

Table 2. Prevalence of Types of Disability Among Individuals 15 Years and Older: 2002

(Numbers in thousands)

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	Number	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percent distribution	Number	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percent distribution	Number	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percent distribution
Both sexes	222,226	1,134	100.0	149,031	1,337	100.0	33,742	858	100.0
Disability Status									
With a disability	46,124	978	20.8	24,350	742	16.3	17,646	639	52.3
Severe	30,488	820	13.7	16,133	613	10.8	12,444	369	36.9
Not severe	15,636	604	7.0	8,217	444	5.5	5,202	355	15.4
No disability	176,102	1,307	79.2	124,681	1,324	83.7	16,096	612	47.7
Seeing/Hearing/Speaking									
With a disability	14,828	589	6.7	7,162	415	4.8	6,920	408	20.5
Severe	3,077	274	1.4	1,343	182	0.9	1,501	192	4.4
Not severe	11,750	527	5.3	5,819	375	3.9	5,419	362	16.1
Difficulty seeing words/letters	7,868	434	3.5	3,749	302	2.5	3,803	304	11.3
Severe	1,806	210	0.8	762	137	0.5	951	153	2.8
Not severe	6,062	383	2.7	2,987	270	2.0	2,852	264	8.5
Difficulty hearing conversation	7,830	433	3.5	3,428	289	2.3	4,166	318	12.3
Severe	972	155	0.4	418	101	0.3	506	112	1.5
Not severe	6,859	406	3.1	3,010	271	2.0	3,660	299	10.8
Difficulty with speech	2,640	254	1.2	1,392	185	0.9	878	147	2.6
Severe	610	123	0.3	313	88	0.2	156 ^f	62	0.5
Not severe	2,030	223	0.9	1,079	163	0.7	722	133	2.1
Walking/Using Stairs									
With a disability	25,339	755	11.4	11,947	531	8.0	12,883	551	38.2
Severe	13,068	555	5.9	5,387	361	3.6	7,465	424	22.1
Not severe	12,271	538	5.5	6,561	398	4.4	5,418	362	16.1
Difficulty walking	20,886	691	9.4	9,708	481	6.5	10,734	505	31.8
Severe	11,360	519	5.1	4,576	333	3.1	6,586	398	19.5
Not severe	9,527	477	4.3	5,132	353	3.4	4,147	317	12.3
Difficulty using stairs	20,515	686	9.2	9,655	480	6.5	10,511	500	31.2
Severe	6,871	407	3.1	2,743	259	1.8	4,012	312	11.9
Not severe	13,643	566	6.1	6,911	408	4.6	6,499	396	19.3
Used a wheelchair or similar device	2,707	257	1.2	1,002	157	0.7	1,519	193	4.5
Used a cane, crutches, or walker	9,144	467	4.1	3,330	285	2.2	5,688	371	16.9
Selected Physical Tasks									
With a disability	18,216	649	8.2	8,906	461	6.0	8,850	460	26.2
Severe	7,915	436	3.6	3,466	291	2.3	4,259	322	12.6
Not severe	10,301	495	4.6	5,440	363	3.7	4,591	334	13.6
Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 lbs.	15,438	600	6.9	7,306	419	4.9	7,739	431	22.9
Severe	7,585	427	3.4	3,263	282	2.2	4,152	318	12.3
Not severe	7,853	434	3.5	4,044	314	2.7	3,587	296	10.6
Difficulty grasping objects	6,743	403	3.0	3,600	296	2.4	2,978	270	8.8
Severe	690	130	0.3	310	87	0.2	331	90	1.0
Not severe	6,052	382	2.7	3,290	283	2.2	2,647	254	7.8

