

Disability Profile for 10 Parishes in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area

Based on 2000 US Census long-form questionnaire, compiled by the Greater New Orleans Data Center: <http://www.gnocdc.org>

People reporting disabilities (2000)

		Parish										TOTAL
		Orleans	Jefferson	Plaquemines	St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	St. James	St. John the Baptist	Washington	
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years and over		440,111	421,484	23,899	62,158	44,174	175,083	91,887	19,466	39,121	39,053	1,356,436
With a disability	%	23.2%	21.0%	19.1%	23.4%	17.1%	17.6%	22.5%	19.5%	17.1%	28.2%	20.2%
	N	102,106	88,512	4,565	14,545	7,554	30,815	20,675	3,796	6,690	11,013	274,246
Without a disability	%	76.8%	79.0%	80.9%	76.6%	82.9%	82.4%	77.5%	80.5%	82.9%	71.8%	79.8%
	N	338,005	332,972	19,334	47,613	36,620	144,268	71,212	15,670	32,431	28,040	1,082,190

Disabilities by life stage

The data below is broken out into age categories because services for children with disabilities will be different than those for people of working age and, likewise, those past retirement age.

Multiple disabilities by age (2000)

		Parish										TOTAL
		Orleans	Jefferson	Plaquemines	St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	St. James	St. John the Baptist	Washington	
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 to 15 years		81,524	71,322	5,041	10,677	9,270	34,671	17,296	4,017	8,365	7,332	249,515
With only one type of disability	%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%	5.0%	3.9%	5.2%	6.5%	5.2%
	N	4,484	3,923	277	459	371	1,491	865	157	435	477	12,938
With two or more types of disabilities	%	2.1%	1.6%	3.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	1.5%	0.8%	1.5%	1.4%	1.6%
	N	1,712	1,141	151	75	83	347	259	32	125	103	4,029
With no disabilities	%	92.4%	92.9%	91.5%	95.0%	95.1%	94.7%	93.5%	95.3%	93.3%	92.1%	93.2%
	N	75,328	66,258	4,613	10,143	8,816	32,833	16,172	3,828	7,805	6,753	232,548
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 to 20 years		38,047	30,999	1,991	4,813	3,603	12,531	9,075	1,738	3,468	3,166	109,431
With only one type of disability	%	10.4%	9.4%	7.0%	9.0%	5.1%	9.4%	10.2%	8.5%	7.9%	9.3%	9.5%
	N	3,957	2,914	139	433	184	1,178	926	148	274	294	10,447
With two or more types of disabilities	%	5.4%	4.3%	5.5%	3.8%	3.7%	3.2%	4.8%	4.5%	2.7%	5.8%	4.6%
	N	2,055	1,333	110	183	133	401	436	78	94	184	5,005
With no disabilities	%	84.2%	86.3%	87.5%	87.2%	91.2%	87.4%	85.0%	87.0%	89.4%	84.9%	85.9%
	N	32,036	26,752	1,742	4,197	3,286	10,952	7,714	1,512	3,100	2,688	93,979
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 21 to 64 years		266,436	266,448	14,313	37,849	27,182	109,746	55,482	11,418	23,913	22,497	835,284
With only one type of disability	%	12.1%	11.0%	9.4%	12.5%	10.5%	10.4%	11.8%	8.9%	8.7%	13.3%	11.3%
	N	32,239	29,309	1,345	4,731	2,854	11,414	6,547	1,016	2,080	2,992	94,528
With two or more types of disabilities	%	11.5%	9.7%	9.5%	11.2%	7.3%	7.6%	11.9%	11.4%	8.9%	16.6%	10.3%
	N	30,640	25,845	1,360	4,239	198,428.6%	8,341	6,602	1,302	2,128	3,735	86,176
With no disabilities	%	76.4%	79.3%	81.1%	76.3%	82.2%	82.0%	76.4%	79.7%	82.4%	70.1%	78.4%
	N	203,557	211,293	11,608	28,879	22,344	89,992	42,388	9,100	19,704	15,770	654,635
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and over		54,104	52,714	2,554	8,819	4,119	18,135	10,034	2,293	3,375	6,058	162,205
With only one type of disability	%	21.9%	21.3%	19.9%	22.2%	25.5%	19.0%	21.4%	19.5%	22.2%	20.5%	21.3%
	N	11,849	11,228	508	1,958	1,050	3,446	2,147	447	749	1,242	34,624
With two or more types of disabilities	%	28.2%	23.9%	26.1%	27.5%	22.0%	22.7%	29.6%	27.3%	23.3%	32.6%	26.1%
	N	15,257	12,599	667	2,425	906	4,117	2,970	626	786	1,975	42,328
With no disabilities	%	49.9%	54.8%	54.0%	50.3%	52.5%	58.3%	49.0%	53.2%	54.5%	46.9%	52.6%
	N	26,998	28,887	1,379	4,436	2,162	10,573	4,917	1,220	1,839	2,841	85,253
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years and over		440,111	421,483	23,899	62,158	44,174	175,083	91,887	19,466	39,121	39,053	1,356,435
With only one type of disability	%	11.9%	11.2%	9.5%	12.2%	10.1%	10.0%	11.4%	9.1%	9.0%	12.8%	11.2%
	N	52,528	47,374	2,270	7,581	4,459	17,528	10,485	1,768	3,539	5,005	152,537
With two or more types of disabilities	%	11.3%	9.7%	9.6%	11.1%	7.0%	7.5%	11.2%	10.5%	8.0%	15.4%	10.1%
	N	49,664	40,918	2,287	6,922	3,107	13,205	10,267	2,038	3,134	5,996	137,538
With no disabilities	%	76.8%	79.1%	80.9%	76.7%	82.9%	82.4%	77.5%	80.4%	82.9%	71.8%	78.6%
	N	337,919	333,191	19,342	47,655	36,608	144,350	71,190	15,660	32,449	28,052	1,066,415

