

Health Promotion for People with Disabilities (HPPD) Task Force

Census 2000 Disability Data

Every ten years, the decennial census is administered. All households receive a short-form questionnaire and approximately one in six households receives the long-form questionnaire. The long-form questionnaire contains over 50 questions, two of which focus on the disability status of each member of the household (5 years of age and older). It is important to recognize that long-form data are sample data. There is a margin of error associated with each piece of data. Smaller geographic areas have larger margins of error. In general, long-form data are useful down to the county-level.

The questions related to disability on the decennial census long-form can be found in *Disability Status: 2000* (Waldrop and Stern, 2003) or at: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/pdf/d02p.pdf>. The questions are a bit vague and the specific nature of one's disability can not be determined. However, the data serves as a starting point for understanding the distribution of disability across the Commonwealth.

The following tables provide brief highlights of Virginia-specific Census 2000 disability data.

Table 1

Percent with Disabilities (5 years and older)		
	United States	Virginia
Total population with disability	19.3%	18.1%
Males with disability	19.6%	18.5%
Females with disability	19.1%	17.8%

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Source: Census 2000, SF3, QT-P21
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Table 2

Percent with One or More Disabilities by Age Group		
	United States	Virginia
5 to 15 year olds with one ore more disabilities (males and females)	5.8%	6.2%
16 to 20 year olds with one ore more disabilities (males and females)	13.3%	12.6%
21 to 64 year olds with one ore more disabilities (males and females)	19.2%	17.5%
65 to 74 year olds with one ore more disabilities (males and females)	32.3%	32.6%
75 years and older with one ore more disabilities (males and females)	53.6%	54.5%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, PCT69 October 27, 2003		

Table 3

Percent with Disability by Age Group		
	United States	Virginia
5 to 15 year olds with one or more disabilities	5.8%	6.2%
16 to 64 years with one or more disabilities	18.6%	17.0%
65 years and over with one or more disabilities	41.9%	42.1%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, QT-P21 October 27, 2003		

Table 4

Of 5 to 15 year olds with One or More Disabilities.....		
	United States	Virginia
Percent with a sensory disability	16.9%	13.1%
Percent with a physical disability	17.4%	14.4%
Percent with a mental disability	79.4%	83.3%
Percent with a self-care disability	16.0%	13.4%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, QT-P21 October 27, 2003		

Table 5

Of 16 to 64 year olds with One or More Disabilities.....		
	United States	Virginia
Percent with a sensory disability	12.4%	12.4%
Percent with a physical disability	33.6%	34.5%
Percent with a mental disability	20.4%	20.4%
Percent with a self-care disability	9.5%	9.1%
Percent with a "going outside the home" disability	34.4%	32.8%
Percent with an employment disability	64.2%	64.1%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, QT-P21 October 27, 2003		

Table 6

Employment based on Presence of Disability (21 to 64 year olds)		
	Geography	
	United States	Virginia
Employed without Disability (21 to 64 year olds)	77.2%	79.8%
Employed with Disability (21 to 64 years old)	56.6%	58.5%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, PCT70 October 27, 2003		

Table 7

Education by Disability (18 to 34 year olds)		
	United States	Virginia
Percent 18-34 with NO disability and less than a HS education (males and females)	13.5%	10.6%
Percent 18-34 with disabilities and less than a HS education (males and females)	26.1%	22.9%
Percent of females 18-34 with NO disability and less than a HS education	11.9%	8.8%
Percent of females 18 to 34 with a disability and less than a HS education	23.5%	20.1%
Percent of males age 18-34 with NO disability and less than a HS education	15.2%	12.6%
Percent of males 18 to 34 with disability and less than a HS education	28.4%	25.4%
VCU Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory Source: Census 2000, SF3, PCT77 October 27, 2003 NOTE: Individuals not currently enrolled in educational program.		

