4	15,951	2,593	22,088	2,443
Difficulty hearing normal conversation	3,513	293	2,392	242	68.1	3.9	23,016	2,344	27,269	2,300
Severe	428	103	294	85	68.6	11.1	23,301	6,740	24,089	5,953
Not severe	3,084	274	2,098	227	68.0	4.2	22,872	2,499	27,714	2,483
Difficulty having speech understood	1,512	193	683	130	45.2	6.4	13,896	3,818	20,218	4,654
Severe	361	94	144*	60	39.9	12.8	17,020	9,047	20,750	8,640
Not severe	1,151	168	539	115	46.9	7.3	13,106	4,053	20,076	5,427
Selected Physical Tasks										
Difficulty walking	9,924	486	4,051	314	40.8	2.5	14,000	1,580	19,911	1,923
Severe	4,661	336	1,385	184	29.7	3.3	12,008	2,317	16,259	2,448
Not severe	5,262	357	2,666	255	50.7	3.4	15,568	2,100	21,809	2,614
Difficulty climbing stairs	9,833	484	3,990	312	40.6	2.5	14,400	1,637	20,616	2,078
Severe	2,798	261	791	140	28.3	4.2	13,128	3,352	18,104	3,450
Not severe	7,035	411	3,198	279	45.5	2.9	15,002	1,905	21,238	2,444

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Selected Physical Tasks—Con.										
Difficulty lifting and carrying 10 pounds.....	7,489	424	3,036	272	40.5	2.8	12,927	1,685	18,495	2,081
Severe.....	3,331	285	1,068	162	32.1	4.0	10,160	2,232	16,785	2,938
Not severe.....	4,158	318	1,967	219	47.3	3.8	14,832	2,402	19,424	2,781
Difficulty grasping objects.....	3,648	298	1,634	200	44.8	4.1	13,686	2,432	19,312	2,650
Severe.....	322	89	140*	59	43.5	13.7	5,619	8,459	14,541	8,426
Not severe.....	3,326	285	1,494	191	44.9	4.3	14,528	2,699	19,759	2,782
Difficulty moving a large chair (X).....	11,130	514	5,201	355	46.7	2.3	14,528	1,447	20,392	1,738
Severe.....	4,748	339	2,739	259	57.7	3.6	16,121	2,075	21,545	2,038
Not severe.....	6,382	392	2,463	245	38.6	3.0	12,927	1,871	19,110	2,882
Difficulty standing for long periods (X).....	11,274	517	4,973	347	44.1	2.3	16,140	1,540	22,573	1,880
Difficulty sitting for long periods (X).....	5,913	378	2,531	249	42.8	3.2	15,568	2,155	20,068	1,970
Difficulty crouching (X).....	12,959	553	6,506	396	50.2	2.2	17,812	1,349	23,675	1,627
Difficulty reaching overhead (X).....	5,571	367	2,297	237	41.2	3.3	15,181	2,264	19,746	1,869
Activities of Daily Living										
With an ADL limitation.....	3,814	305	1,328	181	34.8	3.8	13,128	2,587	17,675	2,373
Needs personal assistance.....	1,957	219	566	118	28.9	5.1	9,902	2,990	17,456	3,718
Does not need personal assistance.....	1,857	213	762	137	41.1	5.7	14,345	3,732	17,838	3,078
Difficulty getting around inside.....	1,613	199	464	107	28.7	5.6	8,704	3,620	14,105	3,469
Needs personal assistance.....	787	139	213	72	27.0	7.9	7,650	5,863	12,749	5,174
Does not need personal assistance.....	825	142	251	79	30.4	8.0	13,504	6,124	15,256	4,646
Difficulty getting in or out of bed or a chair.....	2,599	252	876	147	33.7	4.6	11,560	2,805	17,553	3,145
Needs personal assistance.....	1,259	176	345	92	27.4	6.2	8,953	4,101	17,098	4,843
Does not need personal assistance.....	1,340	181	531	114	39.7	6.6	12,900	4,020	17,849	4,124
Difficulty taking a bath or shower.....	2,031	223	560	117	27.6	4.9	10,636	3,228	16,896	3,542
Needs personal assistance.....	1,254	175	300	86	23.9	6.0	8,814	4,458	16,655	5,389
Does not need personal assistance.....	777	138	261	80	33.6	8.4	13,320	5,927	17,172	4,426
Difficulty dressing.....	1,694	204	546	116	32.2	5.6	9,695	3,031	16,755	3,448
Needs personal assistance.....	1,064	162	291	85	27.4	6.8	9,000	4,445	16,572	5,182
Does not need personal assistance.....	630	124	255	79	40.5	9.7	13,186	5,929	16,963	4,418
Difficulty eating.....	774	138	168*	64	21.7	7.4	14,820	8,209	15,898	4,779
Needs personal assistance.....	376	96	63*	39	16.8	9.6	14,820	13,386	15,018	7,948
Does not need personal assistance.....	398	99	105*	51	26.4	11.0	14,850	10,414	16,429	5,963
Difficulty getting to/using the toilet.....	1,066	162	313	88	29.4	6.9	11,341	4,601	16,274	4,178
Needs personal assistance.....	675	129	177*	66	26.3	8.4	8,800	5,799	16,051	5,968
Does not need personal assistance.....	391	98	136*	58	34.7	12.0	12,700	7,825	16,565	5,661
Instrumental Activities of Daily Living										
With an IADL limitation.....	6,166	386	2,051	224	33.3	3.0	11,341	1,799	17,345	2,151
Needs personal assistance.....	4,621	335	1,419	187	30.7	3.4	8,953	2,087	15,216	2,518
Does not need personal assistance.....	1,545	195	631	125	40.9	6.2	15,862	4,052	21,290	3,886

