



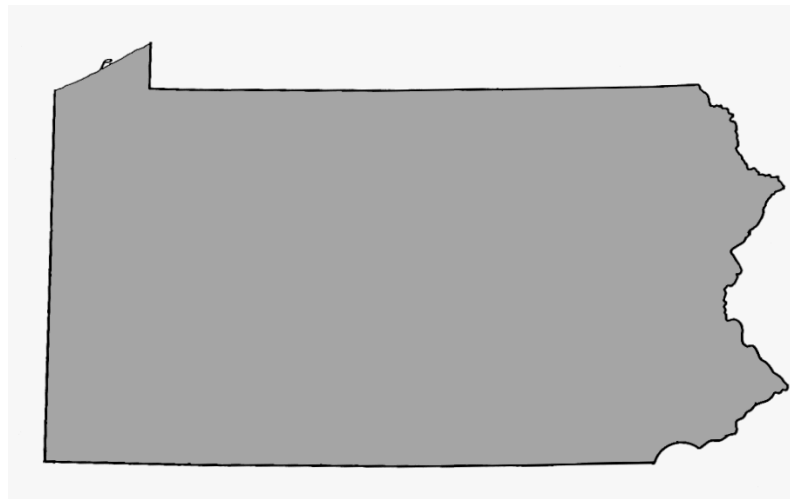
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# **PENNSYLVANIANS WITH DISABILITIES**

## *A Statistical Overview*



**A summary of the 2007 Disability Status Report  
from Cornell University**

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### **Introduction**

This document summarizes data about Pennsylvanians with disabilities in the 2007 Annual Disability Status Report produced by Cornell University's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Demographics and Statistics. Cornell University is a leading provider of disability statistics in the United States. Its 2007 report provides the most recent demographic and economic statistics for non-institutionalized people with disabilities.

The report focuses on the working-age population, because employment "is also a key factor in the social integration and economic self-sufficiency of working-age people with disabilities." To provide a further overview, comparisons are made to people without disabilities.

The estimates in this summary of Cornell University's report are based on the American Community Survey that is created by the U.S. Census Bureau. *Please note, people with disabilities living in nursing homes and other institutions are not included in this report or any of the statistics.*

