

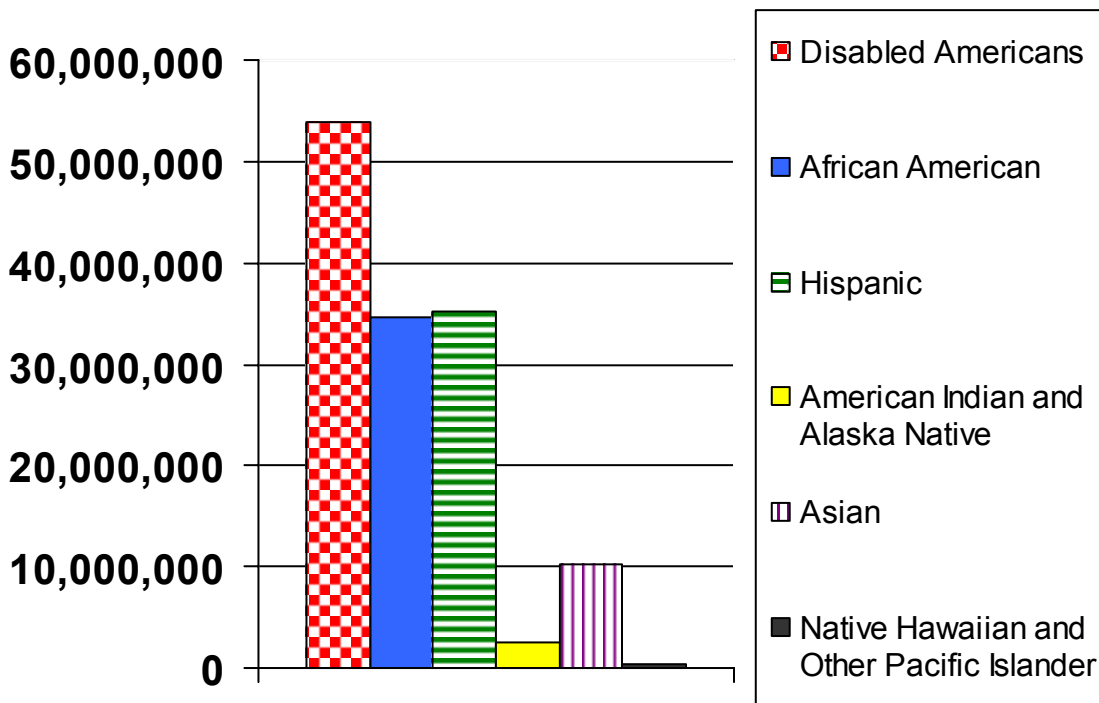
DISABILITY IN AMERICA STUDY GUIDE

LEARN THE FACTS

Directions -

Read the information about people with disabilities in the United States. This data is from the 2000 United States Census, and the 2004 National Organization on Disability / Harris Survey. Use the graphs and charts to answer questions on the Disability Facts Worksheet.

