

## Massachusetts and U.S. Disability Facts & Statistics: 2020

- In 2019, there were 6,821,140 individuals living in the community in Massachusetts, of which 787,330 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 11.5%.
- In 2019, there were 328,239,523 individuals living in the community in the U.S., of which 41,156,238 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 12.5%.
- In 2019, 25.9% of individuals with disabilities living in the community in the US were below the poverty line, in Massachusetts this rate in 2019 was 27.8%, compared to 11.4% of individuals without disabilities in the US, and 10.5% 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	191,299	4.4%	51.1%
Ambulatory Disability	148,422	3.4%	39.6%
Independent Living Disability	139,311	3.2%	37.2%
Self-Care Disability	64,248	1.5%	17.2%
Hearing Disability	56,221	1.3%	15.0%
Vision Disability	51,025	1.2%	13.6%

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

2018	2019	2018 to 2019 % Change
791,132	787,330	-0.5% (3,802 fewer individuals)

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

2019	# With Disability	# With Disability & Employed	% With Disability Who are Employed
MA	374,563	155,391	41.4% (+3.2% from 2018)
U.S.	20,323,589	7,896,135	38.8% (+1.2% from 2018)

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

2019	# Without Disability	# Without Disability & Employed	% Without Disability Who are Employed
MA	3,962,941	3,241,447	81.7% (+1.6% from 2018)
U.S.	177,316,108	139,393,681	78.6% (+0.8% from 2018)

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

The information above is taken from the 2020 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>