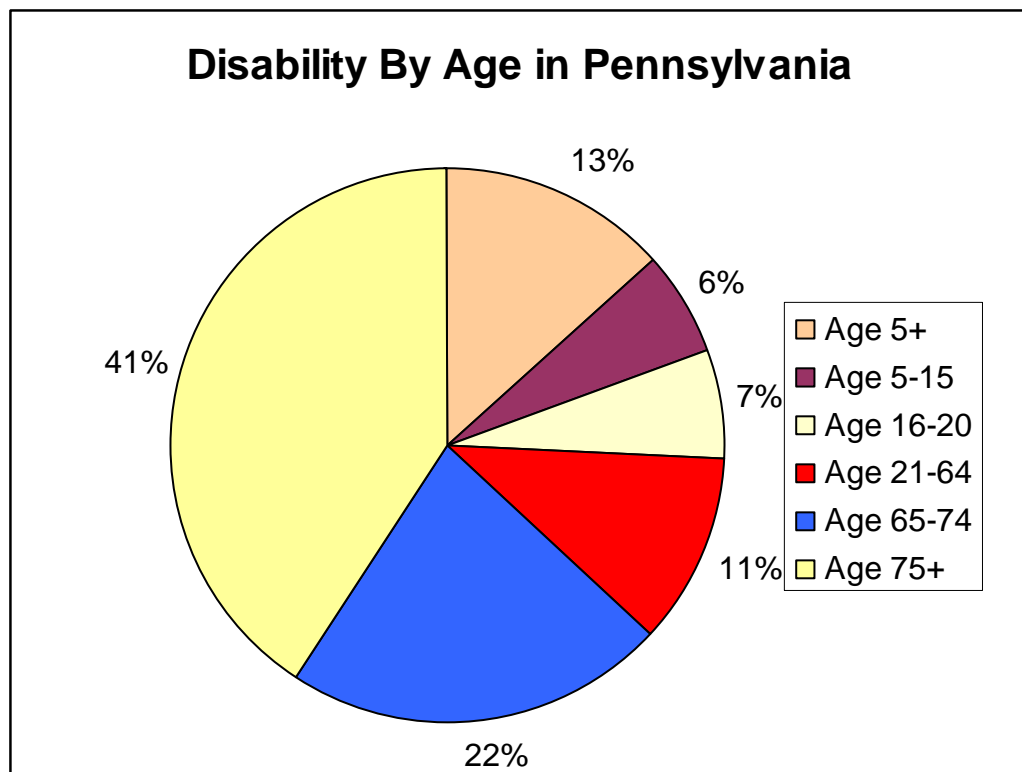
# AGE, GENDER, and RACE

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## Disability by Age in Pennsylvania

In 2007, the prevalence of disability in PA was:

- 16.3 percent for persons ages 5 +
- 7.4 percent for persons ages 5 to 15
- 8 percent for persons ages 16 to 20
- 13.8 percent for persons ages 21 to 64
- 27 percent for persons ages 65 to 74
- 50.2 percent for per ages 75 +



Pennsylvania ranks 20<sup>th</sup> nationally in percentage of working-age (21-64) people with disabilities. In other words, 19 states have a greater percentage of the population with a disability.

