Persons with a Disability, 2018 Current Population Survey (CPS)

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The Current Population Survey (CPS)

- Monthly survey of about 60,000 households nationwide
- Universe: civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and older
- Data on:
 - ► Labor force status
 - Demographic characteristics
 - **►** Earnings
 - A number of other topics



The Current Population Survey (CPS) Continued

- Six questions to identify those with a disability added to the CPS in June 2008
- Including disability questions in the CPS is a joint effort between BLS and ODEP



The 6 Survey Questions

- 1. Is anyone deaf or does anyone have serious difficulty hearing?
- 2. Is anyone blind or does anyone have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
- 3. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

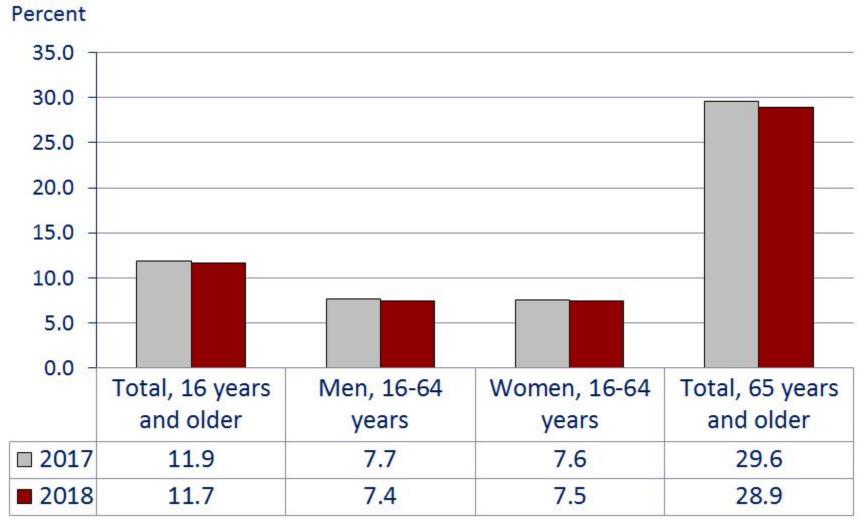


The 6 Survey Questions Continued

- 4. Does anyone have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
- 5. Does anyone have difficulty dressing or bathing?
- 6. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