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Instrumental Activities of Daily Living—Con.										
Difficulty going outside the home alone	3,811	305	1,011	158	26.5	3.6	9,351	2,306	15,191	2,724
Needs personal assistance	2,859	264	718	133	25.1	4.0	8,940	2,845	14,421	3,318
Does not need personal assistance	952	153	292	85	30.7	7.4	13,504	5,672	17,084	4,673
Difficulty keeping track of money/bills	2,092	226	619	123	29.6	5.0	7,434	3,498	11,827	2,647
Needs personal assistance	1,754	207	503	111	28.7	5.4	6,010	4,338	10,817	2,865
Does not need personal assistance	339	91	116 [†]	54	34.4	12.8	15,508	10,048	16,193	6,356
Difficulty preparing meals	2,183	231	539	115	24.7	4.6	8,953	3,280	14,466	3,856
Needs personal assistance	1,779	209	422	102	23.7	5.0	9,018	3,684	15,608	4,747
Does not need personal assistance	404	100	117 [†]	54	28.9	11.2	6,664	8,562	10,347	4,240
Difficulty doing light housework	3,166	278	852	145	26.9	3.9	10,300	2,534	17,694	3,559
Needs personal assistance	2,311	238	552	117	23.9	4.4	9,600	3,043	16,676	4,203
Does not need personal assistance	855	145	300	86	35.1	8.1	13,519	5,603	19,564	6,473
Difficulty taking prescription medicines	1,728	206	467	107	27.0	5.3	8,344	3,726	14,792	3,817
Needs personal assistance	1,386	184	312	88	22.5	5.6	6,690	5,232	13,224	4,574
Does not need personal assistance	342	92	155 [†]	62	45.4	13.4	14,288	8,237	17,944	6,725
Difficulty using the telephone	1,013	158	416	101	41.0	7.7	17,715	5,339	23,143	5,346
Unable to use ordinary phone	393	98	141 [†]	59	35.8	12.0	21,944	9,494	23,948	9,498
Able to use ordinary phone	620	124	275	82	44.3	9.9	15,862	6,549	22,731	6,454
Use of Ambulatory Aids										
Used a wheelchair	1,064	162	314	88	29.5	6.9	16,670	6,142	22,695	6,971
Used a cane/crutches/walker	3,392	288	1,181	170	34.8	4.1	15,780	3,159	20,603	2,995
Mental										
With a disability	8,897	461	4,199	319	47.2	2.6	13,771	1,526	19,528	1,781
With one or more selected conditions	5,037	349	2,313	238	45.9	3.5	14,594	2,179	20,511	2,323
A learning disability	2,323	238	1,345	182	57.9	5.1	15,413	2,955	22,254	2,996
Mental retardation	920	150	275	82	29.9	7.5	4,650	6,460	7,696	2,793
Alzheimer's, senility, or dementia	657	127	214	73	32.6	9.1	13,900	6,823	19,806	10,138
Other mental/emotional condition	2,323	238	830	143	35.7	4.9	14,518	3,619	18,068	3,411
With one or more selected symptoms (Y)	5,579	367	2,378	241	42.6	3.3	11,514	1,696	16,907	2,259
Frequently depressed or anxious	4,812	342	2,062	225	42.8	3.5	11,514	1,821	16,575	2,948
Trouble getting along with others	1,591	198	569	118	35.8	6.0	11,272	3,393	15,847	3,362
Trouble concentrating	2,828	263	946	152	33.4	4.4	9,850	2,301	14,295	2,811
Trouble coping with stress	3,761	303	1,536	194	40.8	4.0	12,024	2,204	16,846	2,957
Difficulty keeping track of money/bills	2,092	226	619	123	29.6	5.0	7,434	3,498	11,827	2,647
Working at a Job										
Has experienced employment problems related to disability (X)	18,289	650	7,526	425	41.2	1.8	12,658	1,048	18,204	1,388
Has had difficulty remaining employed or finding a job	11,226	516	3,286	283	29.3	2.1	8,034	1,444	12,242	1,186
Limited in kind or amount of work that can be done (X)	16,616	622	6,452	394	38.8	1.9	12,746	1,140	18,577	1,571
Prevented from working at a job (X)	10,877	508	1,392	185	12.8	1.6	6,780	2,460	9,434	1,548
Not prevented from working at a job (X)	5,739	372	5,061	350	88.2	2.1	15,288	1,523	21,091	1,923