## Disability by Gender

### *Pennsylvania*

- 16.9 percent of females ages 5+
- 15.6 percent of males ages 5+

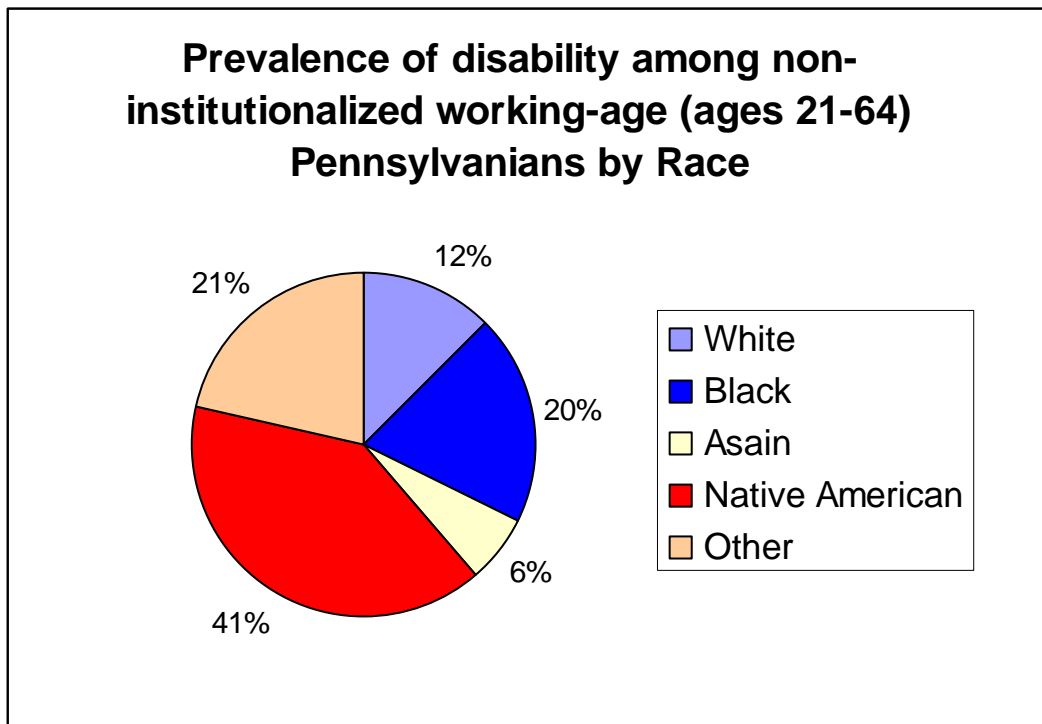
### *U.S.*

- 15.5 percent of females ages 5+
- 14.3 percent of males ages 5+

## Race

*Pennsylvania: prevalence of disability for working-age (ages 21 to 64)*

- 12.9 percent among Whites
- 20.5 percent among Black / African Americans
- 6.6 percent among Asians
- 41.3 percent among Native Americans
- 22.2 percent among persons of some other race



## ***Hispanic/Latino***

In 2007, the prevalence of disability among persons ages 5 and older of Hispanic or Latino origin in PA was 17.7 percent.

# EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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## Employment

### *Pennsylvania*

- **35.3 percent of working-age people (ages 21 to 64) with disabilities were employed.**
- Pennsylvania ranks 41<sup>st</sup> nationally for employment of working-age people with disabilities
- In other words, 40 states have a better employment rate than Pennsylvania
- For people without a disability, 81.2 percent of working-age Pennsylvanians are employed, ranking as the 21<sup>st</sup> best rate nationally.
- The gap between the employment rates of working-age people with and without disabilities was 45.9 percentage points in Pennsylvania.

### *U.S.*

- 36.9, employment rate of working-age people with disabilities
- 79.7, employment rate of working-age people without disabilities

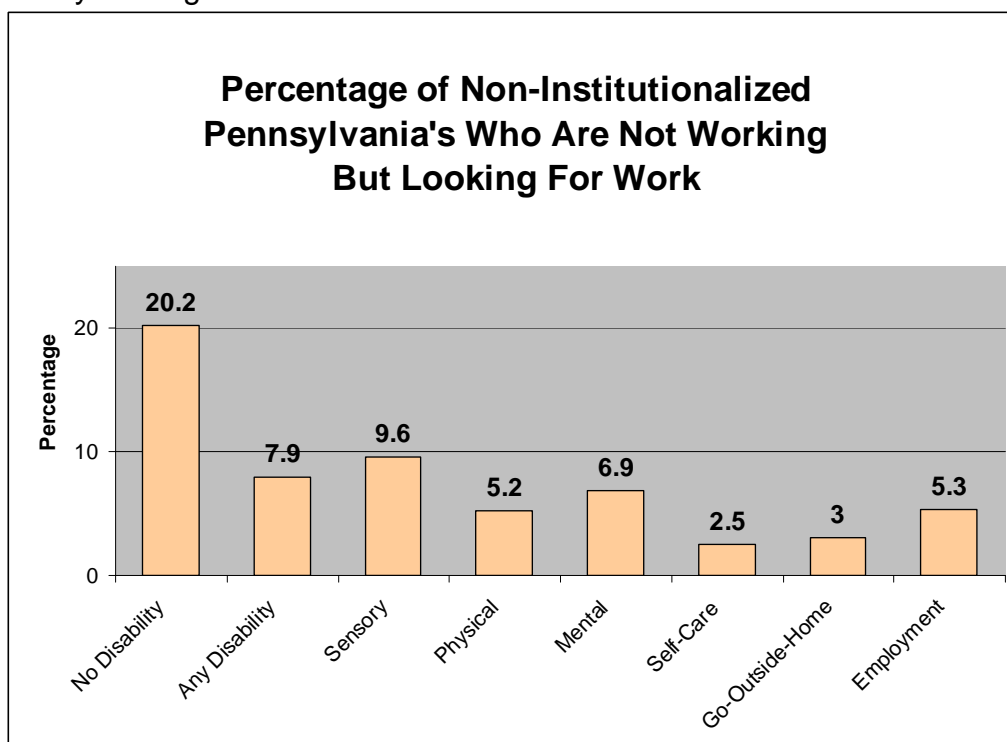
## Looking for Work

### *Pennsylvania*

- **7.9 percent of working-age people with disabilities who are not working are looking for work in Pennsylvania**
- 20.2 percent of working-age Pennsylvanians without disabilities who were not working but actively looking for work

