



Disability and Aging

(See also [Assistive Technology](#) and [Long Term Care in the States](#))

Trend data on disability and age suggests that on the average, persons of a given age are healthier and have few disabling conditions than others of the same age ten years before. However, since disabilities increase with age and our population is living longer, the number of individuals with activity, work or functional limitations is increasing. In recent years the service networks for adults with disabilities and older adults at the state and local levels have grown closer together – about half of the states now have adult disability and aging programs in the same organizational unit. At the national level there is more fragmentation with limited coordination between disability and aging programs that are scattered among a number of agencies and departments. The Internet sites below link to information and data on the prevalence of disabilities in the United States, government agencies with programs serving the disabled, advocacy organizations, and research articles.

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Government Agencies and Programs

Disability.gov

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/>

Disability Programs

Social Security Administration

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/>

Disabilities – Medline Plus

(National Library of Medicine)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/disabilitiesgeneral.html>

Disabilities Evaluation under Social Security

Medical Criteria for Evaluating Social Security Claims (Social Security Administration)

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>

Guide to Disability Rights Laws
(U.S. Department of Justice)
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/cguide.htm>

**Executive Order: Community-based Alternatives for
Individuals with Disabilities**
(White House)
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/06/20010619.html>

New Freedom Initiative
Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.hhs.gov/newfreedom/>

**Delivering On The Promise - Report Of Federal Agencies' Actions To Eliminate
Barriers And Promote Community Integration**
(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2002pres/20020325.html>

Administration on Developmental Disabilities
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/>

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
<http://www.access-board.gov/>

Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities
(The Access Board)
<http://www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Disability and Health
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dh/>

**Department of Education - National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation
Research:**
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/NIDRR/>

Department of Labor
Office of Disability Employment Policy
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

National Council on Disability
<http://www.ncd.gov/>

Disabilities Issues
(Federal Communications Commission)
<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/>

People with Disabilities

(U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

<http://www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm>

Disability, Aging, and Long-Term Care Policy

(Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS)

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/home.htm>

Americans with Disabilities Act

Department of Justice ADA Page

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Titles I and V

(U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)

<http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/ada.html>

ADA Guide for Small Towns

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/smtown.htm>

Statistics

Adults Age 65 and Over Who Need the Help of Other Persons with Personal Care Needs: United States, January-February 2002

(National Center for Health Statistics, CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/figures12.1-12.3>

Access to Disability Data: An Info Use Project

(National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research)

<http://www.infouse.com/disabilitydata/>

Census Information on Disabilities

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability.html>

Disabilities Statistics Center

(University of California, San Francisco)

<http://dsc.ucsf.edu/UCSF/>

Disabilities/Impairments

(National Center for Health Statistics, CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/disable.htm>

National Health Interview Survey on Disability

(National Center for Health Statistics, CDC)

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis_dis/nhis_dis.htm

Midlife and Older Americans with Disabilities: Who Gets Help? – A Chart book

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/il/d16883_midlife.html

http://research.aarp.org/il/d16883_midlife.pdf (full version)

Chartbook on Women and Disability in the United States

(National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research)

<http://www.infouse.com/disabilitydata/womendisability.html>

Chartbook on Work and Disability in the United States, 1998

(National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research)

<http://www.infouse.com/disabilitydata/workdisability.html>

U.S. Disability Population by Degree and Type of Limitation (chart in Disability Watch - The Status of People with Disabilities in the United States)

(Disability Statistics Center)

http://128.218.183.95/UCSF/pic.taf?_function=search&url=BOO1G3.1

Disability Rate by Age and Gender (chart in Disability Watch - The Status of People with Disabilities in the United States)

(Disability Statistics Center)

http://128.218.183.95/UCSF/pic.taf?_function=search&url=BOO1G3.2

Prevalence of Disability by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1997

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disable/sipp/disab97/ds97t1.html>

Population Estimates of Disability and Long Term Care

(Office of Disability, Aging and Long Term Care, DHHS)

