

Massachusetts and U.S. Disability Facts & Statistics: 2016

- In 2015, there were 6,718,090 individuals living in the community in Massachusetts, of which 785,118 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 11.7%.
- In 2015, there were 316,450,569 individuals living in the community in the U.S., of which 39,906,328 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 9.1% (393,251 state residents out of a total of 4,328,437 residents ages of 18-64), and 10.4% 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	191,579	4.4%	48.7%
Ambulatory Disability	177,389	4.1%	45.1%
Independent Living Disability	148,689	3.4%	37.8%
Self-Care Disability	69,086	1.6%	17.6%
Hearing Disability	68,467	1.6%	17.4%
Vision Disability	62,365	1.4%	15.9%

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

2014	2015	2014 to 2015 % Change
773,146	785,118	+1.5% (11,972 more individuals)

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

2015	# With Disability	# With Disability & Employed	% With Disability Who are Employed
MA	393,251	137,895	35.1% (-0.4% from 2014)
U.S.	20,411,546	7,117,518	34.9% (+0.5% from 2014)

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

2015	# Without Disability	# Without Disability & Employed	% Without Disability Who are Employed
MA	3,935,186	3,127,728	79.5% (+0.5% from 2014)
U.S.	176,110,070	133,913,764	76.0% (+0.6% from 2014)

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

The information above is taken from the 2016 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/>