

Massachusetts and U.S. Disability Facts & Statistics: 2015

- In 2014, there were 6,668,348 individuals living in the community in Massachusetts, of which 773,146 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 11.6%.
- In 2014, there were 313,890,422 individuals living in the community in the U.S., of which 39,674,679 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 12.6%.
- The prevalence of individuals with disabilities ages 18-64 living in the community in Massachusetts is 9.3% (399,206 state residents out of a total of 4,303,921 residents ages of 18-64), and 10.5% nationally.

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	193,931	4.5%	48.6%
Ambulatory Disability	177,085	4.1%	44.4%
Independent Living Disability	143,963	3.3%	36.1%
Hearing Disability	78,778	1.8%	19.7%
Self-Care Disability	73,852	1.7%	18.4%
Vision Disability	66,636	1.5%	16.7%

Change in the Number of People with Disabilities in MA (ages 18-64 living in the community)

2013	2014	2013 to 2014 % Change
782,204	773,146	-1.2% (9,058 less individuals)

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

	# With Disability	# With Disability & Employed	% With Disability Who are Employed
MA	399,206	141,899	35.5%
U.S.	20,460,136	7,030,317	34.4%

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

	# Without Disability	# Without Disability & Employed	% Without Disability Who are Employed
MA	3,904,715	3,086,555	79.0%
U.S.	175,077,077	131,940,323	75.4%

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

The information above is taken from the 2015 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/>