

# Persons with a Disability, 2019

## 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



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- 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?



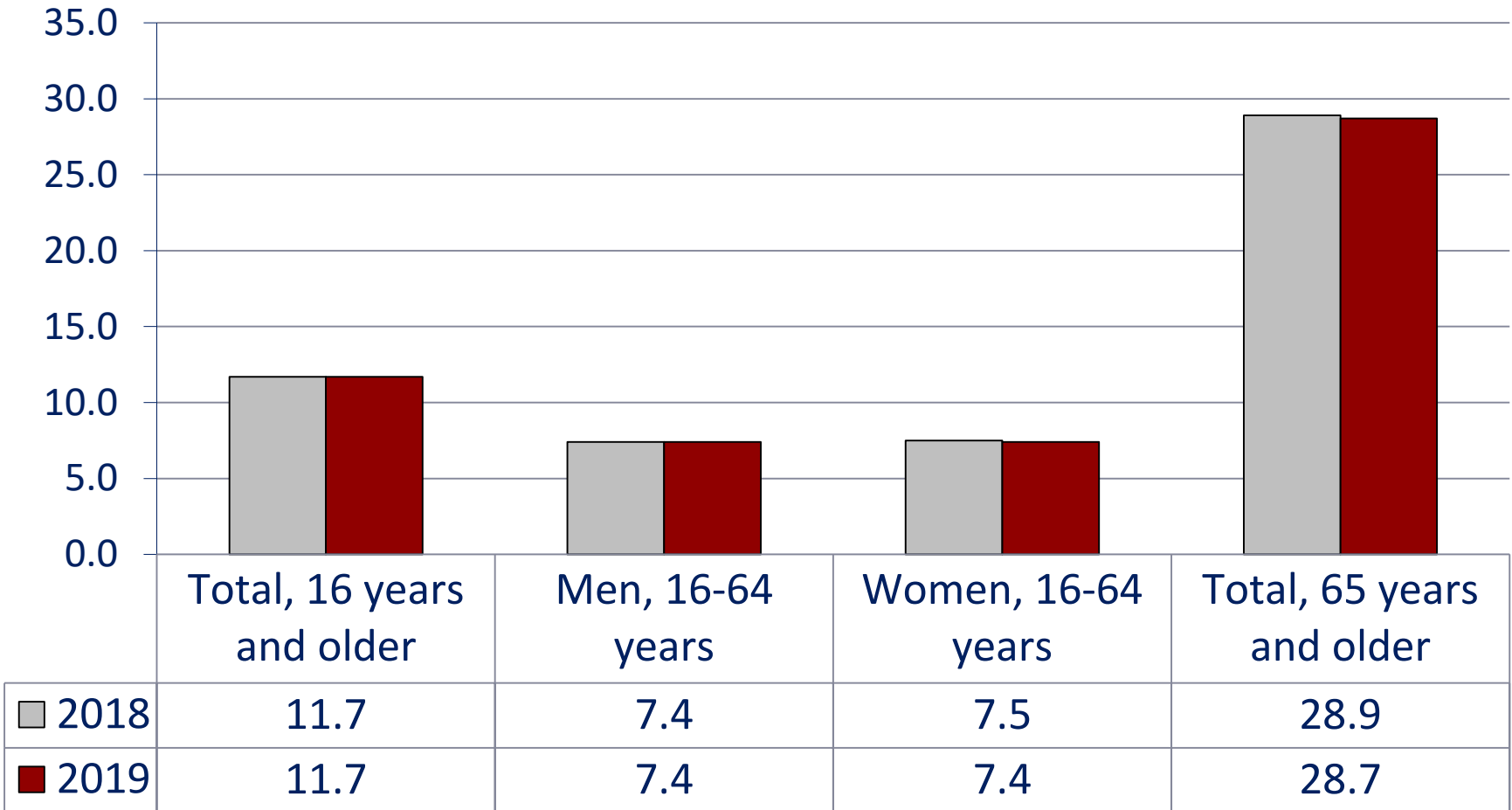
