

DC's DISABLED POPULATION 2014

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disability Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, commercial facilities, telecommunications, and state and local government services. This brief provides a demographic snapshot of the 70,824 people who reported having a disability in the District in 2014, about 11.7 percent of the total population. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau 2014 American Community Survey, 1-year and 5-year estimates.

TYPES OF DISABILITY (2014 ACS 1-YEAR ESTIMATES)

31.0%	AMBULATORY →	Having serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
22.1%	INDEPENDENT LIVING →	Physical, mental, or emotional problem, having difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping
21.3%	COGNITIVE →	Physical, mental, or emotional problem, having difficulty remembering, concentrating, or making decisions
13.6%	SELF-CARE →	Having difficulty bathing or dressing
11.9%	VISION →	Blind or having serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses
11.0%	HEARING →	Deaf or having serious difficulty hearing

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since a person can have more than one type of disability.

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\$25,847	The median earnings for those who reported having a disability.
12.3%	of women in the District have a disability.
19.1%	of Black or African Americans has a disability.
22.2%	of employed adults who are able to work reported a disability.
31.5%	of adults who have completed high school reported a disability.
34.5%	of those 18 to 34 years old with a disability living in poverty.
25.3%	of employed people with a disability worked in the educational services, and health care and social assistance industry.
96.5%	of those 18 year and over reported having a disability had health insurance.
41.3%	of worker 16 and over who reported having a disability used public transportation.



DISABILITY BY WARD (2010-2014 ACS 5-YEAR ESTIMATES)

Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
7.9% or 6,436 people disabled	5.0% or 3,772 people disabled	5.9% or 4,818 people disabled	10.4% or 8,462 people disabled
Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
14.6% or 11,574 people disabled	10.8% or 8,659 people disabled	18.5% or 12,349 people disabled	17.4% or 13,240 people disabled