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 Tennessee*

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

Disability Costs in
HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES

$8.8 billion per year**

in Tennessee

Despite progress, adults with disabilities in Tennessee and across the country continue to experience significant differences in health characteristics and behaviors compared to 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 Tennessee

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