Disability Status of Adults in Institutional Group Quarters From the 2007 American Community Survey

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Issues

- Most survey estimates of disability prevalence include only the civilian noninstitutionalized population.
- This systematically excludes the population living in institutions which contain the population living in adult correctional facilities and nursing/skilled nursing facilities.
- Growing trends in deinstitutionalization no longer allow these populations to go unnoticed.

Methodology

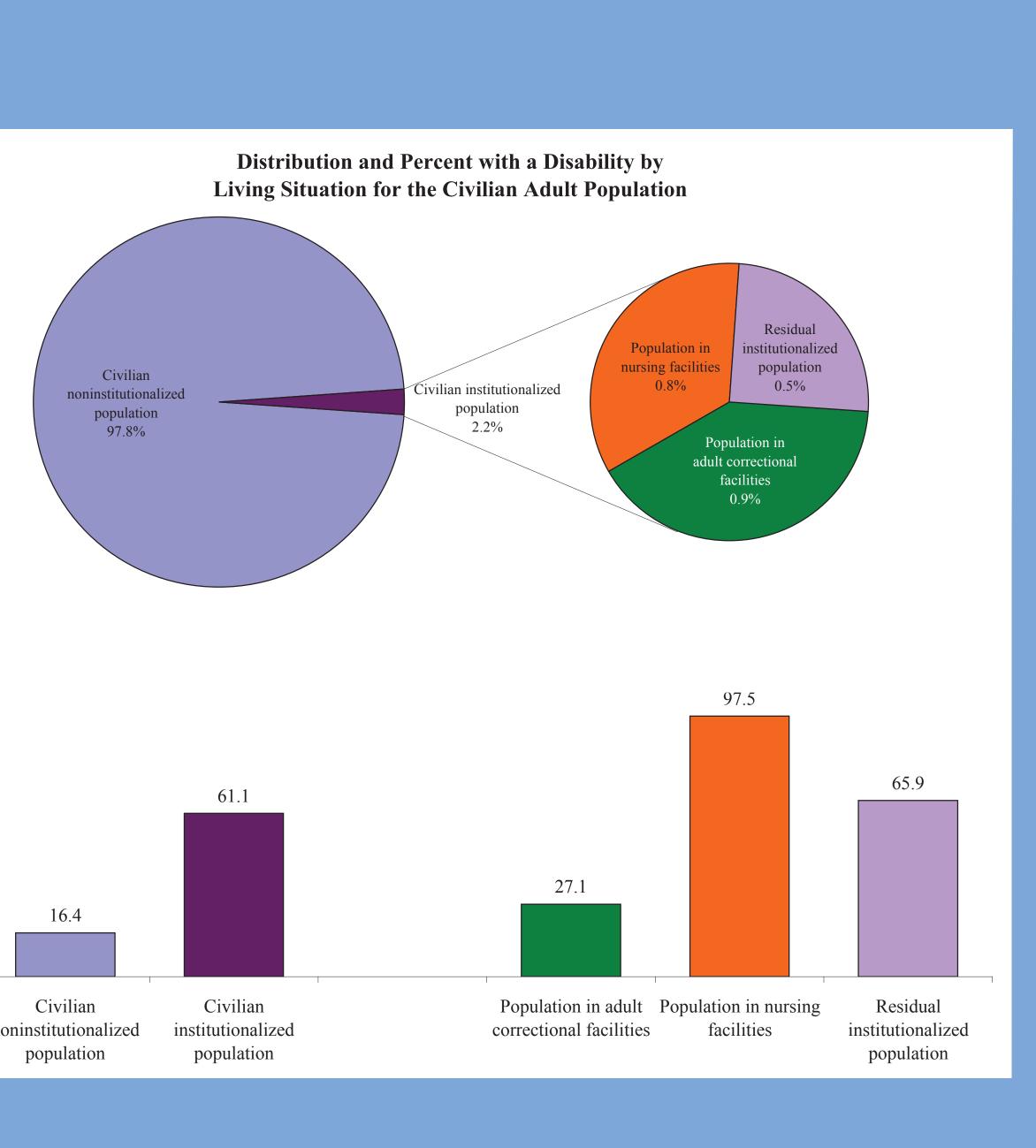
- Examine the disability status and types of disability of people living in institutional group quarters
- Examine the age structure of the populations
- Show how the addition (or subtraction) of this population affects estimates of disability prevalence

