

Table 1.

Prevalence of Disability for Selected Age Groups: 2005 and 2010

(Numbers in thousands)

Category	2005 ¹				2010				Difference	
	Number	Margin of error (±) ²	Percent	Margin of error (±) ²	Number	Margin of error (±) ²	Percent	Margin of error (±) ²	Number	Percent
All ages	291,099	****	100.0	(X)	303,858	****	100.0	(X)	**12,760	(X)
With a disability	54,425	894	18.7	0.3	56,672	905	18.7	0.3	*2,247	–
Severe disability	34,947	601	12.0	0.2	38,284	654	12.6	0.2	*3,337	*0.6
Aged 6 and older.	266,752	84	100.0	(X)	278,222	88	100.0	(X)	*11,469	(X)
Needed personal assistance . .	10,996	336	4.1	0.1	12,349	386	4.4	0.1	*1,353	*0.3
Aged 15 and older.	230,391	****	100.0	(X)	241,682	****	100.0	(X)	**11,291	(X)
With a disability	49,069	794	21.3	0.3	51,454	838	21.3	0.3	*2,385	–
Severe disability	32,771	567	14.2	0.2	35,683	631	14.8	0.3	*2,912	*0.5
Difficulty seeing	7,793	350	3.4	0.2	8,077	354	3.3	0.1	284	–
Severe	1,783	129	0.8	0.1	2,010	139	0.8	0.1	*228	0.1
Difficulty hearing	7,809	325	3.4	0.1	7,572	320	3.1	0.1	–237	*–0.3
Severe	993	103	0.4	–	1,096	122	0.5	0.1	103	–
Aged 21 to 64	170,349	185	100.0	(X)	177,295	193	100.0	(X)	*6,945	(X)
With a disability	28,141	622	16.5	0.4	29,479	705	16.6	0.4	*1,338	0.1
Employed	12,838	495	45.6	1.2	12,115	432	41.1	1.0	*–723	*–4.5
Severe disability	18,705	469	11.0	0.3	20,286	566	11.4	0.3	*1,581	*0.5
Employed	5,738	277	30.7	1.2	5,570	261	27.5	1.0	–167	*–3.2
Nonsevere disability	9,436	403	5.5	0.2	9,193	374	5.2	0.2	–243	*–0.4
Employed	7,100	356	75.2	1.6	6,544	311	71.2	1.6	*–556	*–4.1
No disability	142,208	636	83.5	0.4	147,816	733	83.4	0.4	*5,607	–0.1
Employed	118,707	678	83.5	0.3	116,881	862	79.1	0.4	*–1,826	*–4.4
Aged 65 and older	35,028	****	100.0	(X)	38,599	****	100.0	(X)	**3,571	(X)
With a disability	18,132	324	51.8	0.9	19,234	327	49.8	0.8	*1,102	*–1.9
Severe disability	12,942	273	36.9	0.8	14,138	276	36.6	0.7	*1,196	–0.3

(X) Not applicable.

– Represents or rounds to zero.

* Denotes a statistically significant difference at the 90 percent confidence level.

** Denotes a difference between two controlled estimates. By definition, this difference is statistically significant.

**** Indicates (in margin of error column) that the estimate is controlled to independent population estimates. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

¹ Estimates of disability prevalence for 2005 may differ from the estimates presented in "Americans With Disabilities: 2005, P70-117" due to changes in the survey weighting since the report's publication. Furthermore, the margins of error in the 2005 report were calculated using the generalized variance formula method. The estimates of variance shown here use the successive differences replication method.

² A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. The margins of error shown in this table are for the 90 percent confidence level. For more information about the source and accuracy of the estimates, including margins of error, standard errors, and confidence intervals, see the Source and Accuracy Statement at <[http://www.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A08_W1toW6\(S&A-13\).pdf](http://www.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A08_W1toW6(S&A-13).pdf)>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, June–September 2005 and May–August 2010.