# The 6 Survey Questions

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

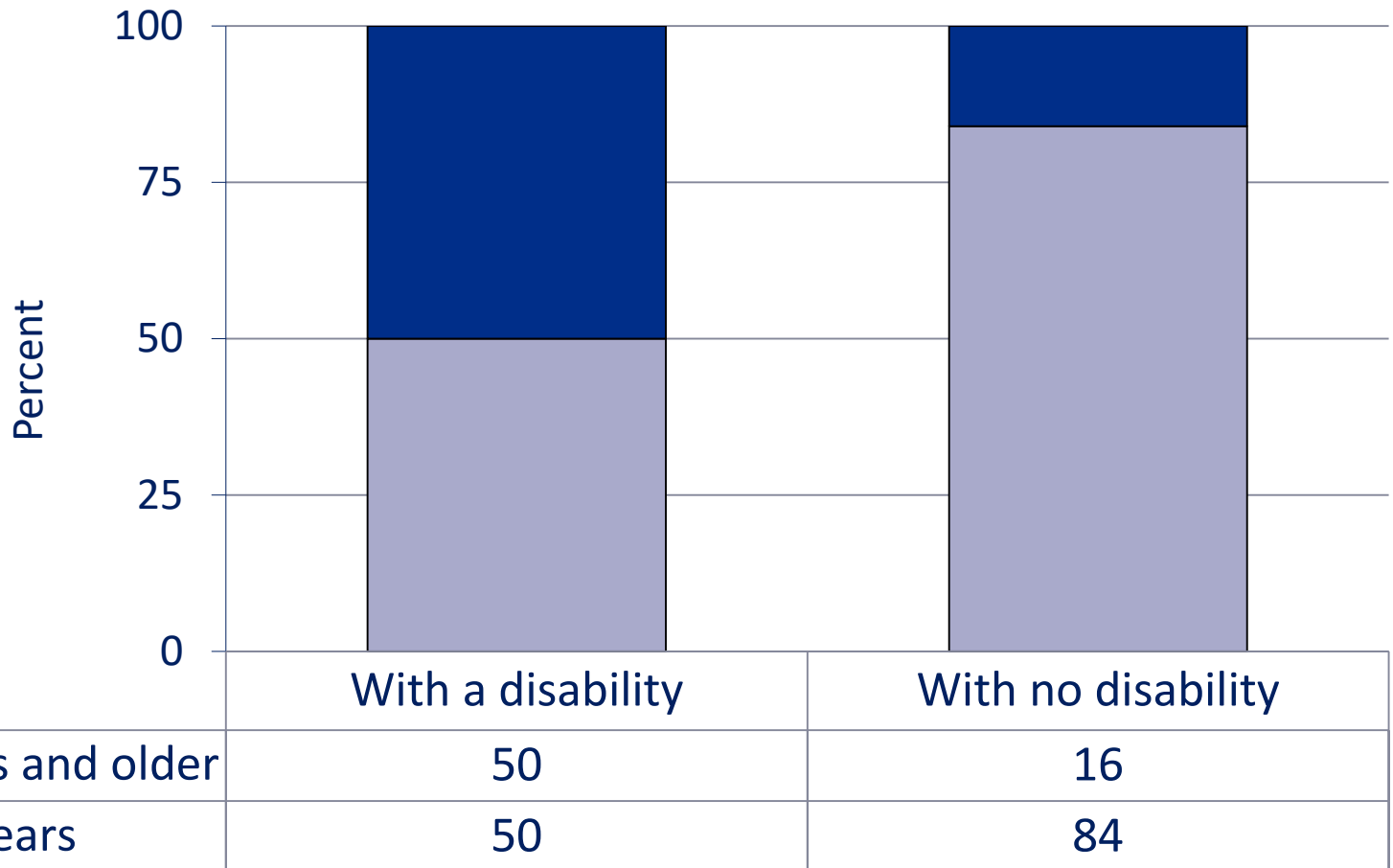
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SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2018-2019 annual averages