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Selected Physical Tasks—Con.									
Difficulty moving large chair (X)	21,653	703	9.7	10,851	508	7.3	10,248	494	30.4
Severe	8,359	447	3.8	4,626	335	3.1	3,480	291	10.3
Not severe	13,294	559	6.0	6,225	388	4.2	6,768	404	20.1
Difficulty standing 1 hour (X)	22,073	709	9.9	11,034	512	7.4	10,573	501	31.3
Difficulty sitting 1 hour (X)	9,209	469	4.1	5,802	374	3.5	3,168	278	9.4
Difficulty crouching (X)	25,024	751	11.3	12,664	547	8.5	11,829	529	35.1
Difficulty reaching overhead (X)	10,888	508	4.9	5,484	364	3.7	5,178	354	15.3
Special Aids									
Used a wheelchair or similar device	2,707	257	1.2	1,002	157	0.7	1,519	193	4.5
Used a cane, crutches, or walker	9,144	467	4.1	3,330	285	2.2	5,688	371	16.9
Had used for 6 months or more	7,279	418	3.3	2,489	247	1.7	4,716	338	14.0
Used a hearing aid (X)	4,108	316	1.8	862	146	0.6	3,155	277	9.4
Had difficulty hearing	1,639	200	0.7	343	92	0.2	1,272	177	3.8
Did not have difficulty hearing	2,469	246	1.1	519	113	0.3	1,882	215	5.6
Activities of Daily Living									
With an ADL limitation	8,089	440	3.6	3,739	302	2.5	4,140	317	12.3
Needed personal assistance	4,478	330	2.0	1,909	216	1.3	2,403	242	7.1
Did not need personal assistance	3,611	297	1.6	1,831	212	1.2	1,738	206	5.2
Difficulty getting around inside	3,881	307	1.7	1,565	196	1.1	2,194	232	6.5
Needed personal assistance	2,190	232	1.0	757	136	0.5	1,337	181	4.0
Did not need personal assistance	1,691	204	0.8	808	141	0.5	858	145	2.5
Difficulty getting in/out of bed/chair	5,539	366	2.5	2,542	249	1.7	2,836	263	8.4
Needed personal assistance	2,774	260	1.2	1,219	173	0.8	1,417	186	4.2
Did not need personal assistance	2,764	260	1.2	1,323	180	0.9	1,419	187	4.2
Difficulty taking a bath or shower	4,939	346	2.2	1,965	219	1.3	2,801	262	8.3
Needed personal assistance	3,186	279	1.4	1,213	173	0.8	1,832	212	5.4
Did not need personal assistance	1,753	207	0.8	751	136	0.5	969	154	2.9
Difficulty dressing	3,729	301	1.7	1,644	201	1.1	1,929	217	5.7
Needed personal assistance	2,554	250	1.1	1,026	159	0.7	1,387	184	4.1
Did not need personal assistance	1,175	170	0.5	618	123	0.4	542	116	1.6
Difficulty eating	1,727	206	0.8	739	135	0.5	876	147	2.6
Needed personal assistance	1,015	158	0.5	354	93	0.2	590	120	1.7
Did not need personal assistance	711	132	0.3	386	97	0.3	286	84	0.8
Difficulty getting to/using the toilet	2,527	249	1.1	1,026	159	0.7	1,383	184	4.1
Needed personal assistance	1,715	205	0.8	648	126	0.4	967	154	2.9
Did not need personal assistance	812	141	0.4	378	96	0.3	416	101	1.2
Instrumental Activities of Daily Living									
With an IADL limitation	13,164	557	5.9	5,938	379	4.0	6,671	401	19.8
Needed personal assistance	10,109	491	4.5	4,297	323	2.9	5,341	360	15.8
Did not need personal assistance	3,055	273	1.4	1,641	201	1.1	1,331	181	3.9