### *U.S.*

- 8.4 percent of people with disabilities in the U.S. were not employed, but actively looking work



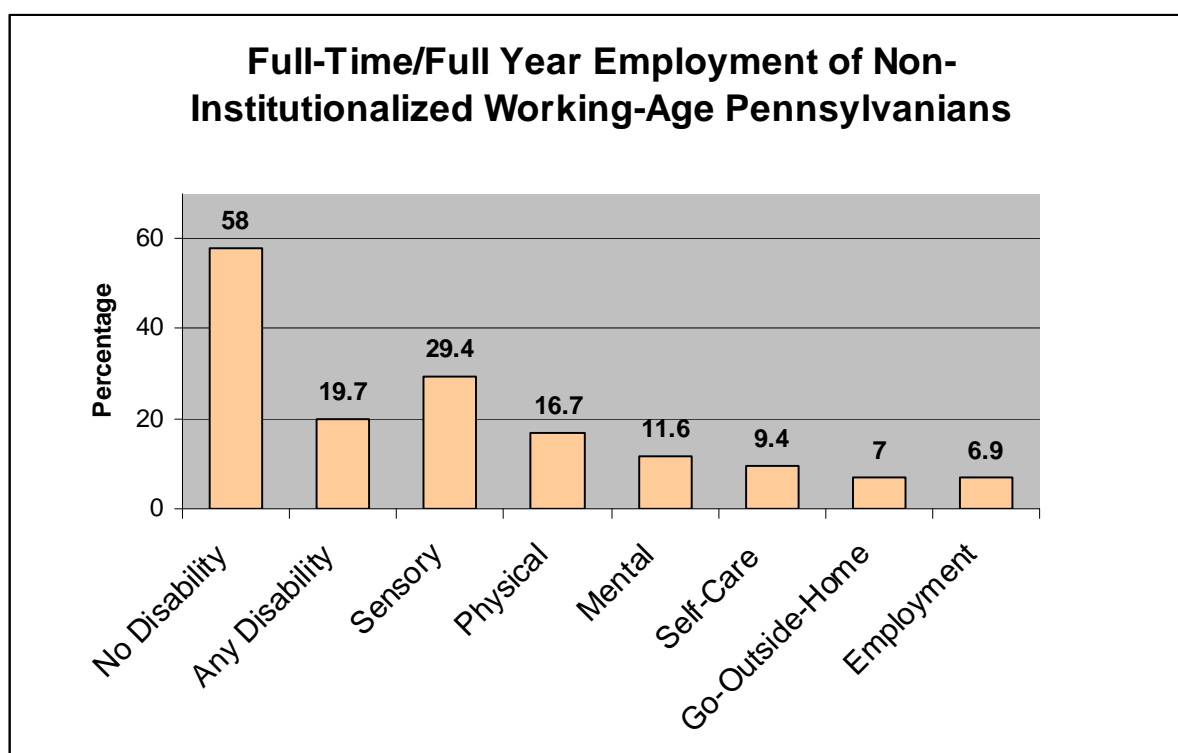
## Full-Time/Full-Year Employment

### *Pennsylvania*

- **19.7 percent of working-age Pennsylvanians with disabilities were working full-time/full year**
- 58.0 percent of working-age Pennsylvanians without disabilities worked full-time/full-year jobs
- 38.3 percent different in the percentage working full-time/full-year between working-age people with and without disabilities.