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/rn/rn11.htm>

Prevalence of Mobility and Self-Care Disability -- United States, 1990

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

<http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00021988.htm>

Prevalence of Need for Assistance in IADL or ADL Due to Chronic Conditions, by Main Condition Causing Limitation, Age, and Gender: United States Civilian

Non-Institutionalized Population, Ages 5 and Over, 1992

(Disability Statistics Center)

http://128.218.183.95/UCSF/tab.taf?_function=search&url=REP7T8a

Prevalence of Need for Assistance in IADL or ADL Due to Chronic Conditions, by All Conditions Causing Limitation, Age, and Gender: United States Civilian

Non-Institutionalized Population, Ages 5 and Over, 1992

(Disability Statistics Center)

http://128.218.183.95/UCSF/tab.taf?_function=search&url=REP7T8b

Advocacy Organizations

American Association of Persons with Disabilities

<http://www.aapd-dc.org/>

Arc of the United States

<http://thearc.org/>

Brazelton Center for Mental Health Law – Disabilities

<http://www.bazelon.org/ada.html>

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

<http://www.c-c-d.org/>

Disability Caucus

(National Communication Association)

<http://www.towson.edu/~bhalle/ncadis.html>

Institute for Independent Living

<http://www.independentliving.org/>

Long Term Care: Persons with Disabilities

(Citizens for Long Term Care)

http://www.citizensforltc.org/issues_disabilities.htm

National Association for Rights and Protection

<http://www.narpa.org/>

National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research

<http://www.ncddr.org/>

National Organization on Disabilities

<http://www.nod.org/>

Paralyzed Veterans of America

<http://www.pva.org/>

Services for the Underserved

<http://www.susnyc.org/main.html>

Technical Assistance Collaborative

<http://www.tacinc.org/>

World Association of Persons with Disability

<http://www.wapd.org/>

Research Centers

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

<http://www.aucd.org/>

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging With a Disability

(Universities of Southern California and Irvine)

<http://www.agingwithdisability.org/>

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities

(University of Illinois at Chicago)

<http://www.uic.edu/orgs/rrtcamr/>

Web Sites for the Disabled

Disability Resources on the Internet

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/>

Able Project

<http://www.ableproject.org/ableproject/>

Able TV Net

<http://www.abletv.net/>

Disability Direct

<http://www.disabilitydirect.gov/>

Disabilities – Medline Plus

<http://search.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/query?DISAMBIGUATION=true&FUNCTION=search&SERVER2=server2&SERVER1=server1&PARAMETER=disabilities&x=25&y=2>

Disabilities on Line

<http://www.disabilityonline.com/>

HalfthePlanet.com

<http://www.halftheplanet.com/>

Articles, Papers and Presentations

Recent Trends in Disability and Functioning Among Older Adults in the United States: A Systematic Review

December, 2002)

(Journal of the American Medical Association)

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/288/24/3137>

The Americans with Disabilities Act Policy Brief Series:

Righting the ADA: No. 7 - The Impact of the Supreme Court's ADA Decisions on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities

(National Disabilities Council)

<http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/decisionsimpact.html>

Meeting the Challenges of Aging with a Disability

(Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center)

http://codi.buffalo.edu/graph_based/aging/.conf/

Determining Comparable Levels of Functional Disability

(AARP Public Policy Institute)

http://research.aarp.org/health/ib32_disability.html

Surveillance for Sensory Impairment, Activity Limitation, and Health-Related Quality of Life among Older Adults -- United States, 1993-1997

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss4808a6.htm>

International Evidence on Disability Trends among the Elderly

(Office of Disability, Aging and Long Term Care, DHHS)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/daltcp/reports/trends.htm>

Long-Term Declines in Disability Among Older Men: Medical Care, Public Health, and Occupational Change

(National Bureau of Economic Research)

<http://papers.nber.org/papers/W7605>

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