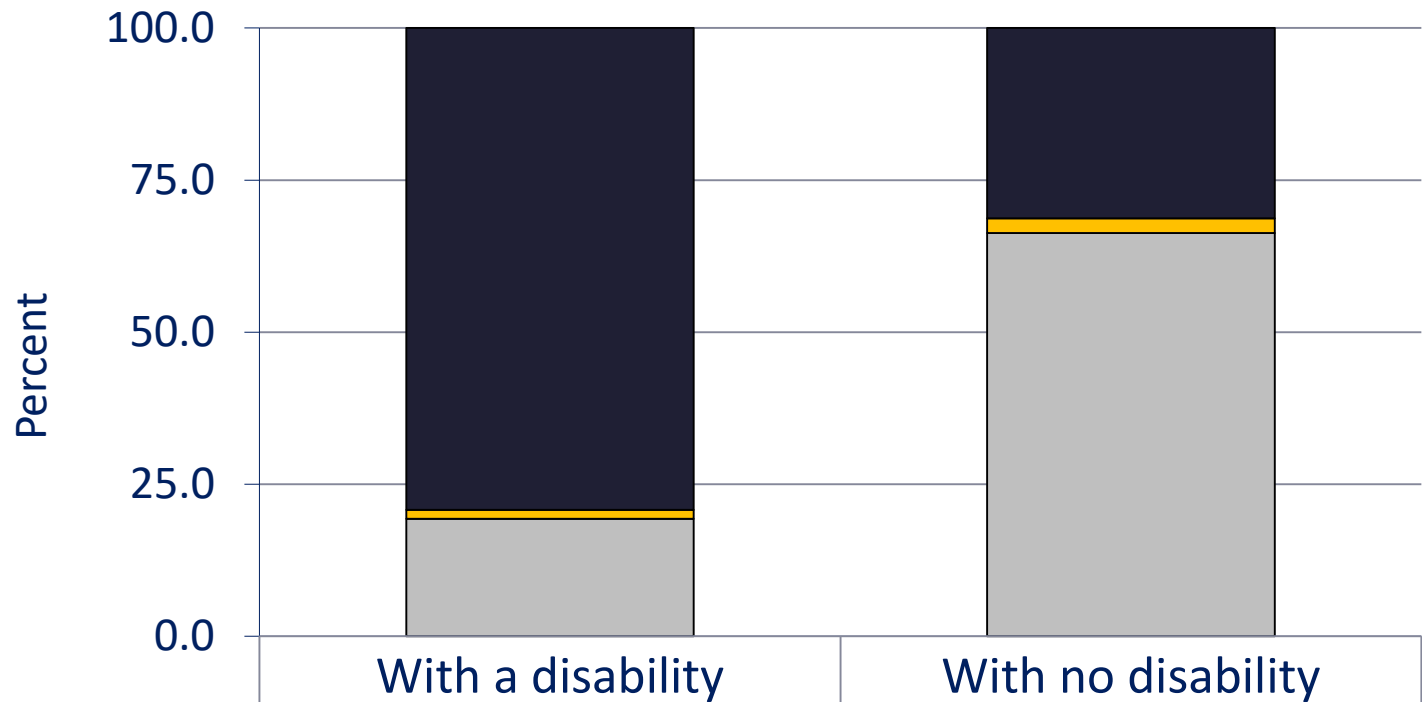
# A greater proportion of persons with a disability are age 65 and older