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Disability Domains										
With a disability in one domain	15,101	594	9,260	470	61.3	2.0	18,300	1,133	24,249	1,290
Communication	1,821	211	1,658	202	91.0	3.3	25,914	2,976	32,097	3,323
Physical	10,302	495	5,768	373	56.0	2.4	17,307	1,430	22,898	1,651
Mental	2,978	270	1,835	212	61.6	4.4	16,152	2,535	21,407	2,355
With a disability in two domains	7,891	435	4,061	314	51.5	2.8	15,364	1,699	21,853	1,890
Communication and physical	3,455	290	2,200	232	63.7	4.1	18,353	2,325	24,089	2,233
Communication and mental	441	104	239	77	54.3	11.8	16,504	7,021	26,174	9,898
Physical and mental	3,995	312	1,622	199	40.6	3.9	11,514	2,053	18,184	3,278
With a disability in three domains	2,090	226	664	128	31.8	5.1	8,520	3,076	13,444	2,664
Domain(s) not identified	514	112	327	90	63.7	10.5	18,492	6,039	22,770	6,243
No disability	138,766	1,337	122,401	1,321	88.2	0.4	25,046	341	32,870	581
Perceived Health Status (X)										
All disability statuses	164,362	1,326	136,714	1,336	83.2	0.5	24,160	315	31,840	532
Excellent	51,005	1,018	45,679	974	89.6	0.7	26,850	576	35,668	988
Very good	56,068	1,056	49,507	1,006	88.3	0.7	25,778	542	32,629	725
Good	39,822	920	32,833	847	82.4	0.9	21,200	615	27,795	905
Fair	12,303	539	7,145	415	58.1	2.2	16,500	1,285	24,080	4,474
Poor	5,164	354	1,550	195	30.0	3.2	9,600	1,816	15,312	2,431
No disability	140,601	1,337	124,075	1,324	88.2	0.4	25,046	341	32,870	581
Excellent	49,221	1,004	44,209	961	89.8	0.7	27,005	586	35,875	1,014
Very good	52,554	1,030	46,775	984	89.0	0.7	25,956	560	32,873	751
Good	32,168	840	27,696	786	86.1	1.0	21,904	677	28,675	1,031
Fair	4,433	328	3,465	291	78.2	3.1	18,487	1,855	28,998	8,984
Poor	390	98	256	79	65.6	11.9	12,690	5,699	19,546	6,107
Disability, not severe	8,883	461	7,281	418	82.0	2.0	21,980	1,333	27,733	1,571
Excellent	1,009	157	894	148	88.6	5.0	25,750	4,034	32,362	4,532
Very good	2,005	222	1,729	206	86.3	3.8	25,307	2,880	30,698	3,309
Good	3,540	294	2,972	269	84.0	3.1	20,500	2,034	26,113	2,189
Fair	1,921	217	1,412	186	73.5	5.0	19,700	2,927	24,986	3,895
Poor	230	75	128 [†]	56	55.7	16.3	16,042	9,598	23,287	12,691
Severe disability	17,173	631	7,298	419	42.5	1.9	12,781	1,084	18,363	1,228
Excellent	776	138	576	119	74.3	7.8	18,188	4,544	24,930	4,941
Very good	1,509	192	1,003	157	66.5	6.0	19,180	3,457	24,549	4,544
Good	4,113	316	2,164	230	52.6	3.9	14,316	2,210	18,840	2,068
Fair	5,950	379	2,267	236	38.1	3.1	10,805	1,630	15,998	1,828
Poor	4,544	332	1,166	169	25.7	3.2	8,456	2,335	13,506	2,534
Conditions Reported as the Cause or One of the Causes of Activity Limitations or Fair/Poor Health										
Alcohol or drug problem	193 [†]	69	97 [†]	49	50.2	17.9	8,437	8,122	15,206	9,227
AIDS or AIDS-related condition	104 [†]	51	29 [†]	27	28.2	21.9	22,000	20,798	28,166	11,719
Arthritis or rheumatism	5,623	369	3,248	281	57.8	3.3	18,000	1,910	23,811	2,083