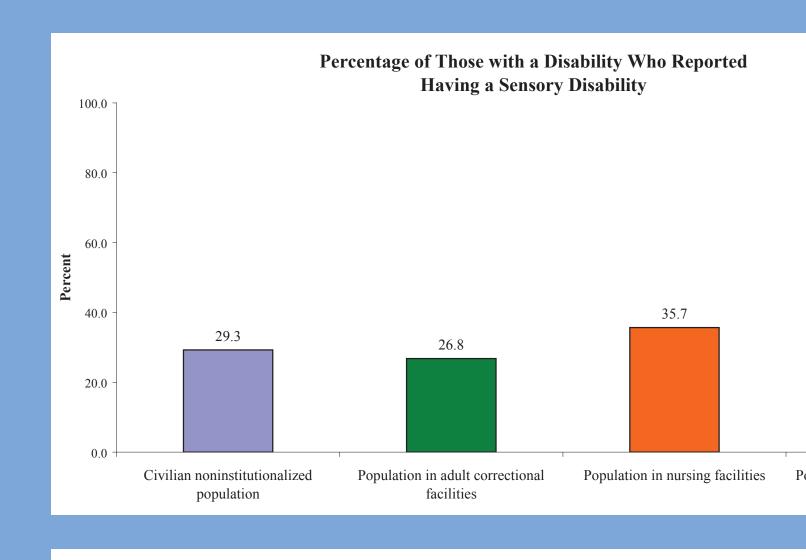
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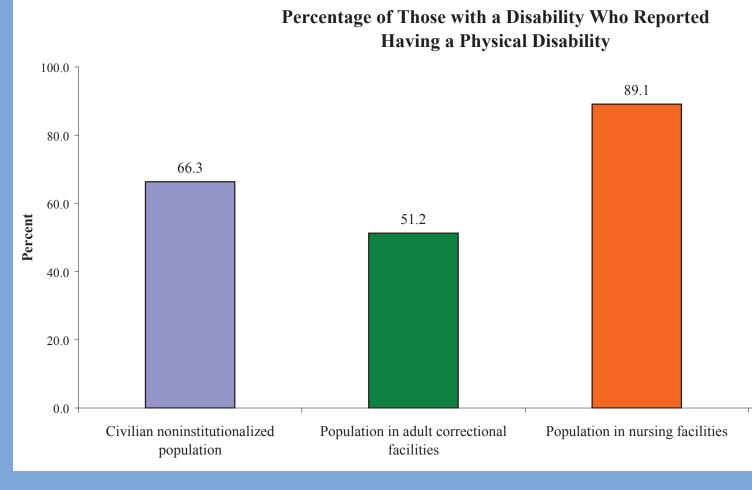
- 2007 American Community Survey
- Civilian population aged 16 years and older
 - Excludes armed forces population and population living in military quarters
- Categorized by living arrangement:
 - Civilian noninstitutionalized population (Production universe)
 - Institutionalized population
 - Population living in adult correctional facilities
 - Population living in nursing and skillednursing facilities
 - Residual institutionalized population (juvenile facilities and other healthrelated institutional group quarters)