### *U.S.*

- 21.1 percent of working-age people with disabilities in the U.S. work full-time/full-year as compared to 56.7 percent of people without disabilities



# EARNINGS AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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## Annual Earnings

### *Pennsylvania*

- **\$32,500, the median annual earnings of working-age people with disabilities working full-time/full-year**
- \$40,700, the median earnings of working-age Pennsylvanians without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year
- \$8,200 is the difference in the median earnings between working-age people with and without disabilities who worked full-time/full-year

### *U.S.*

- \$34,200, the median earnings of working-age people with disabilities worked full-time/full-year in the US was \$34,200.

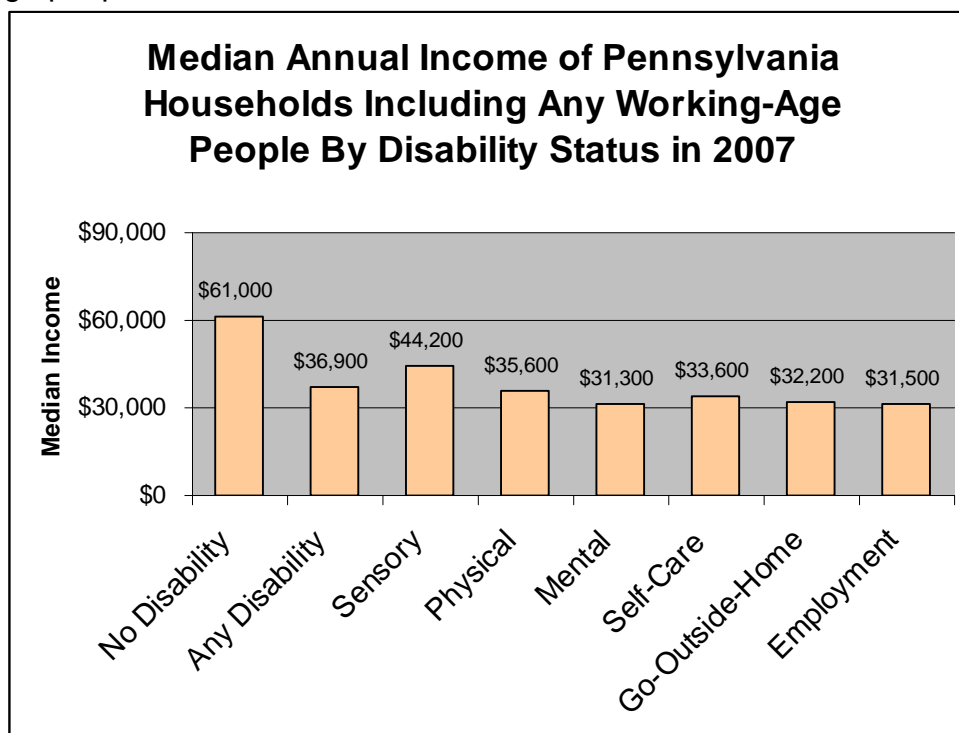
## Annual Household Income

### *Pennsylvania*

- **\$36,900, median annual income of households with working-age Pennsylvanians with disabilities**
- \$61,000, median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities
- \$24,100, difference in the median income between households including and not including working-age people with disabilities

### *U.S.*

- \$38,400, the median income of households that include any working-age people with disabilities
- \$61,000, the median income of households that do not include any working-age people with disabilities