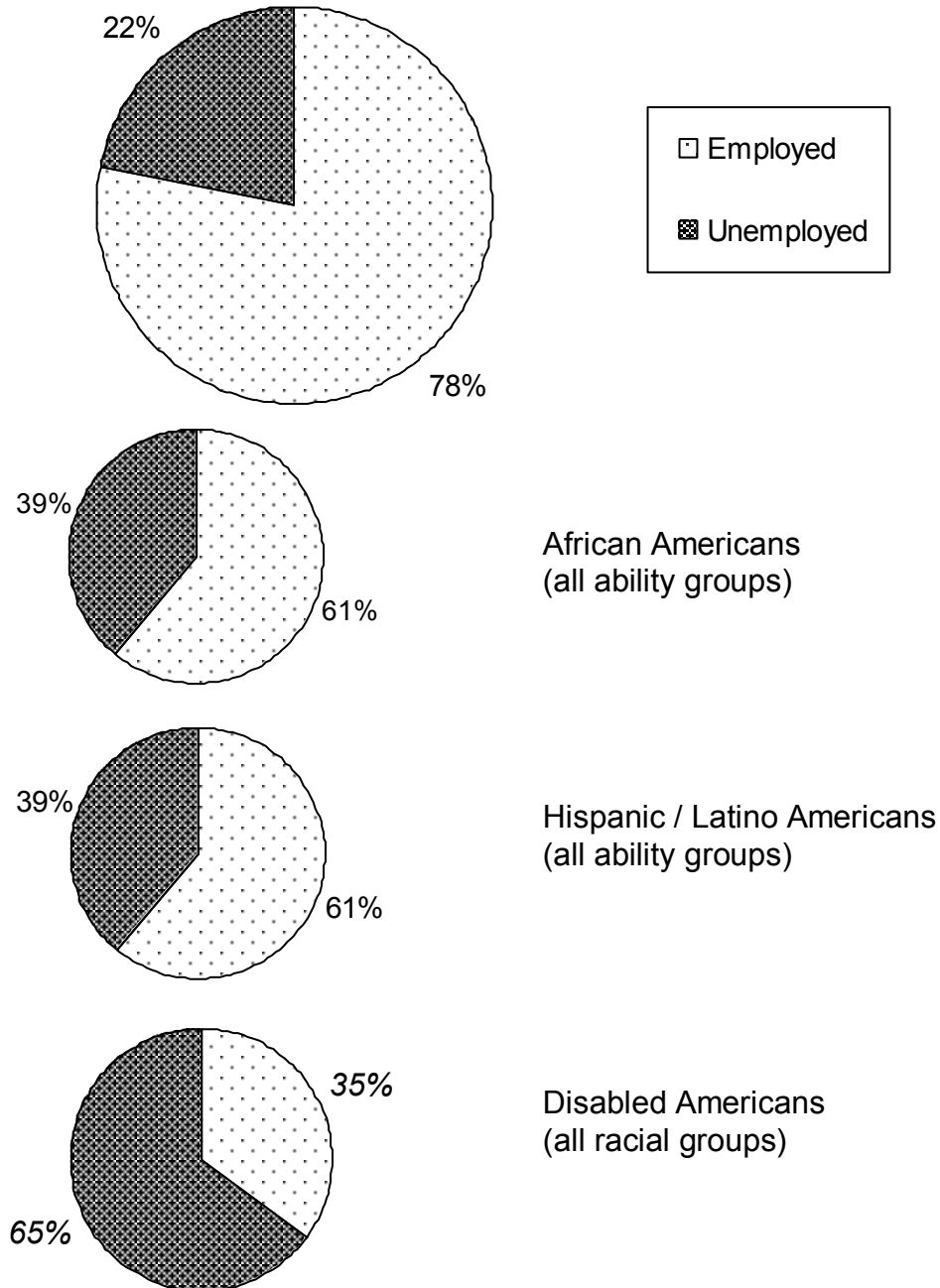
People with disabilities form the largest minority group in the United States.

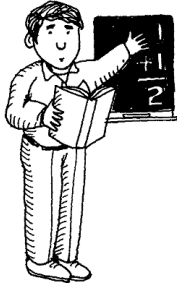


About 54 million people in the United States have some type of disability. That means about one out of every five Americans has a disability.

Only thirty-five percent (35%) of people with disabilities are employed full or part time compared to seventy-eight percent (78%) of people without disabilities. Compared to other minority groups, people with disabilities have the highest rates of unemployment.

Employment Rate of Total U.S. Population (all race and ability groups)



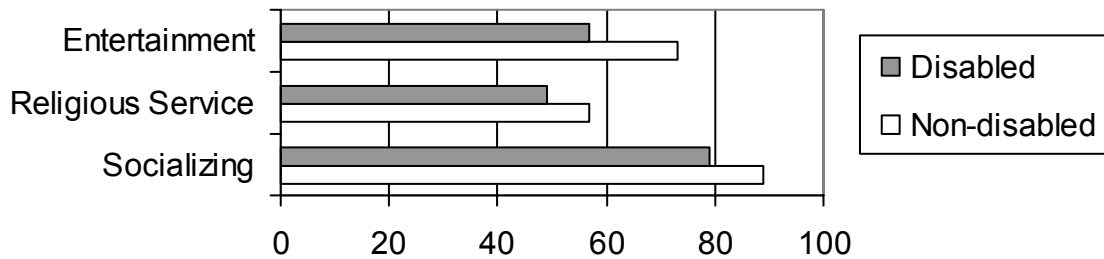


Twenty-two percent (22%) of employed people with disabilities have experienced job discrimination because they have a disability.

People with disabilities are twice as likely to drop out of high school than non-disabled people (21% versus 10%).



For various reasons, people with disabilities are less likely to participate in social events.



Entertainment / Going Out – Goes to a restaurant at least twice a month

- 57% of people with disabilities
- 73% of people without disabilities

Religious Service – Goes to church, synagogue, or any other place of worship at least once a month

- 49% of people with disabilities
- 57% of people without disabilities

Socializing – Socializes with close friends, relatives, or neighbors at least twice a month

- 79% of people with disabilities
- 89% of people without disabilities