Types of disability by age (2000)

		Parish										TOTAL
		Orleans	Jefferson	Plaquemines	St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	St. James	St. John the Baptist	Washington	
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 to 15 years		81,524	71,322	5,041	10,677	9,270	34,671	17,296	4,017	8,365	7,332	249,515
Sensory disability	%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.5%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
	N	978	856	60	107	65	312	259	40	75	66	2,819
Physical disability	%	1.8%	1.2%	2.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%	0.8%	0.5%	1.3%	1.3%
	N	1,467	856	111	96	56	243	242	32	42	95	3,240
Mental disability	%	5.8%	5.5%	7.8%	3.4%	3.9%	4.4%	4.9%	3.5%	6.0%	6.6%	5.3%
	N	4,728	3,923	393	363	362	1,526	848	141	502	484	13,268
Self-care disability	%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.6%	1.2%	0.7%	1.2%
	N	1,304	927	81	75	56	208	190	24	100	51	3,017
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 to 64 years		304,483	297,447	16,304	42,662	30,785	122,277	64,557	13,156	27,381	25,663	944,715
Sensory disability	%	2.7%	2.5%	2.7%	3.3%	2.5%	2.3%	3.4%	2.4%	2.5%	5.3%	2.7%
	N	8,221	7,436	440	1,408	770	2,812	2,195	316	685	1,360	25,643
Physical disability	%	7.7%	6.8%	7.7%	9.2%	5.8%	6.7%	8.5%	6.4%	6.6%	12.8%	7.4%
	N	23,445	20,226	1,255	3,925	1,786	8,193	5,487	842	1,807	3,285	70,251
Mental disability	%	5.1%	4.0%	3.8%	4.6%	3.1%	3.5%	5.6%	3.5%	3.4%	8.2%	4.5%
	N	15,529	11,898	620	1,962	954	4,280	3,615	460	931	2,104	42,354
Self-care disability	%	2.5%	2.1%	2.1%	2.7%	1.2%	1.6%	2.9%	2.1%	2.0%	3.9%	2.3%
	N	7,612	6,246	342	1,152	369	1,956	1,872	276	548	1,001	21,375
Go-outside-home disability	%	8.6%	6.8%	6.4%	7.1%	5.0%	4.3%	7.3%	9.1%	6.2%	10.0%	7.1%
	N	26,186	20,226	1,043	3,029	1,539	5,258	4,713	1,197	1,698	2,566	67,455
Employment disability	%	13.6%	13.1%	10.9%	13.9%	10.2%	11.4%	14.3%	11.9%	9.7%	16.1%	13.0%
	N	41,410	38,966	1,777	5,930	3,140	13,940	9,232	1,566	2,656	4,132	122,747
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and over		54,104	52,714	2,554	8,819	4,119	18,135	10,034	2,293	3,375	6,058	162,205
Sensory disability	%	15.3%	15.2%	16.0%	16.0%	15.1%	15.1%	17.8%	14.9%	15.2%	17.5%	15.5%
	N	8,278	8,013	409	1,411	622	2,738	1,786	342	513	1,060	25,171
Physical disability	%	35.0%	31.3%	30.3%	35.4%	31.3%	30.9%	38.4%	30.6%	28.9%	40.3%	33.4%
	N	18,936	16,499	774	3,122	1,289	5,604	3,853	702	975	2,441	54,196
Mental disability	%	14.7%	11.1%	10.1%	12.3%	11.7%	10.2%	13.5%	14.9%	12.6%	16.5%	12.7%
	N	7,953	5,851	258	1,085	482	1,850	1,355	342	425	1,000	20,600
Self-care disability	%	26.6%	22.8%	25.1%	25.9%	21.5%	19.1%	25.5%	26.8%	20.0%	26.3%	24.1%