Table 8

	PERCENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS 5 AND OLDER WITH ONE OR MORE DISABILITIES
Accomack County	21.4%
Albemarle County	13.4%
Alleghany County	21.3%
Amelia County	24.3%
Amherst County	22.3%
Appomattox County	23.9%
Arlington County	15.5%
Augusta County	18.5%
Bath County	24.5%
Bedford County	18.6%
Bland County	28.9%
Botetourt County	18.2%
Brunswick County	28.0%
Buchanan County	35.9%
Buckingham County	24.9%
Campbell County	20.2%
Caroline County	21.9%
Carroll County	25.6%
Charles City County	25.3%
Charlotte County	25.0%
Chesterfield County	14.0%
Clarke County	17.8%
Craig County	21.3%
Culpeper County	17.7%
Cumberland County	28.4%
Dickenson County	34.9%
Dinwiddie County	24.2%
Essex County	22.4%
Fairfax County	12.3%
Fauquier County	14.0%
Floyd County	22.2%
Fluvanna County	16.7%
Franklin County	20.2%
Frederick County	17.1%

	PERCENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS 5 AND OLDER WITH ONE OR MORE DISABILITIES
Giles County	24.8%
Gloucester County	18.6%
Goochland County	15.4%
Grayson County	26.4%
Greene County	16.4%
Greensville County	26.4%
Halifax County	25.0%
Hanover County	14.4%
Henrico County	15.4%
Henry County	24.8%
Highland County	21.9%
Isle of Wight County	20.0%
James City County	16.2%
King and Queen County	24.6%
King George County	18.1%
King William County	16.8%
Lancaster County	21.6%
Lee County	32.7%
Loudoun County	10.4%
Louisa County	22.2%
Lunenburg County	27.8%
Madison County	21.9%
Mathews County	19.3%
Mecklenburg County	26.3%
Middlesex County	23.1%
Montgomery County	14.5%
Nelson County	24.6%
New Kent County	17.2%
Northampton County	25.8%
Northumberland County	23.7%
Nottoway County	22.0%
Orange County	24.1%
Page County	21.0%
Patrick County	25.7%
Pittsylvania County	23.3%
Powhatan County	14.1%

	PERCENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS 5 AND OLDER WITH ONE OR MORE DISABILITIES
Prince Edward County	21.1%
Prince George County	18.1%
Prince William County	12.7%
Pulaski County	23.6%
Rappahannock County	17.8%
Richmond County	22.4%
Roanoke County	16.8%
Rockbridge County	22.4%
Rockingham County	18.3%
Russell County	31.5%
Scott County	29.1%
Shenandoah County	17.9%
Smyth County	24.9%
Southampton County	23.3%
Spotsylvania County	16.3%
Stafford County	12.6%
Surry County	24.5%
Sussex County	22.8%
Tazewell County	29.8%
Warren County	19.5%
Washington County	23.2%
Westmoreland County	24.2%
Wise County	28.7%
Wythe County	24.0%
York County	13.3%
Alexandria city	15.0%
Bedford city	30.8%
Bristol city	25.8%
Buena Vista city	23.6%
Charlottesville city	13.7%
Chesapeake city	18.4%
Clifton Forge city	27.5%
Colonial Heights city	20.9%
Covington city	28.0%
Danville city	25.8%
Emporia city	27.3%

	PERCENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS 5 AND OLDER WITH ONE OR MORE DISABILITIES
Fairfax city	15.0%
Falls Church city	12.1%
Franklin city	22.6%
Fredericksburg city	19.7%
Galax city	28.3%
Hampton city	19.5%
Harrisonburg city	13.5%
Hopewell city	25.5%
Lexington city	13.9%
Lynchburg city	22.8%
Manassas city	14.2%
Manassas Park city	16.1%
Martinsville city	26.1%
Newport News city	19.1%
Norfolk city	23.2%
Norton city	34.5%
Petersburg city	28.2%
Poquoson city	14.6%
Portsmouth city	25.3%
Radford city	16.0%
Richmond city	24.3%
Roanoke city	25.5%
Salem city	19.0%
Staunton city	20.8%
Suffolk city	23.1%
Virginia Beach city	15.8%
Waynesboro city	25.6%
Williamsburg city	14.5%
Winchester city	20.8%
Virginia	18.1%
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