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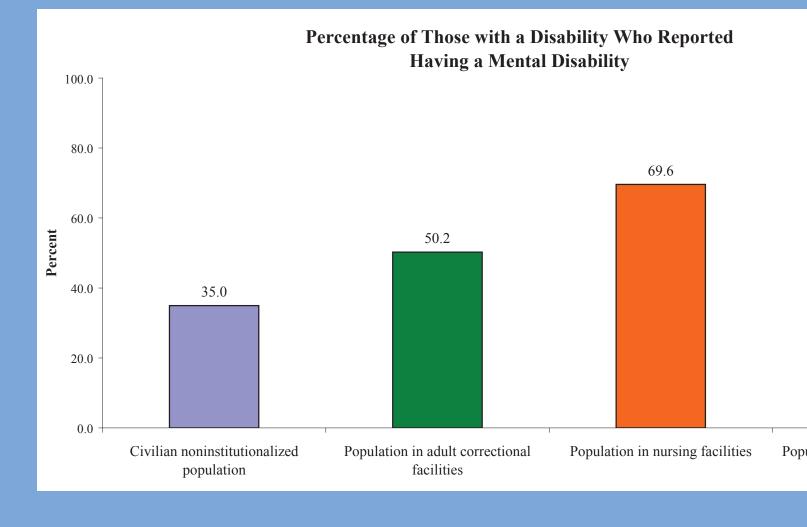
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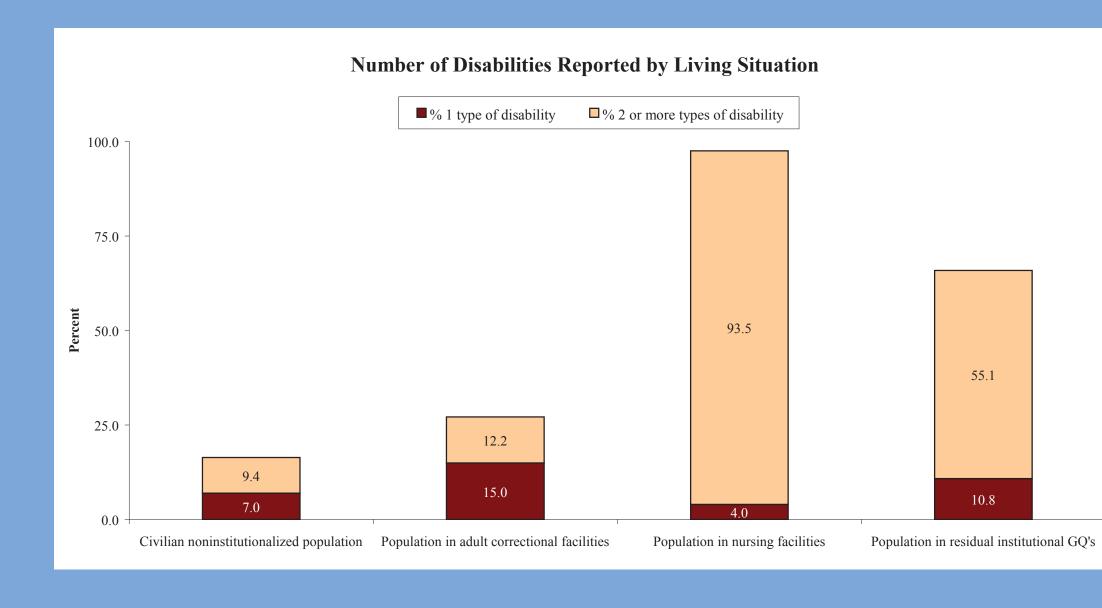