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



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



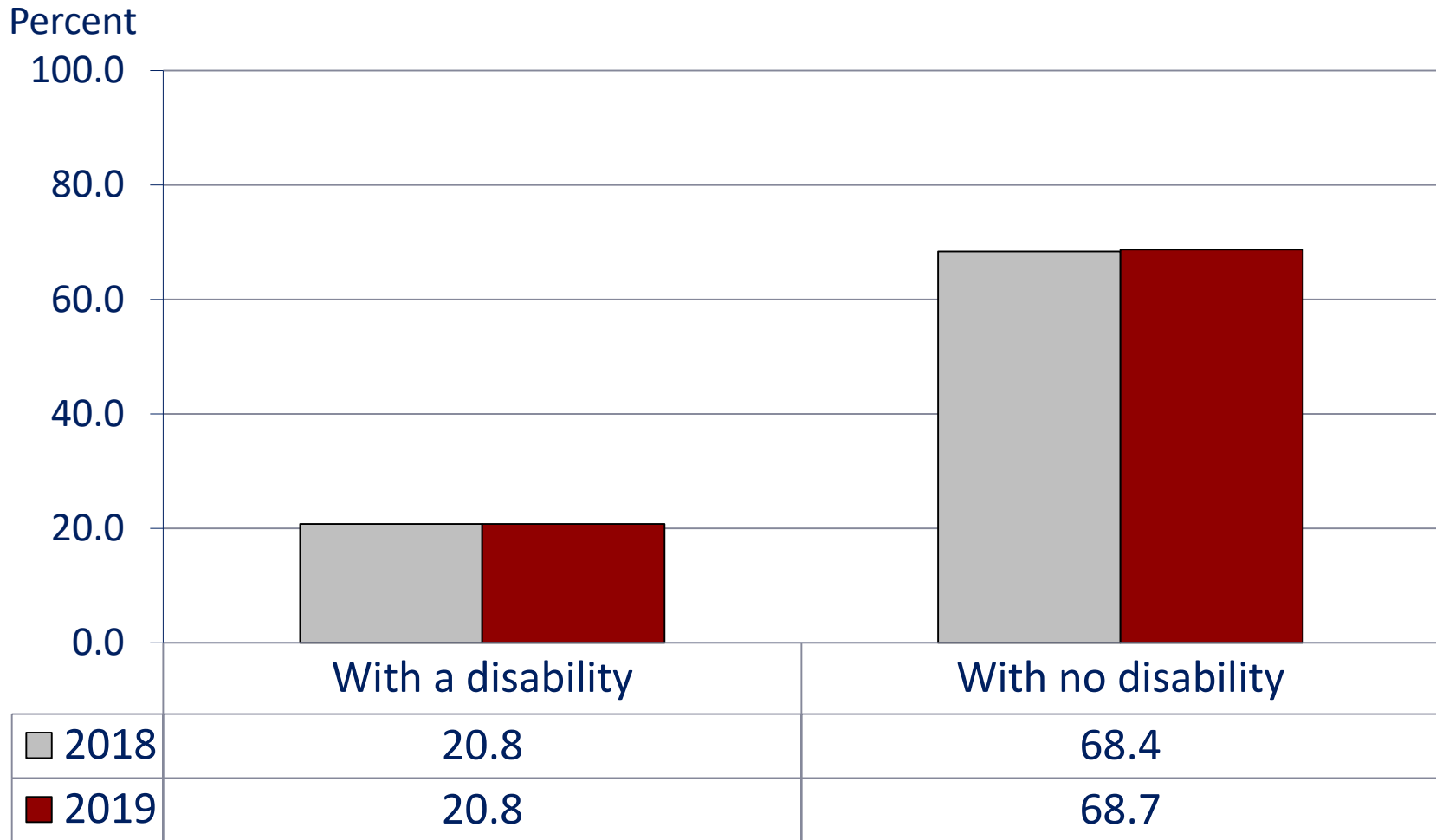
	With a disability	With no disability
■ Not in the labor force	79.2	31.3
■ Unemployed	1.5	2.4
■ Employed	19.3	66.3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages





# Labor force participation rate for those with a disability unchanged in 2019

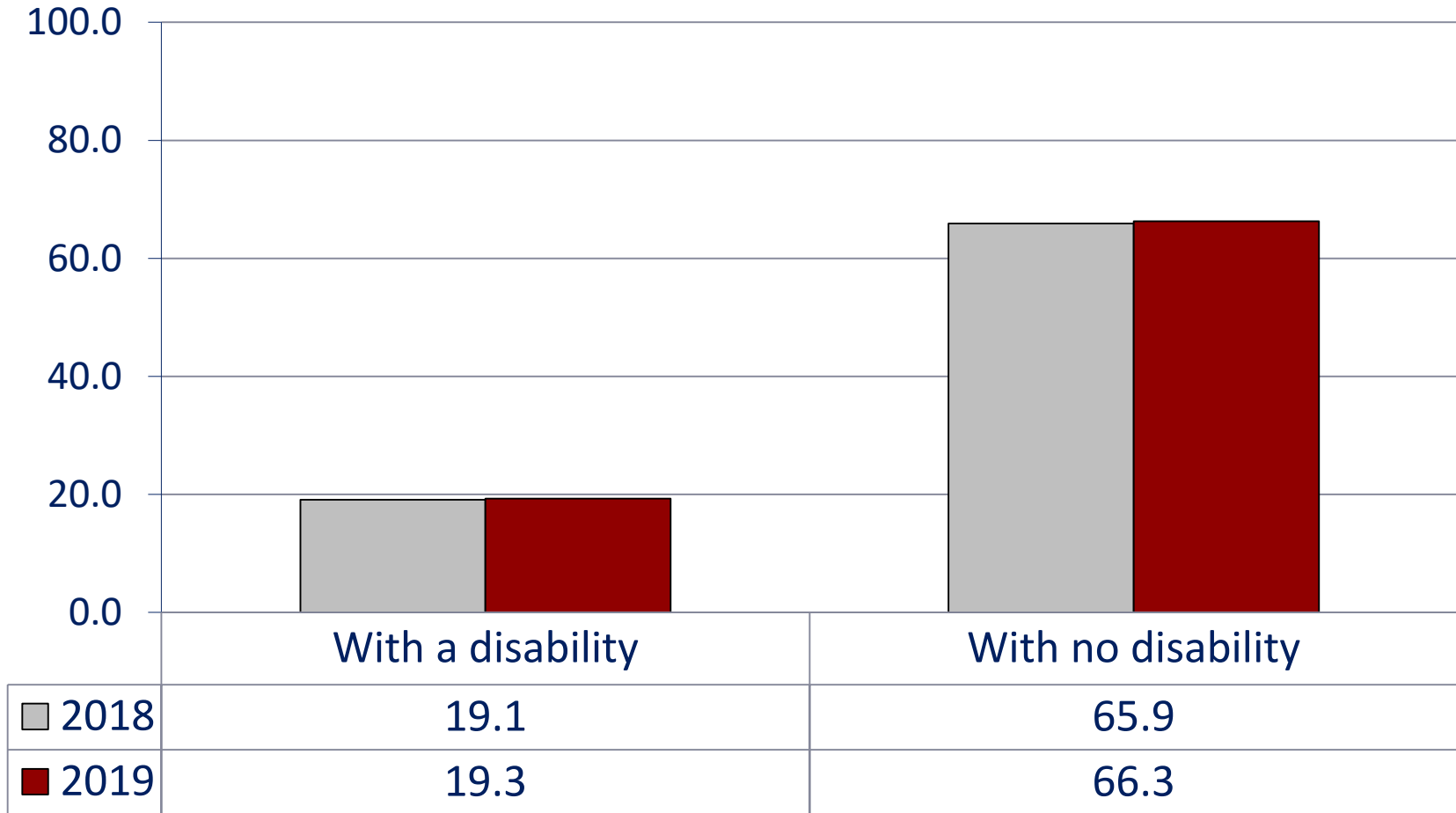


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# Employment-population ratio little changed for those with a disability in 2019