	N	14,392	12,019	641	2,284	886	3,464	2,559	615	675	1,593	39,126
Go-outside-home disability	%	14.9%	11.1%	12.6%	11.8%	10.5%	10.5%	15.1%	11.9%	14.9%	17.8%	12.9%
	N	8,061	5,851	322	1,041	432	1,904	1,515	273	503	1,078	20,981
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years and over		440,111	421,483	23,899	62,158	44,174	175,083	91,887	19,466	39,121	39,053	1,356,435
Sensory disability	%	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	2.4%	1.9%	1.8%	2.7%	1.8%	1.9%	3.7%	2.1%
	N	9,199	8,292	501	1,515	835	3,125	2,455	356	760	1,426	28,463
Physical disability	%	10.0%	8.9%	9.0%	11.5%	7.1%	8.0%	10.4%	8.1%	7.2%	14.9%	9.4%
	N	43,849	37,582	2,140	7,143	3,130	14,039	9,583	1,576	2,824	5,822	127,687
Mental disability	%	6.4%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	4.1%	4.4%	6.3%	4.8%	4.7%	9.2%	5.6%
	N	28,210	21,672	1,271	3,410	1,798	7,655	5,817	943	1,858	3,588	76,222
Self-care disability	%	5.3%	4.6%	4.5%	5.6%	3.2%	3.2%	5.0%	4.7%	3.4%	6.8%	4.7%
	N	23,308	19,192	1,064	3,511	1,311	5,628	4,621	915	1,323	2,645	63,519
Employment disability	%	9.4%	9.2%	7.4%	9.5%	7.1%	8.0%	10.0%	8.0%	6.8%	10.6%	9.0%
	N	41,410	38,966	1,777	5,930	3,140	13,940	9,232	1,566	2,656	4,132	122,747
Go-outside-home disability	%	7.8%	6.2%	5.7%	6.5%	4.5%	4.1%	6.8%	7.6%	5.6%	9.3%	6.5%
	N	34,247	26,078	1,365	4,070	1,972	7,162	6,228	1,470	2,200	3,645	88,436

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Note: Within each age group, the different types of disabilities will not equal 100% because a single person can have more than one type of disability, and many persons have no disabilities.

This information was taken from the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center webpage (<http://www.gnocdc.org/>) and has to do with the 10 parishes in the Greater New Orleans Area.

The 2000 United States Census included a long-form questionnaire of roughly 1/6 the noninstitutionalized population over the age of 5 years. As a result, the number of people with disabilities may be under estimates because of comparatively higher rates of institutionalization (e.g., extended care facilities). Six questions were included in the long-form questionnaire regarding disability:

Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions:

- a. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment?
- b. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying?

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:

- a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?
- b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home?
- c. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?
- d. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Working at a job or business?