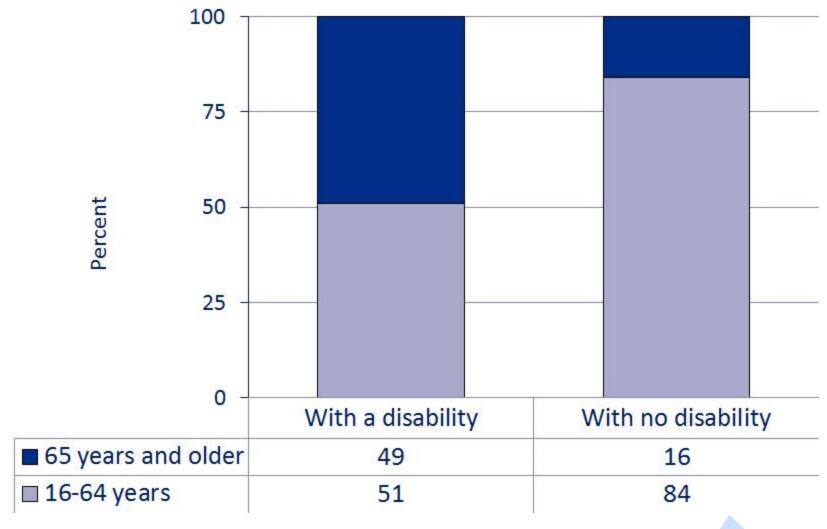


Older persons are more likely to have a disability



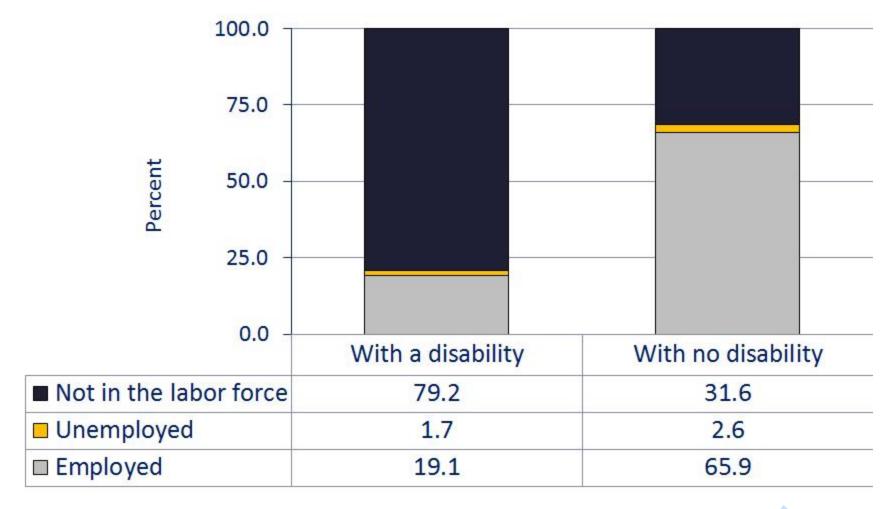


A greater proportion of persons with a disability are age 65 and older



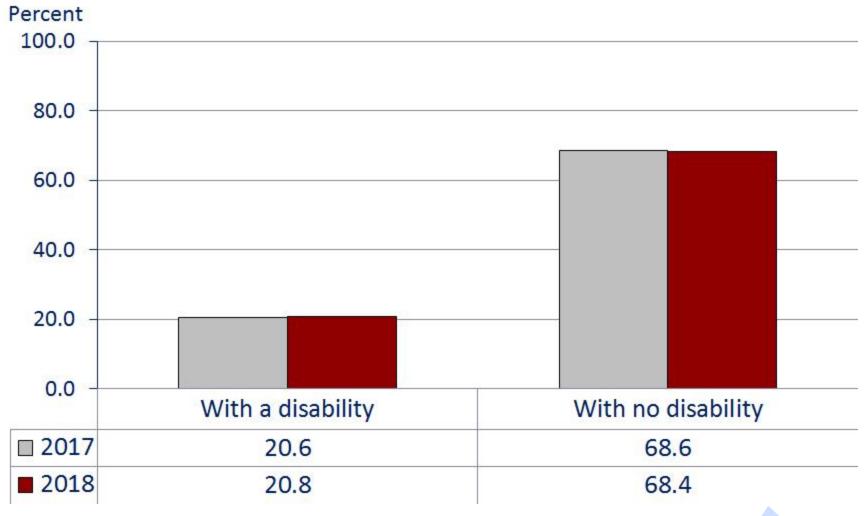


Persons with a disability are less likely to be in the labor force



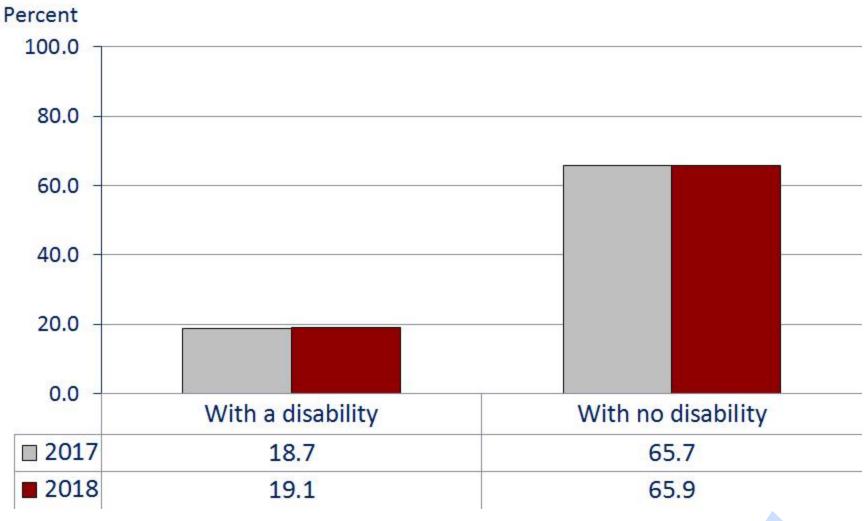


Labor force participation rate for those with a disability little changed in 2018