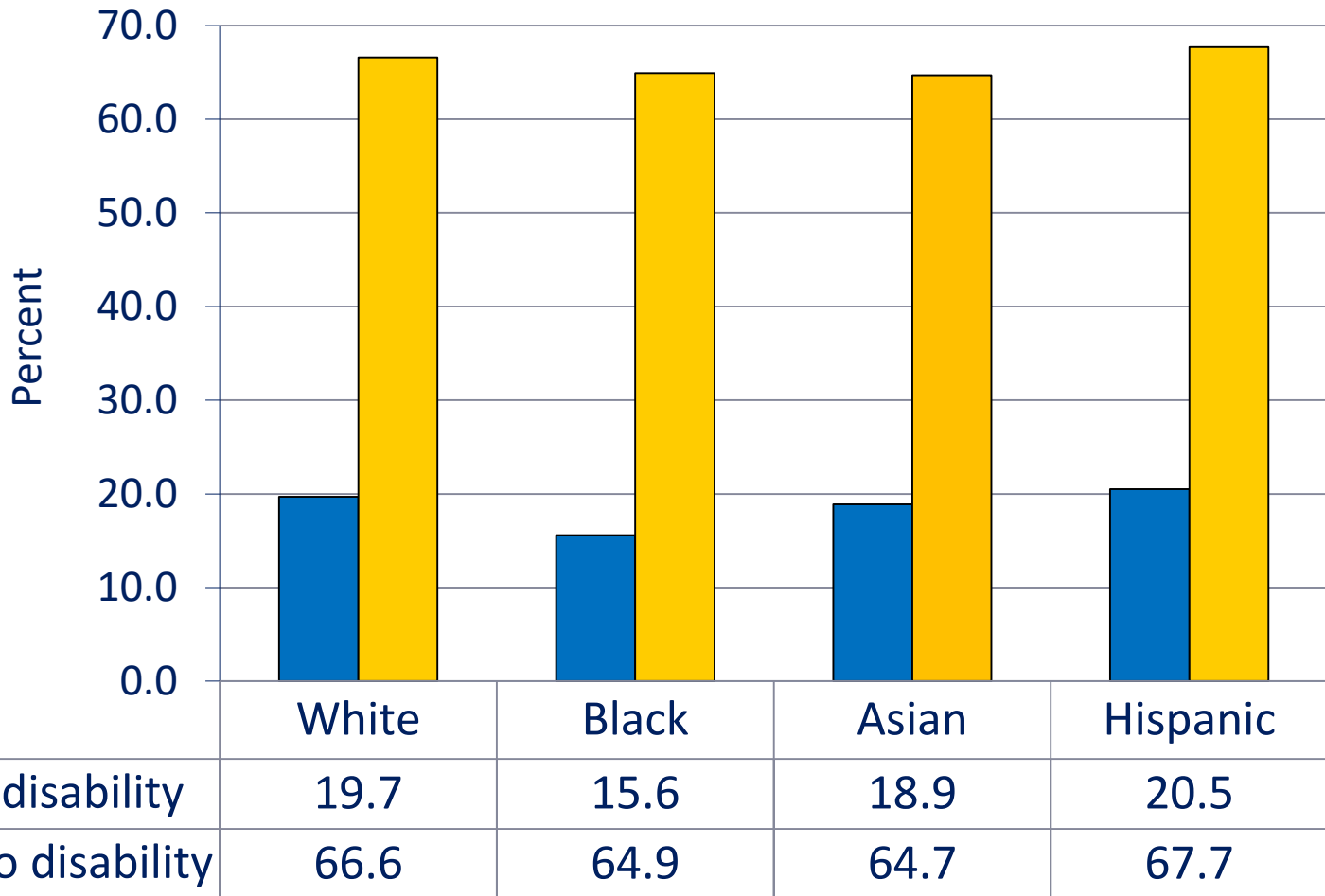
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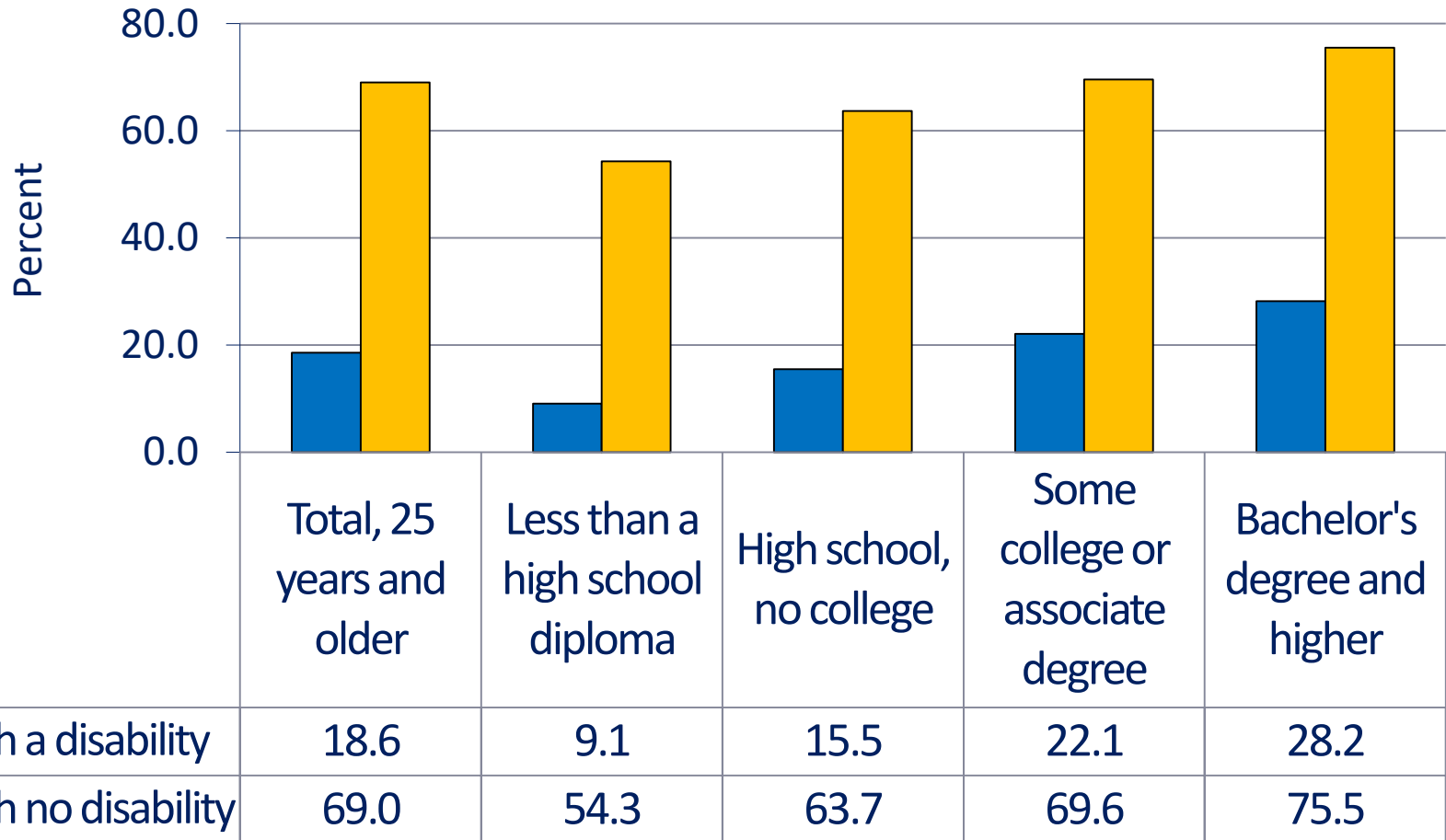
# Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status



