

DISABILITY

Montana BRFSS, 2011

- ◆ In 2011, 28.7% of Montana adults had a self-reported disability, which is defined as being limited in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems or requiring the use of special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone due to a health problem. An estimated 27.3% of Montana adults reported being limited in their activities, while 9.1% of Montana adults reported having a health problem that required the use of special equipment.

Sociodemographic Trends

- ◆ The prevalence of disability was significantly higher for women than men.
- ◆ Disability increased significantly with increasing age.
- ◆ Disability decreased significantly with increasing educational attainment and household income levels.
- ◆ The prevalence of the use of special equipment and activity limitations due to health increased with age and decreased with increasing educational attainment and household income levels.

Figure 3. Disability Status and Use of Special Equipment by Age, Montana BRFSS, 2011

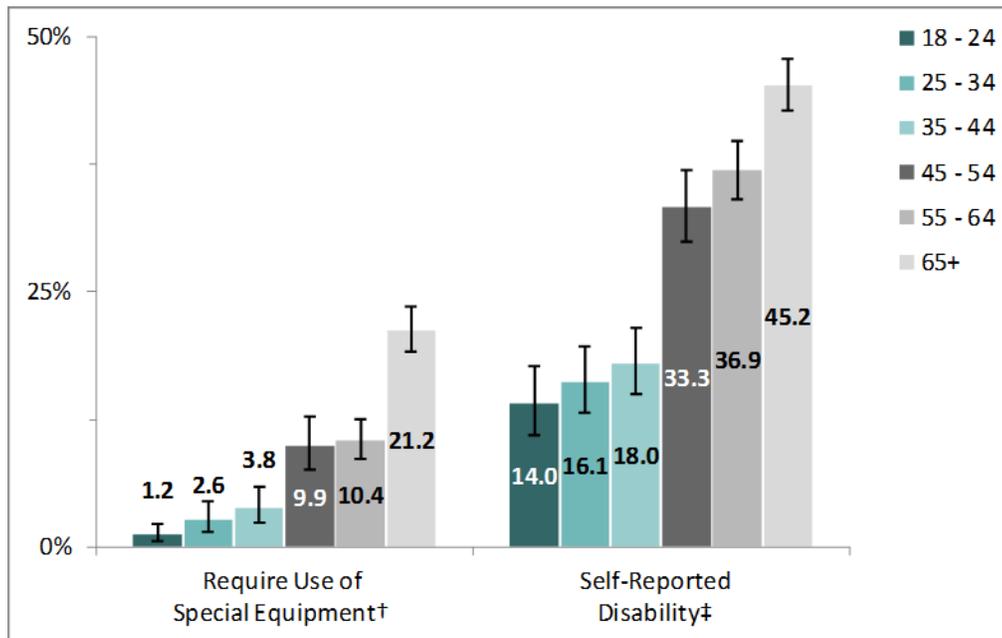


Table 2: Disability, Montana Adults, 2011

	Limited due to Health Problems †				Require Use of Special Equipment ‡				Self-Reported Disability §			
	Wt. %	95% CI		UnWt. N	Wt. %	95% CI		UnWt. N	Wt. %	95% CI		UnWt. N
		LL	UL			LL	UL			LL	UL	
All Adults:	27.3	26.0	28.6	2,972	9.1	8.3	10.0	959	28.7	27.4	30.1	3,141
Sex:												
Male	25.4	23.5	27.4	1,172	8.8	7.6	10.2	364	26.8	24.9	28.8	1,238
Female	29.1	27.3	30.9	1,800	9.3	8.3	10.5	595	30.6	28.8	32.5	1,903
Age:												
18 - 24	12.8	9.8	16.6	71	1.2	0.6	2.3	9	14.0	11.0	17.7	89
25 - 34	15.7	12.8	19.2	144	2.6	1.5	4.5	23	16.1	13.2	19.6	147
35 - 44	17.7	14.7	21.2	200	3.8	2.4	5.9	35	18.0	15.0	21.5	203
45 - 54	32.2	28.8	35.8	502	9.9	7.6	12.8	119	33.3	29.9	36.9	517
55 - 64	36.1	33.3	38.9	840	10.4	8.6	12.5	210	36.9	34.1	39.8	862
65+	40.3	37.7	42.9	1,199	21.2	19.1	23.5	556	45.2	42.7	47.8	1,323
Education:												
<High School	38.4	33.1	44.1	271	18.5	14.4	23.5	126	40.3	34.9	46.0	297
High School	26.8	24.6	29.1	965	8.5	7.3	10.0	312	28.5	26.2	30.9	1,022
Some College	28.4	26.0	30.9	897	9.2	7.8	10.9	288	29.9	27.5	32.4	943
College Degree	22.3	20.3	24.3	835	6.0	5.0	7.3	230	23.2	21.2	25.3	874
Income:												
<\$15,000	50.1	45.4	54.8	553	20.8	17.3	25.0	234	51.9	47.2	56.6	577
\$15,000 - \$24,999	32.3	29.2	35.4	701	12.7	10.7	15.0	259	34.1	31.0	37.3	749
\$25,000 - \$49,999	24.6	22.3	27.0	786	6.6	5.4	7.9	210	26.1	23.8	28.5	830
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.8	16.1	21.9	302	5.0	3.6	6.9	74	20.7	17.8	23.9	319
\$75,000 +	16.6	14.3	19.1	342	2.0	1.4	2.9	55	16.9	14.6	19.4	352
Race/Ethnicity:												
White, non-Hispanic	27.0	25.6	28.4	2,601	9.0	8.1	9.9	833	28.6	27.2	30.0	2,752
AI/AN*	28.0	22.7	33.9	190	12.0	8.1	17.5	68	29.1	23.8	35.1	199
Other or Hispanic**	29.7	23.9	36.3	168	7.4	5.0	10.7	53	30.2	24.4	36.8	176
Disability:												
No Disability		Not Applicable				Not Applicable				Not Applicable		
Disability	94.9	93.8	95.8	2,968	31.6	29.1	34.2	955		Not Applicable		
Region:												
1- Eastern MT	24.7	21.1	28.7	313	7.8	5.9	10.1	112	26.8	23.1	30.8	343
2- N Central MT	27.2	24.3	30.3	579	9.4	7.5	11.7	197	28.9	25.9	32.0	613
3- S Central MT	25.7	22.7	29.0	454	9.7	7.8	12.1	168	26.8	23.8	30.1	481
4- Southwest MT	27.5	24.9	30.3	629	8.4	7.0	10.1	192	29.0	26.3	31.7	662
5- Northwest MT	28.8	26.4	31.3	963	9.5	8.0	11.3	277	30.2	27.8	32.8	1,005

† Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems? Total Sample Size: 9,710, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 197,300.

‡ Do you now have any health problems that require you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone? Total Sample Size: 9,750. Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 66,000.

§ Disability is defined as a "Yes" response to one or both of the questions: 1. Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems? 2. Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment? Total Sample Size: 9,704,

* American Indian or Alaska Native only.

** All other non-White (including multi-racial or Hispanic).