A Snapshot of Disability in South Carolina*

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

Disability Costs in HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES

$5.5 billion per year** in South Carolina

Adults with Disabilities are more likely to*

- be inactive
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 42.2%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 24.3%
  - In South Carolina: 43.9% for adults with disabilities and 25.2% for adults without disabilities

- have high blood pressure
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 41.9%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 25.9%
  - In South Carolina: 47.7% for adults with disabilities and 30.0% for adults without disabilities

- smoke
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 27.8%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 13.4%
  - In South Carolina: 31.0% for adults with disabilities and 15.7% for adults without disabilities

- have obesity
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 39.5%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 26.3%
  - In South Carolina: 41.7% for adults with disabilities and 31.6% for adults without disabilities

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 South Carolina

- MOBILITY
  - United States: 12.9%
  - South Carolina: 14.8%
- COGNITION
  - United States: 11.4%
  - South Carolina: 12.5%
- INDEPENDENT LIVING
  - United States: 7.0%
  - South Carolina: 7.3%
- HEARING
  - United States: 5.6%
  - South Carolina: 5.8%
- VISION
  - United States: 4.7%
  - South Carolina: 4.4%
- SELF-CARE
  - United States: 3.8%
  - South Carolina: 4.3%

* 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 27% of total healthcare expenditures for the state of South Carolina.

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