NOTE: Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race.  
 SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



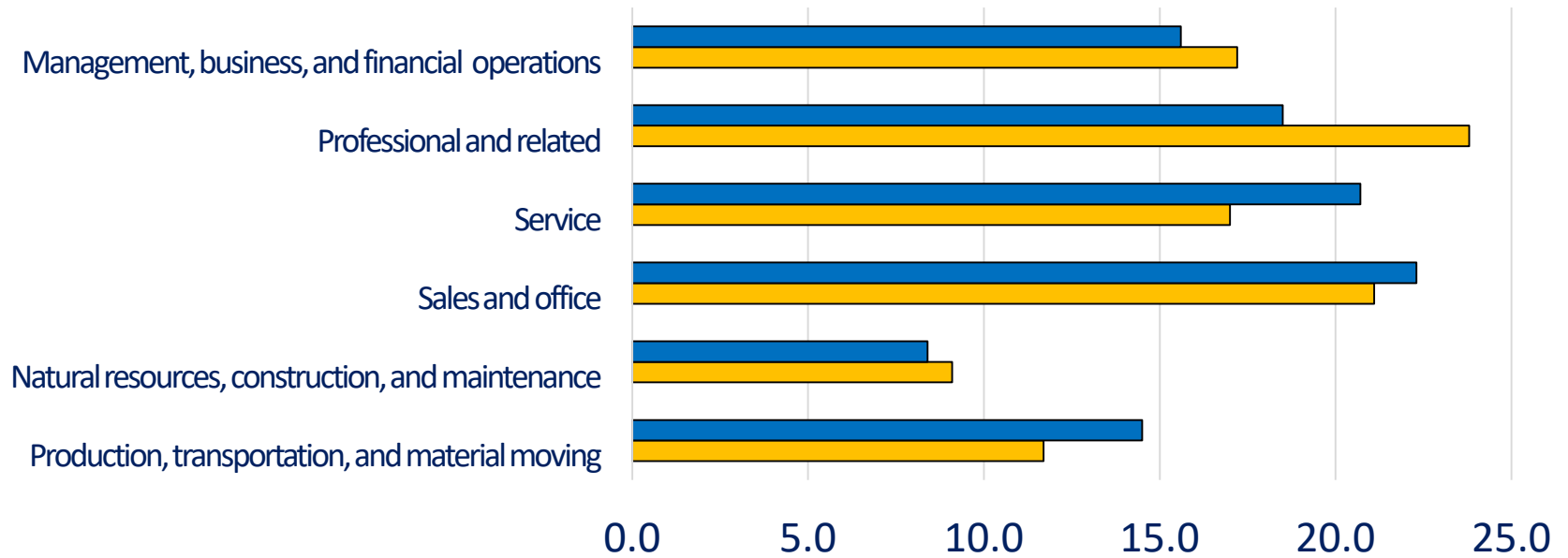
# Employment-population ratios by educational attainment