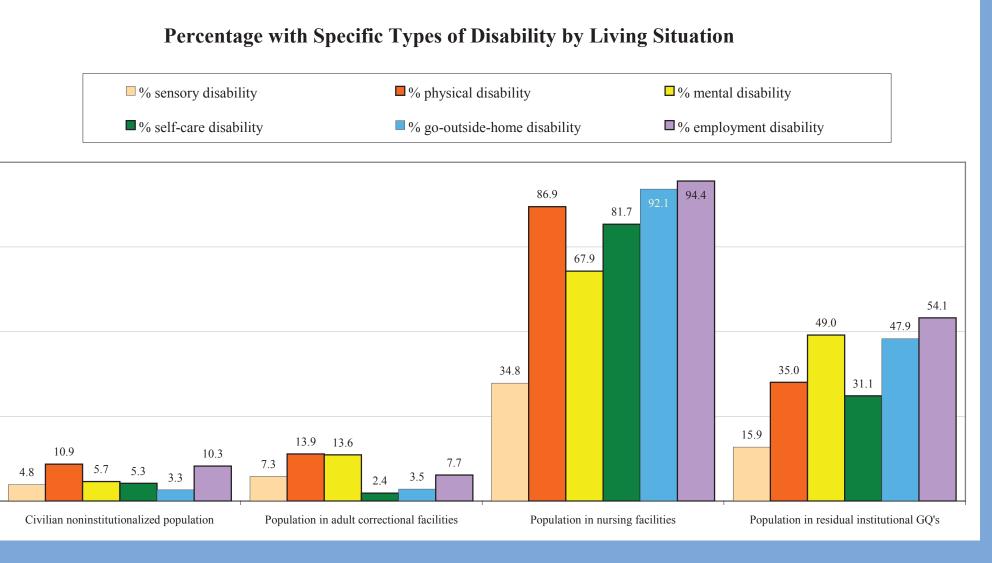


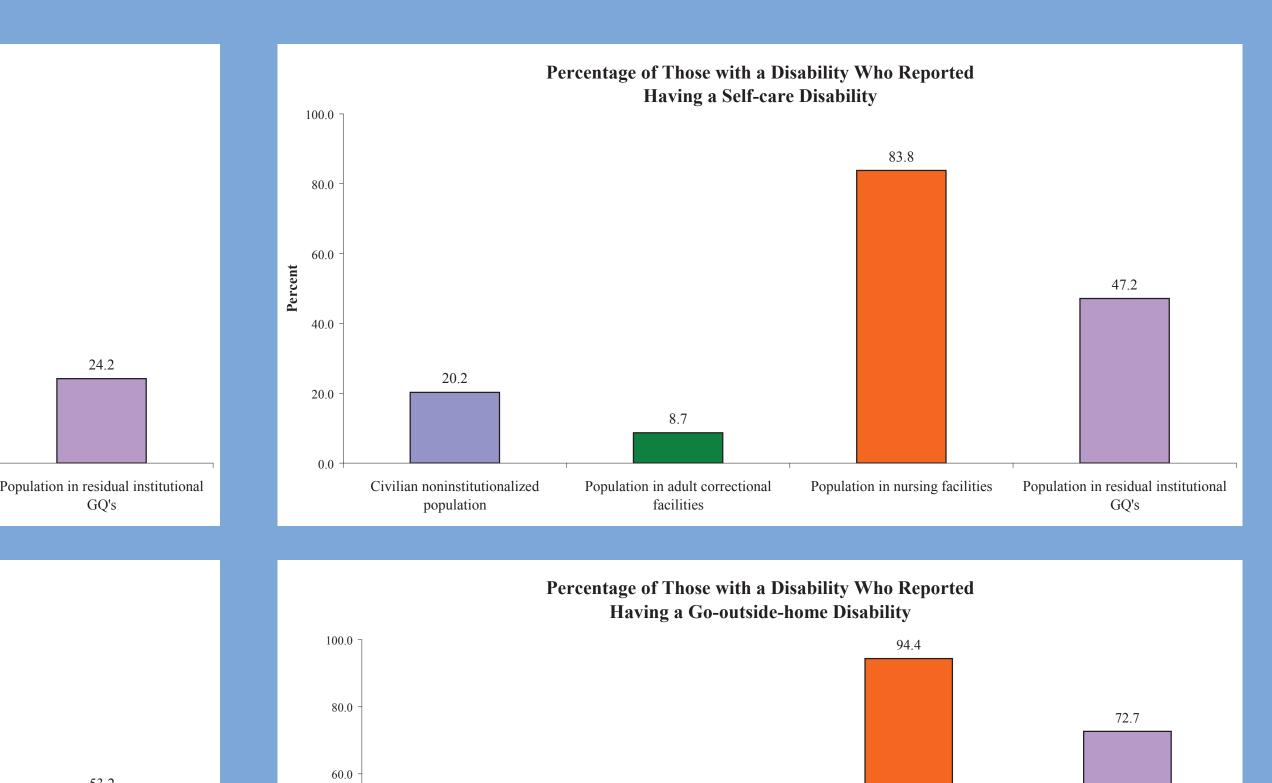


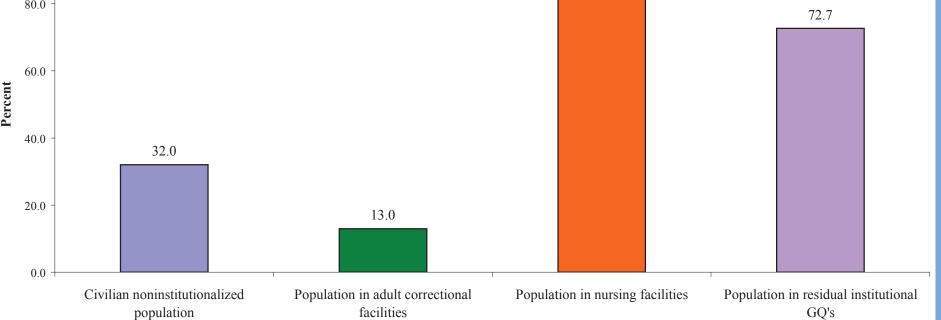