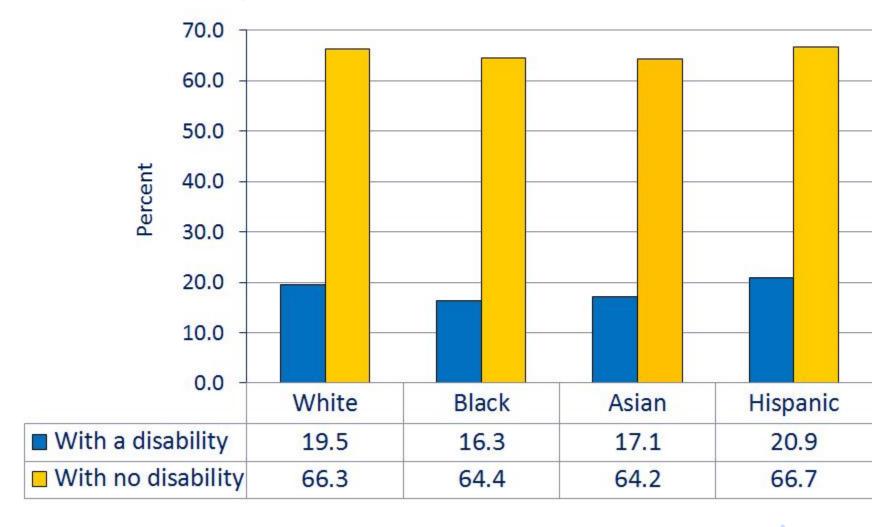


Employment-population ratio edged up for those with a disability in 2018





Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status

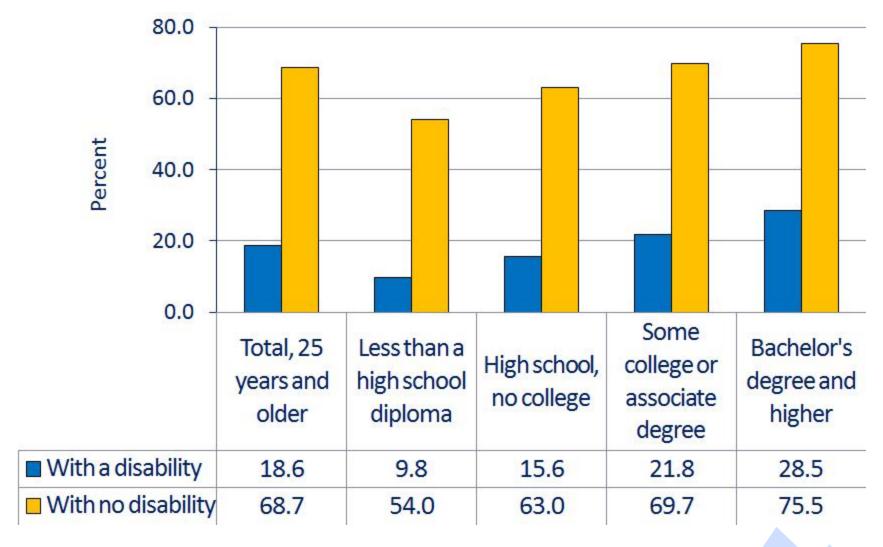


NOTE: Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2018 annual averages

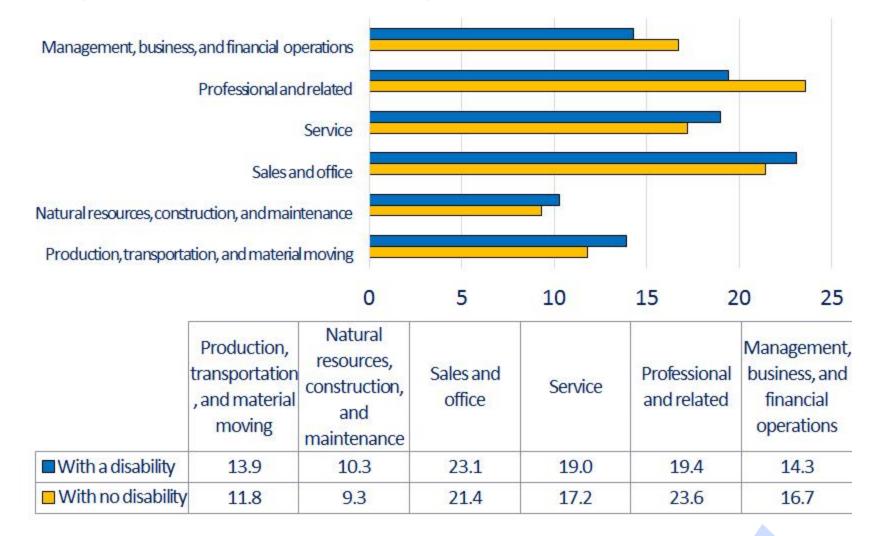


Employment-population ratios by educational attainment



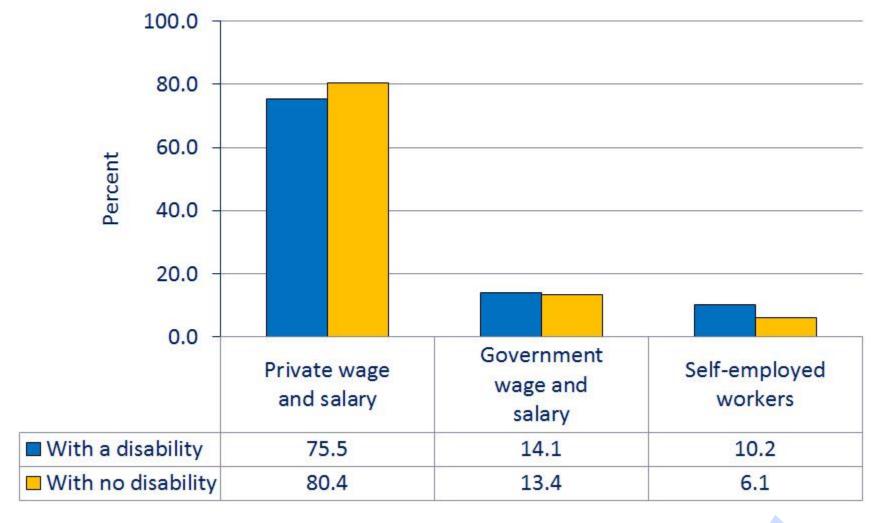


Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status



