

## Massachusetts and U.S. Disability Facts & Statistics: 2018

- In 2017, there were 6,785,622 individuals living in the community in Massachusetts, of which 803,977 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 11.8%.
- In 2017, there were 320,775,014 individuals living in the community in the U.S., of which 40,678,654 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 12.7%.
- In 2017, 26% of individuals with disabilities living in the community in the US were below the poverty line, in Massachusetts this rate in 2017 was 25.5%, compared to 11.1% of individuals without disabilities in the US, and 8.2% in Massachusetts.

### Massachusetts Residents by Disability Category (ages 18-64 living in the community)

| Disability Category           | # of MA Residents | % of MA Residents | % of Disabled in MA |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cognitive Disability          | 318,805           | 4.7%              | 39.5%               |
| Ambulatory Disability         | 377,597           | 5.6%              | 46.9%               |
| Independent Living Disability | 296,580           | 4.4%              | 36.9%               |
| Self-Care Disability          | 159,266           | 2.3%              | 19.8%               |
| Hearing Disability            | 228,804           | 3.4%              | 28.4%               |
| Vision Disability             | 125,477           | 1.8%              | 15.6%               |

### Change in the Number of People with Disabilities in MA (individuals living in the community)

| 2016    | 2017    | 2016 to 2017 % Change           |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 786,595 | 803,977 | +2.2% (17,382 more individuals) |

### MA & U.S. Employment For Individuals With Disabilities (age 18-64, living in the community)

| 2017 | # With Disability | # With Disability & Employed | % With Disability Who are Employed |
|------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MA   | 396,597           | 149,633                      | 37.7% (-0.9% from 2016)            |
| U.S. | 20,444,249        | 7,572,805                    | 37.0% (+1.1% from 2016)            |

### MA & U.S. Employment For Individuals Without Disabilities (age 18-64, living in the community)

| 2017 | # Without Disability | # Without Disability & Employed | % Without Disability Who are Employed |
|------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MA   | 3,950,382            | 3,167,434                       | 80.2% (+0.2% from 2016)               |
| U.S. | 177,320,890          | 136,960,269                     | 77.2% (+0.5% from 2016)               |

- Employment rates for individuals with disabilities lag far behind those for individuals without disabilities.

The information above is taken from the 2018 Disability Statistics Compendium, developed by the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics at the University of New Hampshire.

The annual Disability Statistics Compendium uses data from the most recent American Community Survey (U.S. census Bureau). Access the Disability Compendium here: <http://disabilitycompendium.org/>