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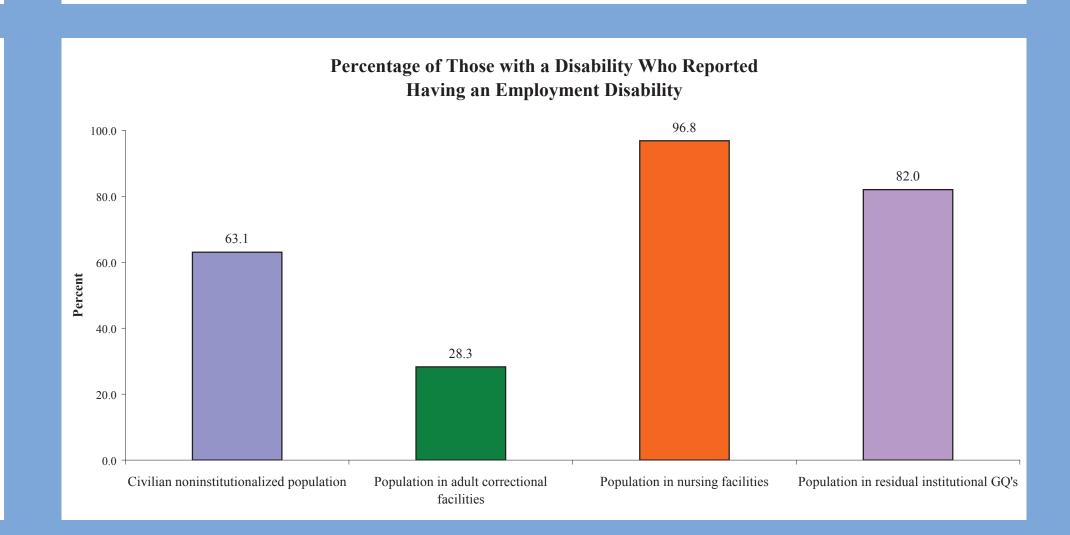


