

Table 541. Persons With Work Disability by Selected Characteristics: 2005

[In thousands, except percent (19,656 represents 19,656,000). As of March. Covers civilian noninstitutional population and members of Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post. Persons are classified as having a work disability if they (1) have a health problem or disability which prevents them from working or which limits the kind or amount of work they can do; (2) have a service-connected disability or ever retired or left a job for health reasons; (3) did not work in survey reference week or previous year because of long-term illness or disability; or (4) are under age 65, and are covered by medicare or receive supplemental security income. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Age and participation status in assistance programs	Total ¹	Male	Female	White ²	Black ³	Hispanic ⁴
Persons with work disability	19,656	9,668	9,989	14,828	3,620	2,204
16 to 24 years old.	1,709	904	805	1,154	434	242
25 to 34 years old.	2,475	1,253	1,222	1,771	520	343
35 to 44 years old.	3,764	1,866	1,898	2,823	705	460
45 to 54 years old.	5,382	2,631	2,751	4,058	1,009	573
55 to 64 years old.	6,327	3,014	3,313	5,022	952	586
Percent work disabled of total population						
16 to 24 years old.	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.1	8.2	3.8
25 to 34 years old.	6.4	6.5	6.2	5.8	10.3	4.5
35 to 44 years old.	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.2	13.3	7.4
45 to 54 years old.	12.9	12.9	12.9	11.8	20.8	13.8
55 to 64 years old.	21.4	21.5	21.4	20.1	32.7	25.3
Percent of work disabled—						
Receiving social security income	34.1	33.9	34.2	35.5	31.4	25.6
Receiving food stamps	18.4	15.0	21.6	15.7	29.2	22.2
Covered by medicaid.	64.2	66.8	61.7	66.8	53.6	54.5
Residing in public housing	5.9	4.6	7.3	4.1	9.4	7.8
Residing in subsidized housing	3.9	3.0	4.6	3.3	6.9	4.5

¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning with the 2003 Current Population Survey, respondents were asked to choose one or more races. White alone refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. The use of this single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as "White and American Indian and Alaska Native" or "Asian and Black or African American," is available from Census 2000 through American FactFinder[®]. About 2.6 percent of people reported more than one race in 2000. ³ Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category. ⁴ Hispanic persons may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, unpublished data.