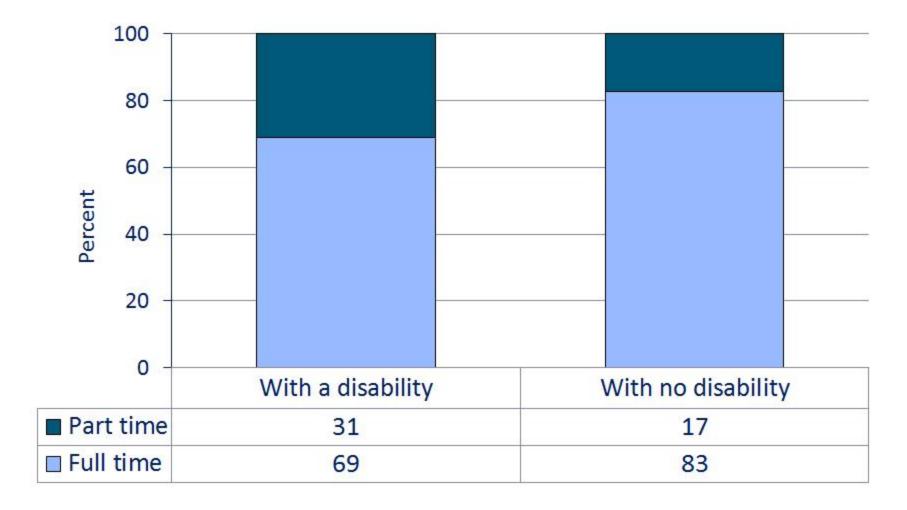


Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status



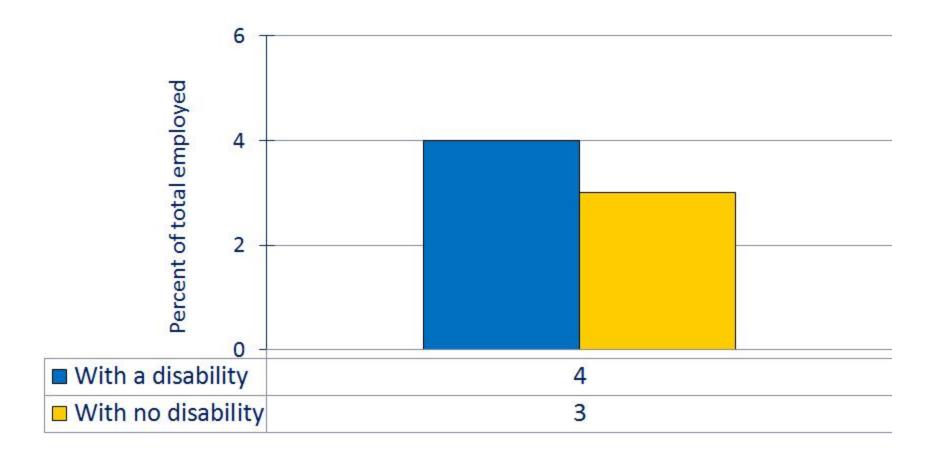


Persons with a disability are more likely to work part time



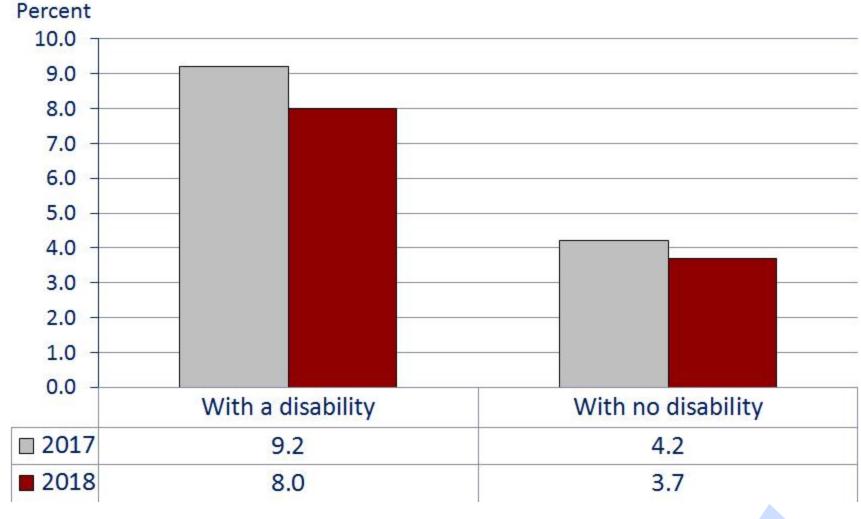


Persons employed part time for economic reasons by disability status



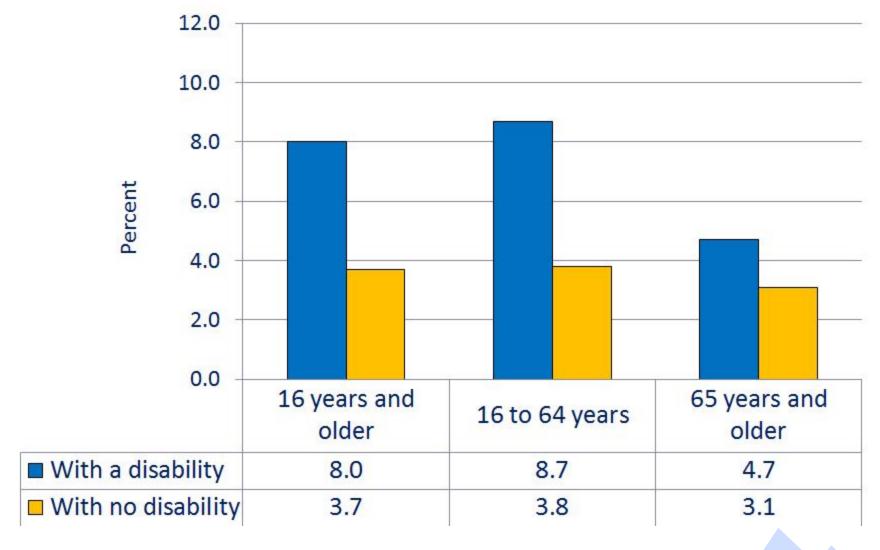


Unemployment rate for persons with a disability declined in 2018



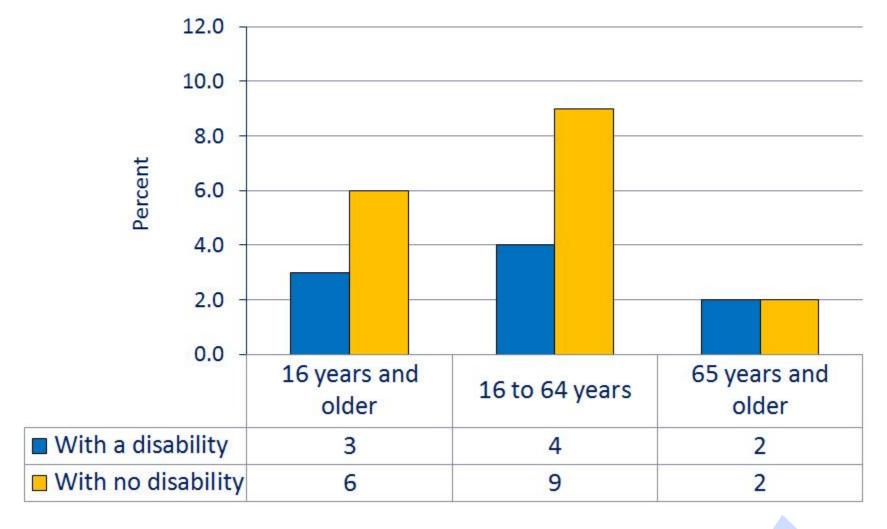


Unemployment rates by age and disability status, 2018





Proportion of persons not in the labor force who want a job by disability status, 2018





Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability, 2009-2018





CPS Disability Data online

- Annual Disability press release
- May 2012 CPS Disability supplement press release
- Monthly employment data (Table A-6)
- CPS Disability FAQ
- Even more on Disability
- Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey (CPS)



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