

DISABILITY

Montana BRFSS, 2012

- ◆ In 2012, an estimated 23.2% of Montana adults reported being limited in their activities due to health problems, while 7.9% of Montana adults reported having a health problem that required the use of special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone due to a health problem. One in four 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.

Sociodemographic Trends

- ◆ Activity limitations due to health, required use of special equipment, and disability increased significantly with age.
- ◆ The prevalence of activity limitations due to health, required use of special equipment, and disability decreased with increasing education and household income levels.
- ◆ Adults in the Northwest health planning region reported having a disability more often than residents in the South Central and Southwest health planning regions.

Figure 2. Use of Special Equipment and Disability Status by Age, Montana BRFSS, 2012

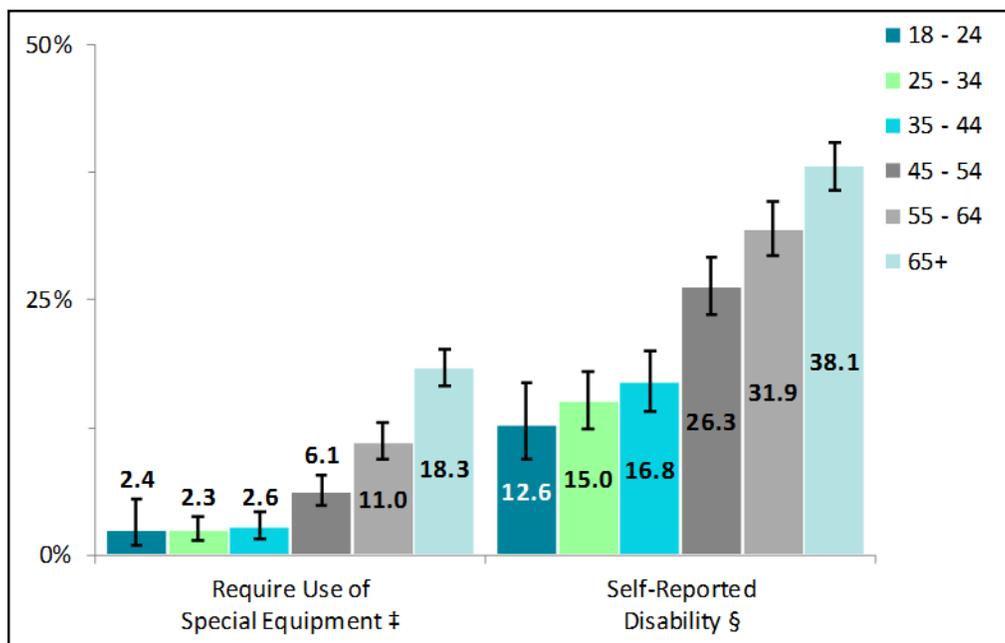


Table 2: Disability, Montana Adults, 2012

	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:	23.2	22.1	24.4	2,292	7.9	7.3	8.6	896	24.8	23.7	26.0	2,481	
Sex:													
Male	22.9	21.3	24.6	1,009	8.4	7.3	9.5	396	24.7	23.0	26.5	1,097	
Female	23.6	22.0	25.2	1,283	7.5	6.7	8.4	500	24.9	23.4	26.6	1,384	
Age:													
18 - 24	12.3	9.1	16.5	50	2.4	1.0	5.4	9	12.6	9.4	16.8	51	
25 - 34	14.6	12.0	17.6	133	2.3	1.4	3.7	22	15.0	12.4	18.0	135	
35 - 44	16.5	13.8	19.6	152	2.6	1.6	4.3	26	16.8	14.1	20.0	155	
45 - 54	25.4	22.7	28.3	396	6.1	4.8	7.8	103	26.3	23.6	29.2	408	
55 - 64	30.5	27.9	33.1	609	11.0	9.4	12.9	208	31.9	29.4	34.6	640	
65+	33.3	31.1	35.5	947	18.3	16.5	20.2	526	38.1	35.8	40.4	1,087	
Education:													
<High School	35.7	30.8	40.9	239	13.4	10.2	17.3	109	39.1	34.1	44.4	265	
High School	24.6	22.7	26.8	782	8.5	7.4	9.8	315	26.3	24.3	28.5	849	
Some College	22.8	20.8	24.9	666	7.4	6.3	8.7	260	24.0	22.0	26.2	719	
College Degree +	17.6	16.0	19.3	603	5.9	4.9	6.9	211	18.9	17.3	20.7	646	
Income:													
<\$15,000	40.5	36.5	44.6	500	14.4	12.0	17.1	227	42.0	37.9	46.1	532	
\$15,000 - \$24,999	30.7	27.8	33.9	551	14.1	12.0	16.5	263	33.7	30.6	36.8	609	
\$25,000 - \$49,999	22.2	20.1	24.5	555	6.0	4.9	7.3	168	23.5	21.4	25.8	592	
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14.6	12.3	17.3	205	4.0	2.8	5.6	57	16.0	13.6	18.8	222	
\$75,000 +	14.5	12.4	16.8	242	3.8	2.8	5.1	63	15.5	13.4	17.8	262	
Race/Ethnicity:													
White, non-Hispanic	22.6	21.4	23.8	1,943	7.9	7.2	8.6	762	24.2	23.0	25.4	2,104	
AI/AN*	27.0	21.7	33.0	190	8.2	5.9	11.2	80	28.5	23.1	34.5	206	
Other or Hispanic**	29.8	23.5	36.8	130	7.8	4.3	13.8	40	30.6	24.3	37.6	137	
Disability:													
Disability	93.7	92.5	94.8	2,286	32.0	29.7	34.5	896	Not Applicable				
No Disability		Not Applicable				Not Applicable				Not Applicable			
Region:													
1- Eastern MT	21.7	18.6	25.2	241	8.5	6.6	10.8	103	23.4	20.2	27.0	262	
2- N Central MT	24.3	21.7	27.2	529	7.8	6.5	9.4	205	25.7	23.0	28.6	567	
3- S Central MT	21.6	19.1	24.3	329	8.1	6.5	10.1	144	22.9	20.4	25.7	367	
4- Southwest MT	21.3	19.1	23.7	359	6.8	5.6	8.2	136	22.8	20.6	25.3	388	
5- Northwest MT	26.2	24.1	28.5	809	8.8	7.6	10.3	296	28.1	26.0	30.4	869	

† Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems? Total Sample Size: 8,585, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 179,600.

‡ 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: 8,605, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 61,400.

§ 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: 8,575, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 191,800.

* American Indian or Alaska Native only.

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