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Conditions Reported as the Cause or One of the Causes of Activity Limitations or Fair/Poor Health—Con.										
Back or spine problem.....	8,094	440	4,965	347	61.3	2.7	17,825	1,544	27,066	6,331
Blindness or vision problem.....	1,029	159	642	126	62.4	7.5	19,377	4,332	27,894	5,162
Broken bone/fracture.....	899	149	657	127	73.1	7.3	19,544	4,292	23,782	4,382
Cancer.....	889	148	481	109	54.2	8.3	17,580	4,959	25,718	8,054
Cerebral palsy.....	150*	61	54*	37	36.2	19.4	8,250	11,010	11,259	9,344
Deafness or hearing problem.....	1,566	196	1,340	181	85.6	4.4	25,268	3,270	31,684	3,636
Diabetes.....	2,256	235	1,125	166	49.9	5.2	15,600	3,234	23,492	4,588
Epilepsy.....	313	88	146*	60	46.6	14.0	6,732	7,625	18,484	11,153
Head or spinal cord injury.....	494	110	211	72	42.7	11.1	18,248	7,516	18,750	5,257
Heart trouble or hardening of arteries.....	2,040	224	866	146	42.5	5.4	17,595	3,698	23,009	3,759
Hernia or rupture.....	365	95	262	80	71.6	11.7	17,289	6,712	23,354	6,980
High blood pressure.....	1,954	219	1,051	161	53.8	5.6	18,000	3,359	23,550	3,293
Kidney problems.....	400	99	159*	63	39.8	12.1	12,684	7,217	16,658	5,803
Learning disability.....	341	92	136*	58	39.7	13.2	9,850	6,075	13,218	5,034
Lung or respiratory problems.....	1,738	206	850	145	48.9	6.0	15,036	3,703	19,678	4,999
Mental or emotional problems.....	1,654	201	472	103	28.5	5.5	8,383	3,694	13,627	3,424
Mental retardation.....	462	107	160*	63	34.7	11.0	3,355	9,196	6,287	3,904
Missing legs, arms, feet, hands, or fingers.....	215	73	103*	50	47.7	16.9	22,628	11,231	29,434	16,129
Paralysis.....	212	72	50*	35	23.4	14.4	25,150	16,943	28,263	15,717
Senility, dementia, Alzheimer's.....	61*	39	16*	20	(B)	(NA)	(B)	(NA)	(B)	(NA)
Speech disorder.....	69*	41	46*	34	(B)	(NA)	(B)	(NA)	(B)	(NA)
Stiffness or deformity of legs, arms, feet, or hands.....	1,552	195	982	155	63.3	6.1	18,820	3,486	25,286	4,187
Stomach/digestive problems.....	631	125	426	102	67.5	9.3	19,798	5,330	24,021	5,525
Stroke.....	462	107	130*	57	28.1	10.4	7,360	7,686	15,034	8,742
Thyroid problem.....	281	83	207	71	73.6	13.1	17,693	7,567	22,669	6,994
Tumor, cyst, or growth.....	192*	69	97*	49	50.3	17.9	10,391	7,585	13,512	6,004
Other.....	6,983	410	4,720	338	67.6	2.8	19,000	1,589	24,511	1,533

B Base is less than 75,000. NA Not applicable. X Not part of the definition of disability. Y Symptoms that seriously interfere with everyday activities.

*Since this estimate is less than 200,000 (implying questionably small sample size), the estimate, its confidence interval estimate, and any other estimate associated with it are unlikely to be accurate enough to reveal useful information.

¹A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A-2_SIPP2001_w1tow9_20050214.pdf>.

Note: Employed is defined as having worked at any time during the 12 months prior to the interview (June 2001–May 2002).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, June–September 2002.