

TABLE 1-3. U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population, by disability status, type of disability, sex, and age: 2008

| Disability status, type, and age (years) | Both sexes  |                | Male        |                | Female      |                |
|--|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|  | Number      | % distribution | Number      | % distribution | Number      | % distribution |
| All ages                                 | 298,574,528 | 100.0          | 146,112,232 | 100.0          | 152,462,296 | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 262,502,726 | 87.9           | 128,998,525 | 88.3           | 133,504,201 | 87.6           |
| With disability                          | 36,071,802  | 12.1           | 17,113,707  | 11.7           | 18,958,095  | 12.4           |
| Younger than 5 years                     | 20,907,477  | 100.0          | 10,705,255  | 100.0          | 10,202,222  | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 20,751,711  | 99.3           | 10,614,362  | 99.2           | 10,137,349  | 99.4           |
| With disability                          | 155,766     | 0.7            | 90,893      | 0.8            | 64,873      | 0.6            |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 98,315      | 0.5            | 60,861      | 0.6            | 37,454      | 0.4            |
| Vision difficulty                        | 90,449      | 0.4            | 48,698      | 0.5            | 41,751      | 0.4            |
| 5-17 years                               | 52,878,578  | 100.0          | 27,051,926  | 100.0          | 25,826,652  | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 50,137,407  | 94.8           | 25,324,607  | 93.6           | 24,812,800  | 96.1           |
| With disability                          | 2,741,171   | 5.2            | 1,727,319   | 6.4            | 1,013,852   | 3.9            |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 355,659     | 0.7            | 195,924     | 0.7            | 159,735     | 0.6            |
| Vision difficulty                        | 415,595     | 0.8            | 215,520     | 0.8            | 200,075     | 0.8            |
| Cognitive difficulty                     | 2,068,781   | 3.9            | 1,382,831   | 5.1            | 685,950     | 2.7            |
| Ambulatory difficulty                    | 365,131     | 0.7            | 200,271     | 0.7            | 164,860     | 0.6            |
| Self-care difficulty                     | 450,978     | 0.9            | 277,379     | 1.0            | 173,599     | 0.7            |
| 18-34 years                              | 68,351,428  | 100.0          | 34,215,995  | 100.0          | 34,135,433  | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 64,497,290  | 94.4           | 32,144,416  | 93.9           | 32,352,874  | 94.8           |
| With disability                          | 3,854,138   | 5.6            | 2,071,579   | 6.1            | 1,782,559   | 5.2            |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 604,990     | 0.9            | 350,210     | 1.0            | 254,780     | 0.7            |
| Vision difficulty                        | 700,981     | 1.0            | 349,367     | 1.0            | 351,614     | 1.0            |
| Cognitive difficulty                     | 2,249,712   | 3.3            | 1,251,279   | 3.7            | 998,433     | 2.9            |
| Ambulatory difficulty                    | 1,028,479   | 1.5            | 519,292     | 1.5            | 509,187     | 1.5            |
| Self-care difficulty                     | 518,011     | 0.8            | 280,657     | 0.8            | 237,354     | 0.7            |
| Independent living difficulty            | 1,365,576   | 2.0            | 737,165     | 2.2            | 628,411     | 1.8            |
| 35-64 years                              | 119,227,805 | 100.0          | 58,178,226  | 100.0          | 61,049,579  | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 104,086,858 | 87.3           | 50,774,524  | 87.3           | 53,312,334  | 87.3           |
| With disability                          | 15,140,947  | 12.7           | 7,403,702   | 12.7           | 7,737,245   | 12.7           |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 3,448,858   | 2.9            | 2,217,613   | 3.8            | 1,231,245   | 2.0            |
| Vision difficulty                        | 2,726,405   | 2.3            | 1,318,008   | 2.3            | 1,408,397   | 2.3            |
| Cognitive difficulty                     | 5,445,523   | 4.6            | 2,641,779   | 4.5            | 2,803,744   | 4.6            |
| Ambulatory difficulty                    | 8,600,112   | 7.2            | 3,766,291   | 6.5            | 4,833,821   | 7.9            |
| Self-care difficulty                     | 2,814,540   | 2.4            | 1,299,100   | 2.2            | 1,515,440   | 2.5            |
| Independent living difficulty            | 5,165,578   | 4.3            | 2,280,738   | 3.9            | 2,884,840   | 4.7            |
| 65-74 years                              | 19,904,781  | 100.0          | 9,160,623   | 100.0          | 10,744,158  | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 14,626,928  | 73.5           | 6,676,719   | 72.9           | 7,950,209   | 74.0           |
| With disability                          | 5,277,853   | 26.5           | 2,483,904   | 27.1           | 2,793,949   | 26.0           |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 1,866,883   | 9.4            | 1,210,770   | 13.2           | 656,113     | 6.1            |
| Vision difficulty                        | 919,148     | 4.6            | 407,380     | 4.4            | 511,768     | 4.8            |
| Cognitive difficulty                     | 1,116,096   | 5.6            | 511,911     | 5.6            | 604,185     | 5.6            |
| Ambulatory difficulty                    | 3,324,465   | 16.7           | 1,311,122   | 14.3           | 2,013,343   | 18.7           |

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|  | Number     | % distribution | Number    | % distribution | Number     | % distribution |
| Self-care difficulty                     | 969,380    | 4.9            | 409,625   | 4.5            | 559,755    | 5.2            |
| Independent living difficulty            | 1,721,701  | 8.6            | 647,317   | 7.1            | 1,074,384  | 10.0           |
| 75 and older                             | 17,304,459 | 100.0          | 6,800,207 | 100.0          | 10,504,252 | 100.0          |
| Without disability                       | 8,402,532  | 48.6           | 3,463,897 | 50.9           | 4,938,635  | 47.0           |
| With disability                          | 8,901,927  | 51.4           | 3,336,310 | 49.1           | 5,565,617  | 53.0           |
| Hearing difficulty                       | 3,987,229  | 23.0           | 1,893,905 | 27.9           | 2,093,324  | 19.9           |
| Vision difficulty                        | 1,928,213  | 11.1           | 657,932   | 9.7            | 1,270,281  | 12.1           |
| Cognitive difficulty                     | 2,545,059  | 14.7           | 875,217   | 12.9           | 1,669,842  | 15.9           |
| Ambulatory difficulty                    | 5,871,262  | 33.9           | 1,908,338 | 28.1           | 3,962,924  | 37.7           |
| Self-care difficulty                     | 2,450,109  | 14.2           | 764,127   | 11.2           | 1,685,982  | 16.1           |
| Independent living difficulty            | 4,662,463  | 26.9           | 1,354,227 | 19.9           | 3,308,236  | 31.5           |

NOTES: In 2008 the American Community Survey (ACS) changed the way it asks about disability. Six types of disability—hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living difficulties—were asked about in the 2008 ACS. People 18 and older were classified by Census as having a disability if they responded yes to at least one of the six difficulties. Children younger than 5 were classified as having a disability if they had a hearing or vision difficulty. Children 5–17 were classified as having a disability if they had one of five difficulties—hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, or self-care difficulty. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. See source tables for confidence intervals for these estimates. Age categories drawn from published Census tables.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, tables B18101-B18107, <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>.