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Total	170,349	1,212	131,538	1,210	77.2	0.4	2,500	23	4,333	37	
Disability Status											
With a disability	28,145	708	12,836	491	45.6	1.3	1,917	68	2,700	68	
Severe	18,710	587	5,737	332	30.7	1.5	1,458	96	2,182	69	
Covered by Medicare or received social security or supplemental security income	8,600	405	798	125	9.3	1.4	375	82	1,782	71	
Covered by Medicare	4,432	293	384	87	8.7	1.9	422	111	1,921	99	
Received social security	6,083	342	573	106	9.4	1.7	400	97	2,105	97	
Received supplemental security income	3,756	270	343	82	9.1	2.1	302	107	1,339	76	
Not covered by Medicare and not receiving social security or supplemental security income	10,110	438	4,939	309	48.9	2.2	1,732	110	2,600	124	
Not severe	9,435	423	7,099	369	75.2	2.0	2,250	89	3,801	139	
No disability	142,204	1,219	118,702	1,191	83.5	0.4	2,539	24	4,669	42	
Seeing/Hearing/Speaking											
Difficulty seeing words/letters ...	4,103	282	1,673	181	40.8	3.4	1,932	182	2,188	142	
Severe	779	123	204	63	26.2	7.0	1,957	670	1,743	259	
Not severe	3,323	254	1,469	169	44.2	3.8	1,925	188	2,253	162	
Difficulty hearing conversation ...	3,756	270	2,219	208	59.1	3.6	2,252	178	3,162	208	
Severe	449	94	257	71	57.2	10.3	1,920	506	2,514	400	
Not severe	3,307	253	1,962	195	59.3	3.8	2,369	186	3,240	227	
Difficulty with speech	1,521	172	560	105	36.8	5.5	1,575	321	2,260	236	
Severe	230	67	764	35	27.7	13.1	1,168	866	2,377	532	
Not severe	1,291	159	496	99	38.4	6.0	1,645	365	2,252	258	
Walking/Using Stairs/ Ambulatory Aids											
Difficulty walking	11,219	460	3,295	253	29.4	1.9	1,810	136	2,290	91	
Severe	5,539	327	1,082	145	19.5	2.4	1,600	230	1,950	106	
Not severe	5,679	331	2,213	208	39.0	2.9	2,000	167	2,739	150	
Difficulty using stairs	10,969	455	3,259	251	29.7	1.9	1,768	132	2,258	91	
Severe	3,154	247	575	106	18.2	3.0	1,315	265	1,777	128	
Not severe	7,815	386	2,684	228	34.3	2.4	1,836	143	2,494	118	
Used a wheelchair or similar device	1,393	165	237	68	17.0	4.5	1,833	679	2,135	243	
Used a cane, crutches, or walker	3,907	275	828	127	21.2	2.9	2,000	342	2,175	147	
Selected Physical Tasks											
Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 lbs ...	8,130	394	2,169	205	26.7	2.2	1,626	168	2,178	103	
Severe	3,468	259	601	108	17.3	2.8	1,474	275	1,838	131	
Not severe	4,662	300	1,569	175	33.6	3.1	1,689	214	2,412	153	
Difficulty grasping objects	4,128	283	1,373	164	33.3	3.2	1,761	184	2,395	154	
Severe	344	82	76	39	22.0	9.9	2,000	594	2,655	598	
Not severe	3,784	271	1,298	159	34.3	3.4	1,751	193	2,371	159	
Difficulty moving large chair ² ...	11,917	474	4,126	282	34.6	1.9	1,732	117	2,500	98	
Severe	6,526	354	1,625	178	24.9	2.4	1,559	189	2,208	118	
Not severe	5,391	322	2,500	220	46.4	3.0	1,832	149	2,822	154	
Difficulty standing 1 hour ²	12,398	483	4,033	279	32.5	1.9	1,900	127	2,452	93	
Difficulty sitting 1 hour ²	6,517	354	1,967	196	30.2	2.5	1,540	171	2,260	117	
Difficulty crouching ²	14,761	525	6,037	341	40.9	1.8	2,080	106	2,728	92	
Difficulty reaching overhead ² ...	6,210	345	1,819	188	29.3	2.6	1,760	179	2,367	125	

