Each of us may experience a disability in our lifetime.

CDC’s National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities supports efforts to include adults with disabilities in disease prevention, health promotion, and emergency response activities, while working to remove barriers to health care and improve access to routine preventive services.

A Snapshot of Disability in Minnesota*

This fact sheet provides an overview of disability in Minnesota compared to national estimates. You can use this information to learn more about the percentages and characteristics of adults with disabilities in Minnesota.

Disability Costs in HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES

$7.8 billion per year**

in Minnesota

Adults with Disabilities are more likely to*:

- **be inactive**:
  - Adults with disabilities: 37.9% in Minnesota vs. 23.5% in the U.S.
  - Adults without disabilities: 27.5% in Minnesota vs. 11.9% in the U.S.

- **have high blood pressure**:
  - Adults with disabilities: 34.1% in Minnesota vs. 21.4% in the U.S.
  - Adults without disabilities: 29.3% in Minnesota vs. 20% in the U.S.

- **smoke**:
  - Adults with disabilities: 27.5% in Minnesota vs. 13.4% in the U.S.
  - Adults without disabilities: 19.7% in Minnesota vs. 11.8% in the U.S.

- **have obesity**:
  - Adults with disabilities: 37.4% in Minnesota vs. 25.5% in the U.S.
  - Adults without disabilities: 27.8% in Minnesota vs. 20% in the U.S.

Percentage of adults with select functional disability types*:

- **MOBILITY**: Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
- **COGNITION**: Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- **INDEPENDENT LIVING**: Difficulty doing errands alone, such as visiting a doctor’s office or shopping
- **HEARING**: Deafness or serious difficulty hearing
- **VISION**: Blind or serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses
- **SELF-CARE**: Difficulty dressing or bathing

Types of Disabilities Comparing U.S. with Minnesota

* Data Source: 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).
** Disability-associated healthcare expenditures are presented in 2006 dollars as reported in Anderson et al, 2010. This value represents approximately 28% of total healthcare expenditures for the state of Minnesota.

For more information go to www.cdc.gov/disabilities