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Instrumental Activities of Daily Living —Con.									
Difficulty going outside alone	8,898	461	4.0	3,685	300	2.5	4,921	345	14.6
Needed personal assistance	7,141	414	3.2	2,751	259	1.8	4,122	317	12.2
Did not need personal assistance	1,757	208	0.8	934	152	0.6	799	140	2.4
Difficulty managing money/bills	4,847	343	2.2	1,992	221	1.3	2,554	250	7.6
Needed personal assistance	4,255	322	1.9	1,666	202	1.1	2,303	237	6.8
Did not need personal assistance	592	121	0.3	327	90	0.2	250	78	0.7
Difficulty preparing meals	5,200	355	2.3	2,101	227	1.4	2,844	264	8.4
Needed personal assistance	4,419	328	2.0	1,703	204	1.1	2,471	246	7.3
Did not need personal assistance	781	139	0.4	398	99	0.3	373	96	1.1
Difficulty doing light housework	6,946	409	3.1	3,060	273	2.1	3,638	298	10.8
Needed personal assistance	5,476	364	2.5	2,245	234	1.5	3,037	272	9.0
Did not need personal assistance	1,470	190	0.7	815	142	0.5	601	122	1.8
Difficulty taking prescriptions	4,188	319	1.9	1,636	200	1.1	2,247	234	6.7
Needed personal assistance	3,463	290	1.6	1,318	180	0.9	1,873	214	5.6
Did not need personal assistance	725	134	0.3	318	89	0.2	374	96	1.1
Difficulty using the telephone	2,834	263	1.3	964	154	0.6	1,676	203	5.0
Unable to use ordinary phone	1,098	164	0.5	358	94	0.2	620	124	1.8
Able to use ordinary phone	1,737	206	0.8	606	122	0.4	1,057	161	3.1
Need for Personal Assistance									
Number of ADLs or IADLs for which assistance was needed									
One or more	10,567	501	4.8	4,586	334	3.1	5,503	365	16.3
One	3,638	298	1.6	1,714	205	1.2	1,752	207	5.2
Two	1,835	212	0.8	885	148	0.6	909	149	2.7
Three or more	5,094	351	2.3	1,987	221	1.3	2,842	263	8.4
Number of ADLs for which assistance was needed									
One or more	4,478	330	2.0	1,909	216	1.3	2,403	242	7.1
One	1,571	196	0.7	804	141	0.5	749	136	2.2
Two	676	129	0.3	246	78	0.2	402	99	1.2
Three or more	2,231	234	1.0	858	145	0.6	1,252	175	3.7
Number of IADLs for which assistance was needed									
One or more	10,109	491	4.5	4,297	323	2.9	5,341	360	15.8
One	3,868	307	1.7	1,863	214	1.3	1,830	212	5.4
Two	1,921	217	0.9	812	141	0.5	1,052	161	3.1
Three or more	4,320	324	1.9	1,622	199	1.1	2,459	245	7.3

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Mental									
With a disability	14,329	580	6.4	8,229	444	5.5	3,921	309	11.6
With one or more selected conditions	7,918	436	3.6	4,537	332	3.0	1,633	200	4.8
A learning disability	3,407	288	1.5	2,036	223	1.4	1,54 [†]	62	0.5
Mental retardation	1,221	173	0.5	827	143	0.6	55 [†]	37	0.2
Alzheimer's, senility, or dementia	1,937	218	0.9	648	126	0.4	1,259	176	3.7
Other mental/emotional condition	2,975	269	1.3	2,140	229	1.4	352	93	1.0
With one or more selected symptoms	7,940	436	3.6	5,275	357	3.5	1,753	207	5.2
Frequently depressed or anxious	6,606	399	3.0	4,548	332	3.1	1,368	183	4.1
Trouble getting along with others	2,183	231	1.0	1,438	188	1.0	317	88	0.9
Trouble concentrating	4,179	319	1.9	2,657	255	1.8	912	150	2.7
Trouble coping with stress	5,154	353	2.3	3,539	294	2.4	968	154	2.9
Difficulty managing money/bills	4,847	343	2.2	1,992	221	1.3	2,554	250	7.6
Working at a Job									
Age 16 to 64 years	184,424	1,288	100.0	149,031	1,337	100.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
With disability-related problems (X)	19,237	666	10.4	17,529	637	11.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Has had difficulty remaining employed or finding a job	11,809	529	6.4	10,804	506	7.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Limited in kind or amount of work that can be done (X)	17,385	635	9.4	15,920	609	10.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Prevented from working at a job (X)	11,257	517	6.1	10,542	501	7.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Not prevented from working at a job (X)	6,128	385	3.3	5,378	361	3.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Working Around the House									
Age 16 years and older	218,166	1,156	100.0	149,031	1,337	100.0	33,742	858	100.0
Limited in kind/amount of housework that can be done	18,193	648	8.3	10,045	489	6.7	7,425	422	22.0
Prevented from doing housework	5,207	355	2.4	2,358	240	1.6	2,593	252	7.7
Not prevented from doing housework	12,987	553	6.0	7,687	430	5.2	4,833	342	14.3
Program Participation (X)									
Under 65 years and covered by Medicare	4,796	341	2.5	4,709	338	3.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Under 65 years and received SSI	4,492	330	2.4	3,932	309	2.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Disability Domains									
With a disability in one domain	26,006	764	11.7	14,288	579	9.6	9,426	474	27.9
Communication	2,740	259	1.2	1,740	207	1.2	820	142	2.4
Physical	18,893	660	8.5	10,006	488	6.7	8,339	447	24.7
Mental	4,373	326	2.0	2,543	249	1.7	267	81	0.8
With a disability in two domains	14,243	578	6.4	7,602	427	5.1	6,024	381	17.9
Communication and physical	7,834	434	3.5	3,366	286	2.3	4,321	324	12.8
Communication and mental	651	127	0.3	404	100	0.3	82 [†]	45	0.2
Physical and mental	5,758	373	2.6	3,831	305	2.6	1,621	199	4.8