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Activities of Daily Living											
With an ADL limitation	4,022	279	785	124	19.5	2.8	1,584	298	2,123	138	
Needed assistance	1,919	193	216	65	11.3	3.2	1,412	615	2,101	190	
Did not need assistance	2,102	202	569	106	27.1	4.3	1,595	342	2,125	200	
Difficulty getting around	1,754	185	†171	58	9.7	3.1	1,667	729	2,008	195	
Needed assistance	896	132	†57	33	6.3	3.6	1,667	1,368	1,861	247	
Did not need assistance	858	130	†114	47	13.3	5.1	2,000	686	2,042	302	
Difficulty getting into bed	2,604	225	499	99	19.2	3.4	1,595	373	2,041	166	
Needed assistance	1,164	151	†129	50	11.1	4.1	1,667	713	1,936	231	
Did not need assistance	1,439	168	370	85	25.7	5.1	1,584	430	2,072	229	
Difficulty taking a bath	2,180	206	286	75	13.1	3.2	1,375	445	1,843	158	
Needed assistance	1,229	155	†96	43	7.8	3.4	1,240	815	1,881	210	
Did not need assistance	951	136	†189	61	19.9	5.7	1,400	525	1,793	237	
Difficulty dressing	1,789	187	280	74	15.6	3.8	1,801	601	2,150	206	
Needed assistance	1,091	146	†108	46	9.9	4.0	1,340	846	2,150	240	
Did not need assistance	697	117	†172	58	24.6	7.2	2,000	661	2,152	356	
Difficulty eating	701	117	†80	40	11.5	5.3	2,469	922	1,850	282	
Needed assistance	329	80	†16	18	4.8	5.2	2,256	2,190	2,337	485	
Did not need assistance	372	85	†64	36	17.3	8.7	2,469	843	1,521	294	
Difficulty toileting	1,035	142	†87	41	8.4	3.8	889	625	1,908	235	
Needed assistance	622	110	†28	24	4.6	3.7	866	1,065	2,100	304	
Did not need assistance	412	90	†59	34	14.3	7.6	889	761	1,776	343	
Instrumental Activities of Daily Living											
With an IADL limitation	6,622	356	1,467	169	22.2	2.3	1,299	183	2,101	109	
Needed assistance	4,715	302	853	129	18.1	2.5	1,100	220	2,094	124	
Did not need assistance	1,907	193	614	110	32.2	4.7	1,500	296	2,126	221	
Difficulty going out	3,839	273	482	97	12.5	2.4	1,083	318	1,881	123	
Needed assistance	2,769	232	258	71	9.3	2.4	718	294	1,904	143	
Did not need assistance	1,070	145	224	66	20.9	5.5	1,240	544	1,801	243	
Difficulty managing money	2,307	212	578	106	25.1	4.0	1,084	246	2,103	180	
Needed assistance	1,806	188	392	88	21.7	4.3	779	225	2,212	210	
Did not need assistance	501	99	†186	60	37.2	9.6	1,382	421	1,645	310	
Difficulty preparing meals	2,150	205	261	72	12.2	3.1	667	271	2,069	177	
Needed assistance	1,745	184	200	63	11.5	3.4	650	284	2,188	202	
Did not need assistance	404	89	†61	35	15.2	7.9	1,732	1,390	1,664	327	
Difficulty doing housework	3,314	254	521	101	15.7	2.8	1,200	331	1,939	142	
Needed assistance	2,453	218	319	79	13.0	3.0	1,012	372	2,008	167	
Did not need assistance	862	130	202	63	23.4	6.4	1,375	520	1,801	288	
Difficulty taking prescriptions	1,768	186	308	78	17.4	4.0	706	264	2,100	198	
Needed assistance	1,346	162	201	63	14.9	4.3	500	231	2,212	231	
Did not need assistance	422	91	†107	46	25.4	9.4	1,497	949	1,681	353	
Difficulty using the phone	997	140	288	75	28.9	6.4	1,339	429	2,514	312	
Needed assistance	405	89	†103	45	25.3	9.6	823	498	2,514	427	
Did not need assistance	592	108	†186	60	31.4	8.4	1,853	564	2,518	434	
Mental											
With a disability	10,526	446	4,026	279	38.2	2.1	1,516	112	2,165	93	
With 1 or more selected conditions	6,442	352	2,655	227	41.2	2.7	1,500	134	2,232	121	
A learning disability	2,611	225	1,439	168	55.1	4.3	1,736	180	2,687	226	
Mental retardation	948	136	269	73	28.4	6.5	600	201	2,215	249	
Alzheimer's, senility, or dementia	760	122	208	64	27.4	7.2	987	312	1,582	228	
Other mental/emotional condition	3,495	260	1,108	147	31.7	3.5	1,299	188	1,788	130	