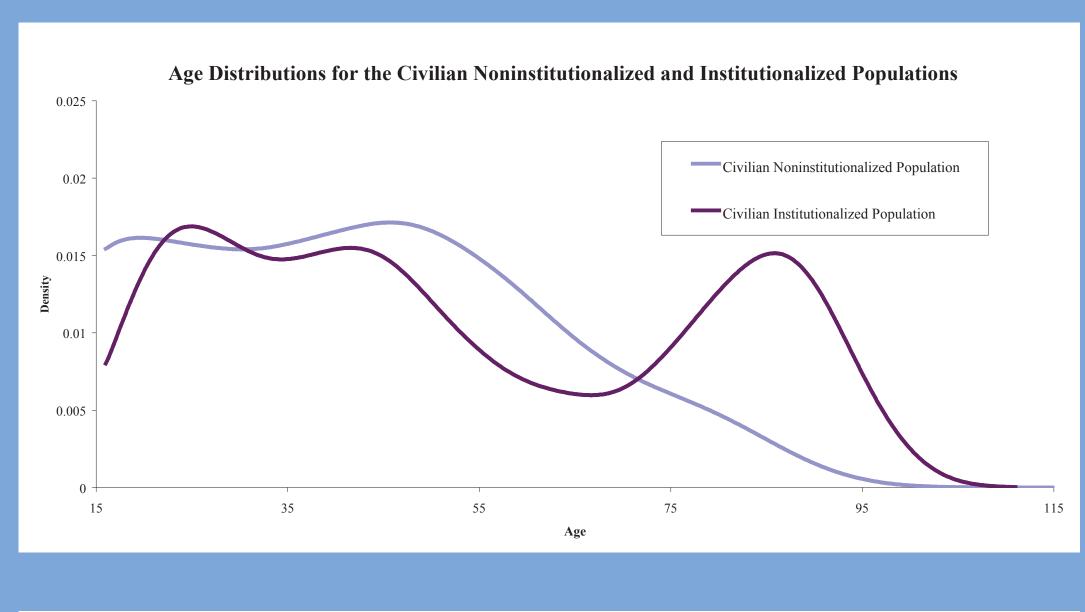


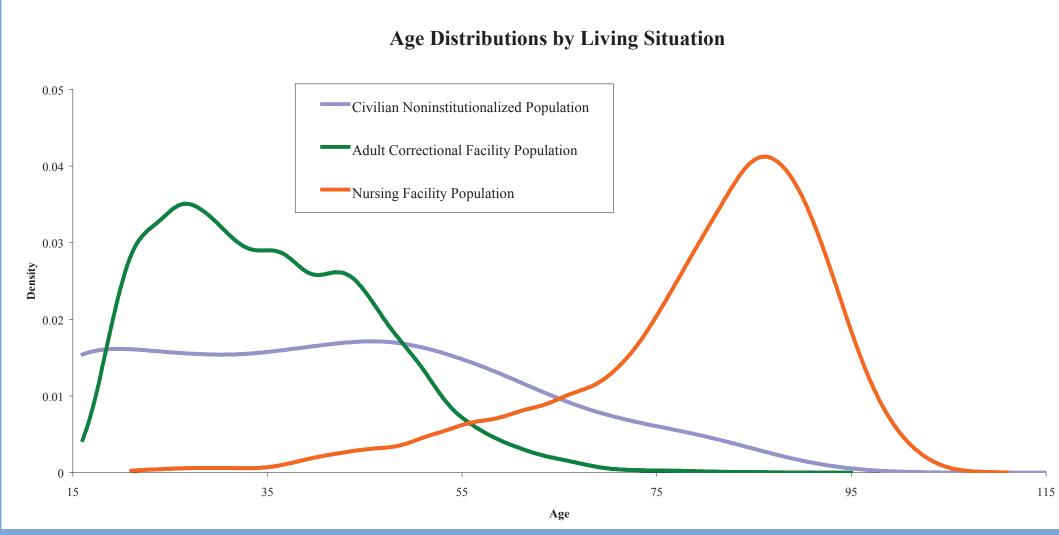


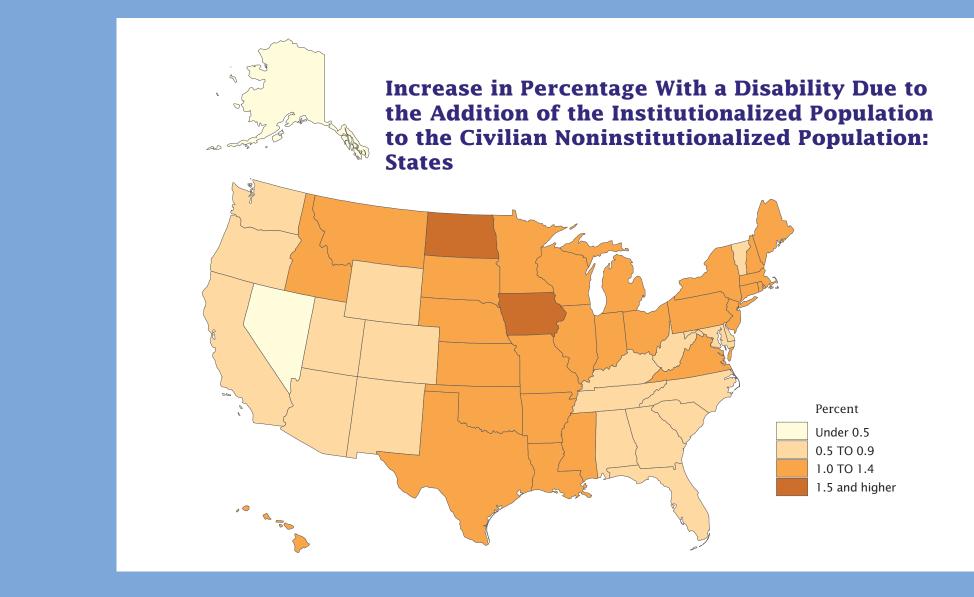


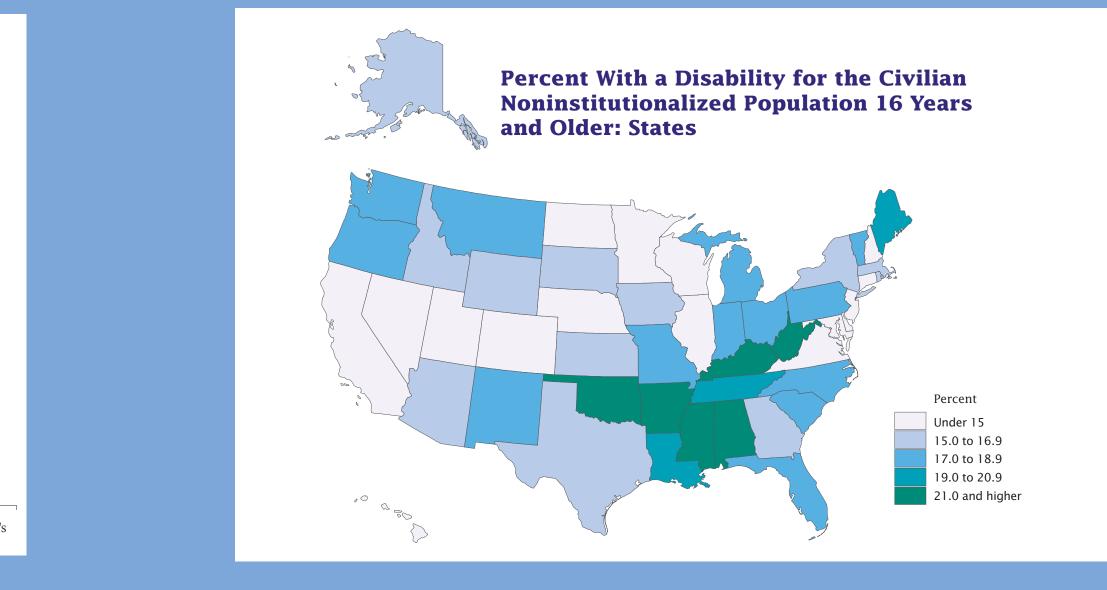














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Conclusions

- Adult Correctional Facility and Nursing Facility Populations have higher prevalence of disability compared with the noninstitutionalized population.
- The relative distribution of disability type for the Correctional Facility Population shows a higher proportion of mental disability compared with the noninstitutionalized population.
- Nursing home population has a high rate of multiple disability – consistent with the characteristics of the group quarters type.
- The inclusion of the institutionalized population raises the prevalence of disability for every state, DC, and Puerto Rico.

Improvements to the disability question items in the 2008 American Community Survey will make the disability data released in fall of 2009 not comparable to the prior ACS disability data. Despite this break in the series, the relationship of age and GQ type to disability status will remain and so the discussion generated by this presentation continue to be relevant.

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