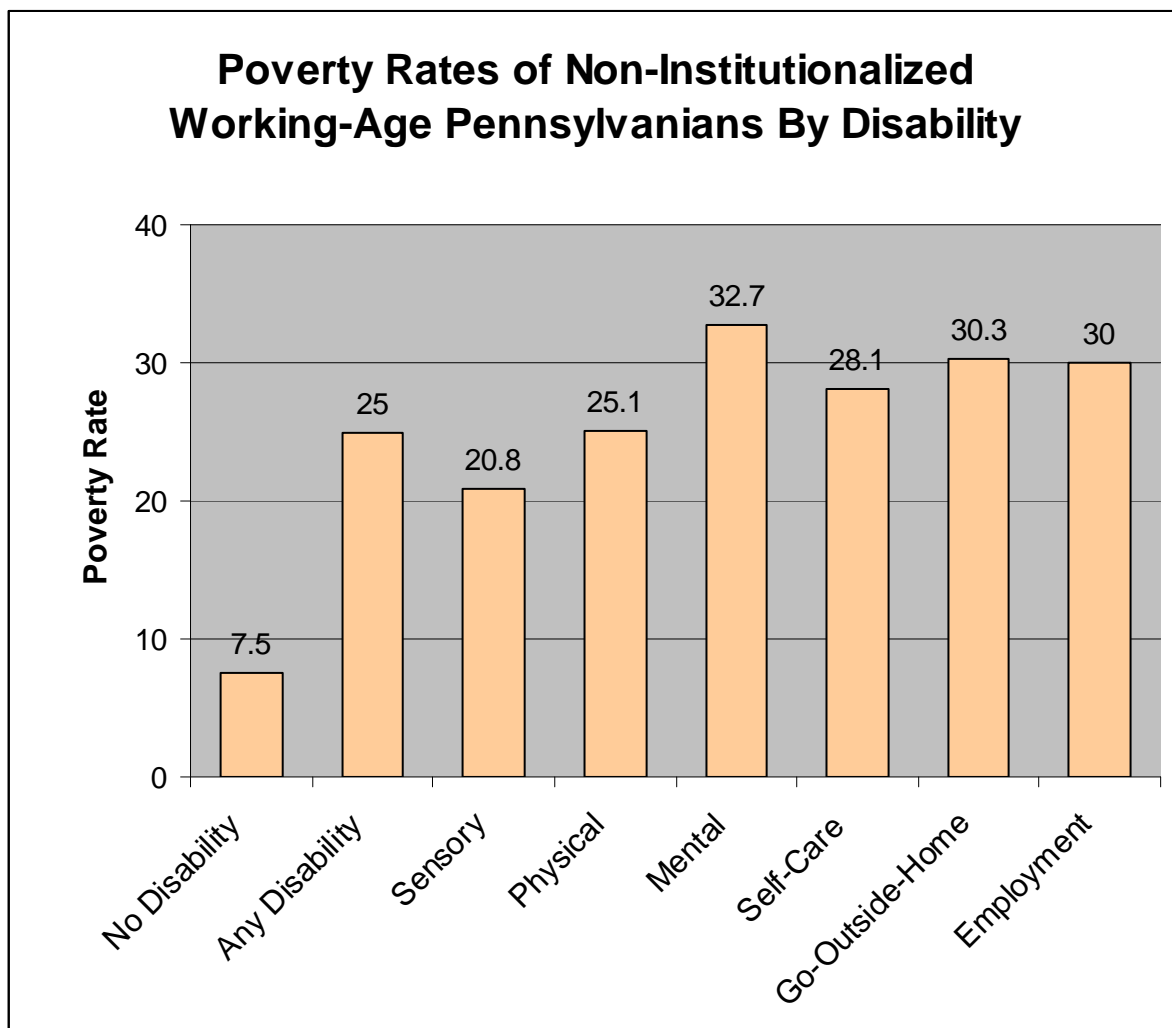
## Poverty

### Pennsylvania

- **25 percent, poverty rate of working-age Pennsylvanians with disabilities**
- 7.5 percent, poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities
- 17.5 percent, different in the poverty rate between working-age Pennsylvanians with and without disabilities

### U.S.

- 24 percent, poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities
- 9.0 percent, poverty rate of working-age people without disabilities



# EDUCATION

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## Education: High School Diploma or Equivalent

### *Pennsylvania*

- **44.1 percent have a high school diploma or equivalent**
- **22.7 percent have some college or associate degree**
- **11.8 percent have a bachelor's degree or more**
- 9.0 percent, the difference between working age people with and without disabilities who have only a high school diploma or equivalent