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Mental—Con.											
With 1 or more selected symptoms	6,055	341	1,751	185	28.9	2.6	1,400	172	1,881	108	
Depressed or anxious	5,246	318	1,492	171	28.4	2.8	1,400	186	1,842	113	
Trouble getting along with others	1,749	185	374	86	21.4	4.3	1,212	370	1,659	166	
Trouble concentrating	3,249	251	734	120	22.6	3.2	1,125	210	1,842	143	
Trouble coping with stress	4,229	286	1,156	150	27.3	3.0	1,339	201	1,819	123	
Difficulty managing money/bills	2,307	212	578	106	25.1	4.0	1,084	246	2,103	180	
Working at a Job											
With disability related problems ²	22,873	644	7,918	389	34.6	1.4	1,500	78	2,314	65	
Has difficulty remaining employed	12,718	489	2,073	201	16.3	1.5	720	96	1,910	71	
Limited in kind/amount of work ²	21,571	627	7,450	377	34.5	1.4	1,500	79	2,288	66	
Prevented	12,752	489	321	79	2.5	0.6	1,083	323	1,817	65	
Not prevented	8,819	410	7,129	369	80.8	1.9	1,512	81	3,207	139	
Disability Domains											
With a disability in 1 domain	16,578	554	8,540	403	51.5	1.7	2,000	85	3,049	97	
Communication	1,759	185	1,395	165	79.3	4.3	2,543	236	3,931	325	
Physical	11,298	462	5,167	316	45.7	2.1	1,994	104	3,001	114	
Mental	3,521	261	1,978	196	56.2	3.7	1,732	169	2,807	214	
With a disability in 2 domains	8,481	402	3,392	256	40.0	2.4	1,766	123	2,252	105	
Communication and physical	3,363	255	1,785	187	53.1	3.8	2,165	175	2,765	182	
Communication and mental	472	96	*191	61	40.6	10.0	1,168	471	2,285	465	
Physical and mental	4,646	299	1,416	166	30.5	3.0	1,386	172	1,856	118	
With a disability in 3 domains	2,529	222	635	111	25.1	3.8	1,210	261	1,743	142	
Domain(s) not identified	557	104	269	73	48.2	9.4	2,656	722	3,286	602	
No disability	142,204	1,219	118,702	1,191	83.5	0.4	2,539	24	4,669	42	
Selected Conditions Reported as the Cause or One of the Causes of Activity Limitations or Fair/Poor Health											
Arthritis or rheumatism	7,183	371	3,443	258	47.9	2.6	1,944	128	2,922	140	
Back or spine problem	10,432	444	5,027	311	48.2	2.2	1,879	104	2,801	112	
Diabetes	3,292	253	1,409	166	42.8	3.8	1,800	183	2,288	163	
Heart trouble or hardening of arteries	2,746	231	1,106	147	40.3	4.1	2,203	276	2,881	223	
High blood pressure	2,427	217	1,146	150	47.2	4.5	2,000	202	2,617	200	
Lung or respiratory problems	2,418	217	1,132	149	46.8	4.5	1,677	200	2,556	218	
Mental or emotional problems	3,056	244	758	122	24.8	3.5	909	166	1,653	125	
Stiffness or deformity of legs, arms, feet or hands	2,141	204	1,115	148	52.1	4.8	1,957	205	2,784	261	

[†] Since this estimate is less than 200,000 or based upon a population 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.

¹ A 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.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A04W1toW7\(S&A-7\).pdf](http://www.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A04W1toW7(S&A-7).pdf)>. Confidence intervals for estimates of median earnings and median income are created using median absolute deviation. For more information on this method, see Peter Rousseeuw and Christophe Croux, "Alternatives to the Median Absolute Deviation," JASA, Vol. 88, No. 425, December 1993, pp. 1273–1283.

² Not part of the disability definition.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, June–September 2005.