

**Table 548. Persons With Work Disability by Selected Characteristics: 2008**

[In thousands, except percent (20,213 represents 20,213,000). 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 <sup>1</sup>	Male	Female	White alone <sup>2</sup>	Black alone <sup>3</sup>	Hispanic <sup>4</sup>
<b>Persons with work disability . . . . .</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>9,861</b>	<b>10,352</b>	<b>15,219</b>	<b>3,841</b>	<b>2,255</b>
16 to 24 years old. . . . .	1,562	757	805	1,073	380	230
25 to 34 years old. . . . .	2,176	1,083	1,094	1,509	536	290
35 to 44 years old. . . . .	3,522	1,764	1,758	2,621	698	472
45 to 54 years old. . . . .	5,711	2,679	3,032	4,289	1,100	597
55 to 64 years old. . . . .	7,242	3,578	3,664	5,727	1126	666
Percent work disabled of total population						
16 to 24 years old. . . . .	4.2	4.0	4.3	3.7	6.8	3.5
25 to 34 years old. . . . .	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.9	10.3	3.6
35 to 44 years old. . . . .	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.9	13.4	6.9
45 to 54 years old. . . . .	13.0	12.5	13.5	12.0	21.3	12.2
55 to 64 years old. . . . .	21.8	22.3	21.3	20.5	33.4	23.9
Percent of work disabled—						
Receiving social security income . . . . .	35.5	36.0	35.0	36.7	31.7	26.7
Receiving food stamps . . . . .	19.3	15.0	23.3	16.6	29.5	22.6
Covered by medicaid. . . . .	65.4	68.9	62.0	67.8	60.7	56.6
Residing in public housing . . . . .	5.9	4.7	7.1	4.4	11.1	7.5
Residing in subsidized housing . . . . .	3.4	2.3	4.4	2.7	6.1	4.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning with the 2003 Current Population Survey asked respondents 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 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. <sup>3</sup> Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category. <sup>4</sup> Hispanic persons may be of any race.