A Snapshot of Disability in West Virginia*

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

Disability Costs in
HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES

$3.2 billion per year** in West Virginia

Adults with Disabilities are more likely to*

- **be inactive**
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 42.2%
  - Adults with disabilities in West Virginia: 43.9%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 24.3%
  - Adults without disabilities in West Virginia: 24.9%

- **have high blood pressure**
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 41.9%
  - Adults with disabilities in West Virginia: 48.9%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 25.9%
  - Adults without disabilities in West Virginia: 32.7%

- **smoke**
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 27.8%
  - Adults with disabilities in West Virginia: 42.7%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 13.4%
  - Adults without disabilities in West Virginia: 20.8%

- **have obesity**
  - Adults with disabilities in the U.S.: 39.5%
  - Adults with disabilities in West Virginia: 44.6%
  - Adults without disabilities in the U.S.: 26.3%
  - Adults without disabilities in West Virginia: 32.8%

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 West Virginia

* 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 31% of total healthcare expenditures for the state of West Virginia.

For more information go to [www.cdc.gov/disabilities](http://www.cdc.gov/disabilities)