### *U.S.*

- 35.3 percent of working-age people with disabilities have only high school diploma or equivalent
- 28.1 percent working-age people without disabilities with only a high school diploma or equivalent

## Education: Some College/Associate's Degree

### *Pennsylvania*

- 22.7 percent working-age people with disabilities have only some college or an Associate's degree
- 26.8 percent of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree

### *U.S.*

- 27.9 percent of working-age people with disabilities have only some college or an Associate's degree
- 30.2 percent, of working-age people without disabilities with only some college or an Associate's degree

## Education: Bachelor's Degree or More

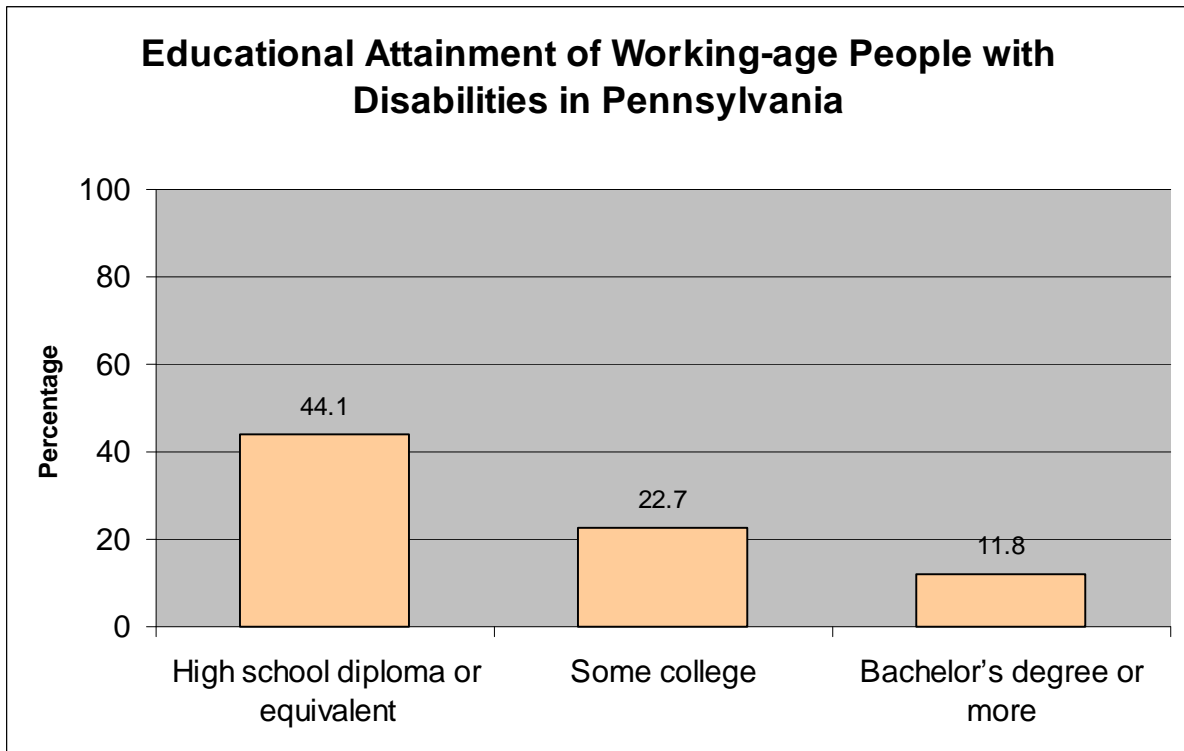
### *Pennsylvania*

- **11.8 percent of working-age people with disabilities have a Bachelor's degree or more**
- 31.0 percent of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more

19.2 percent is the difference in the percentage of Bachelor's degree or more between working-age people with and without disabilities

### *U.S.*

- 12.5 percent of working-age people with disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more
- 30.8 percent of working-age people without disabilities with a Bachelor's degree or more



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