

Massachusetts and U.S. Disability Facts & Statistics: 2017

- In 2016, there were 6,736,017 individuals living in the community in Massachusetts, of which 786,595 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 11.7%.
- In 2016, there were 318,175,867 individuals living in the community in the U.S., of which 40,747,411 were persons with disabilities; a prevalence rate of 12.8%.
- The prevalence of individuals with disabilities ages 18-64 living in the community in Massachusetts is 9.0% (390,729 state residents out of a total of 4,324,702 residents ages of 18-64), and 11.8% 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	197,476	4.6%	50.5%
Ambulatory Disability	165,836	3.9%	42.4%
Independent Living Disability	145,714	3.4%	37.3%
Self-Care Disability	65,131	1.5%	17.0%
Hearing Disability	70,831	1.6%	18.1%
Vision Disability	64,211	1.5%	16.4%

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

2015	2016	2015 to 2016 % Change
785,118	786,595	+0.2% (1,477 more individuals)

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

2016	# With Disability	# With Disability & Employed	% With Disability Who are Employed
MA	390,729	150,647	38.6% (+3.5% from 2015)
U.S.	20,761,092	7,461,001	35.9% (+1.0% from 2015)

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

2016	# Without Disability	# Without Disability & Employed	% Without Disability Who are Employed
MA	3,933,973	3,148,274	80.0% (+0.5% from 2015)
U.S.	176,005,194	135,089,199	76.8% (+0.8% from 2015)

- 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/>