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Disability Domains —Con.									
With a disability in three domains	4,409	327	2.0	1,999	221	1.3	2,114	227	6.3
Domain(s) not identified	1,467	190	0.7	461	107	0.3	81 [‡]	45	0.2
No disability	176,102	1,307	79.2	124,681	1,324	83.7	16,096	612	47.7
Perceived Health Status (X)									
All disability statuses.	222,226	1,134	100.0	149,031	1,337	100.0	33,742	858	100.0
Excellent	66,985	1,127	30.1	43,884	958	29.4	2,824	263	8.4
Very good	70,304	1,146	31.6	51,309	1,021	34.4	7,120	414	21.1
Good	55,289	1,051	24.9	36,956	892	24.8	12,138	536	36.0
Fair	19,959	677	9.0	11,803	528	7.9	7,217	417	21.4
Poor	9,689	481	4.4	5,079	351	3.4	4,442	328	13.2
No disability	176,102	1,307	100.0	124,681	1,324	100.0	16,096	612	100.0
Excellent	63,652	1,107	36.1	42,373	945	34.0	2,321	238	14.4
Very good	64,257	1,111	36.5	48,026	994	38.5	5,359	360	33.3
Good	41,498	937	23.6	29,673	811	23.8	6,716	402	41.7
Fair	6,068	383	3.4	4,237	321	3.4	1,470	190	9.1
Poor	626	124	0.4	371	96	0.3	230	75	1.4
Disability, not severe	15,636	604	100.0	8,217	444	100.0	5,202	355	100.0
Excellent	2,012	222	12.9	861	145	10.5	266	81	5.1
Very good	3,507	292	22.4	1,884	215	22.9	915	150	17.6
Good	6,219	387	39.8	3,384	287	41.2	2,349	240	45.2
Fair	3,333	285	21.3	1,863	214	22.7	1,346	182	25.9
Poor	566	118	3.6	225	74	2.7	325	89	6.2
Severe disability	30,488	820	100.0	16,133	613	100.0	12,444	542	100.0
Excellent	1,322	180	4.3	651	127	4.0	237	76	1.9
Very good	2,539	249	8.3	1,398	185	8.7	846	144	6.8
Good	7,572	426	24.8	3,899	308	24.2	3,073	274	24.7
Fair	10,558	501	34.6	5,703	371	35.3	4,401	327	35.4
Poor	8,496	451	27.9	4,483	330	27.8	3,887	308	31.2

NA Not applicable. X Not part of the disability definition.

[‡]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_w11ow9_20050214.pdf>.

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