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



# Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status

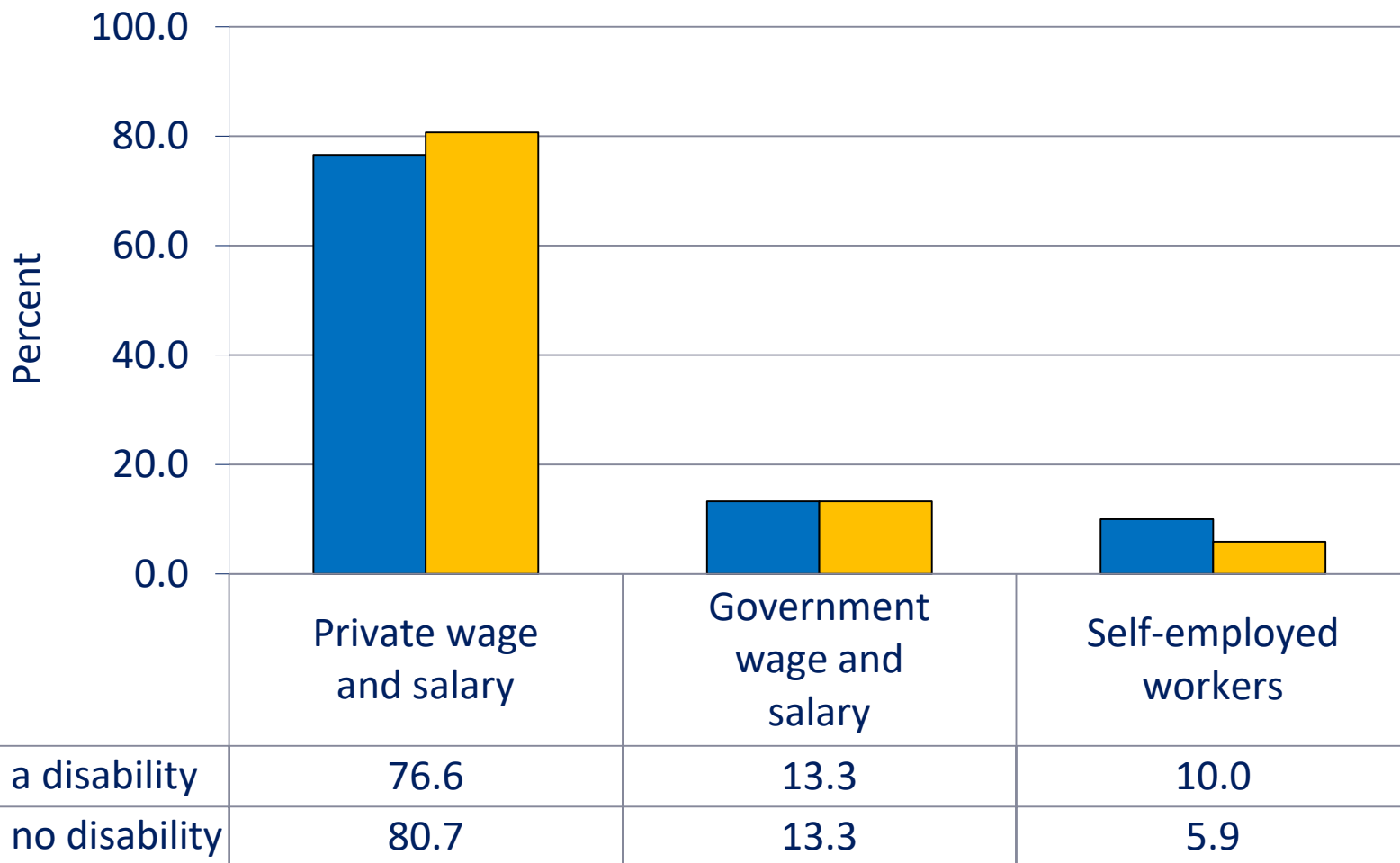


	Production, transportation, and material moving	Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	Sales and office	Service	Professional and related	Management, business, and financial operations
■ With a disability	14.5	8.4	22.3	20.7	18.5	15.6
■ With no disability	11.7	9.1	21.1	17.0	23.8	17.2

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



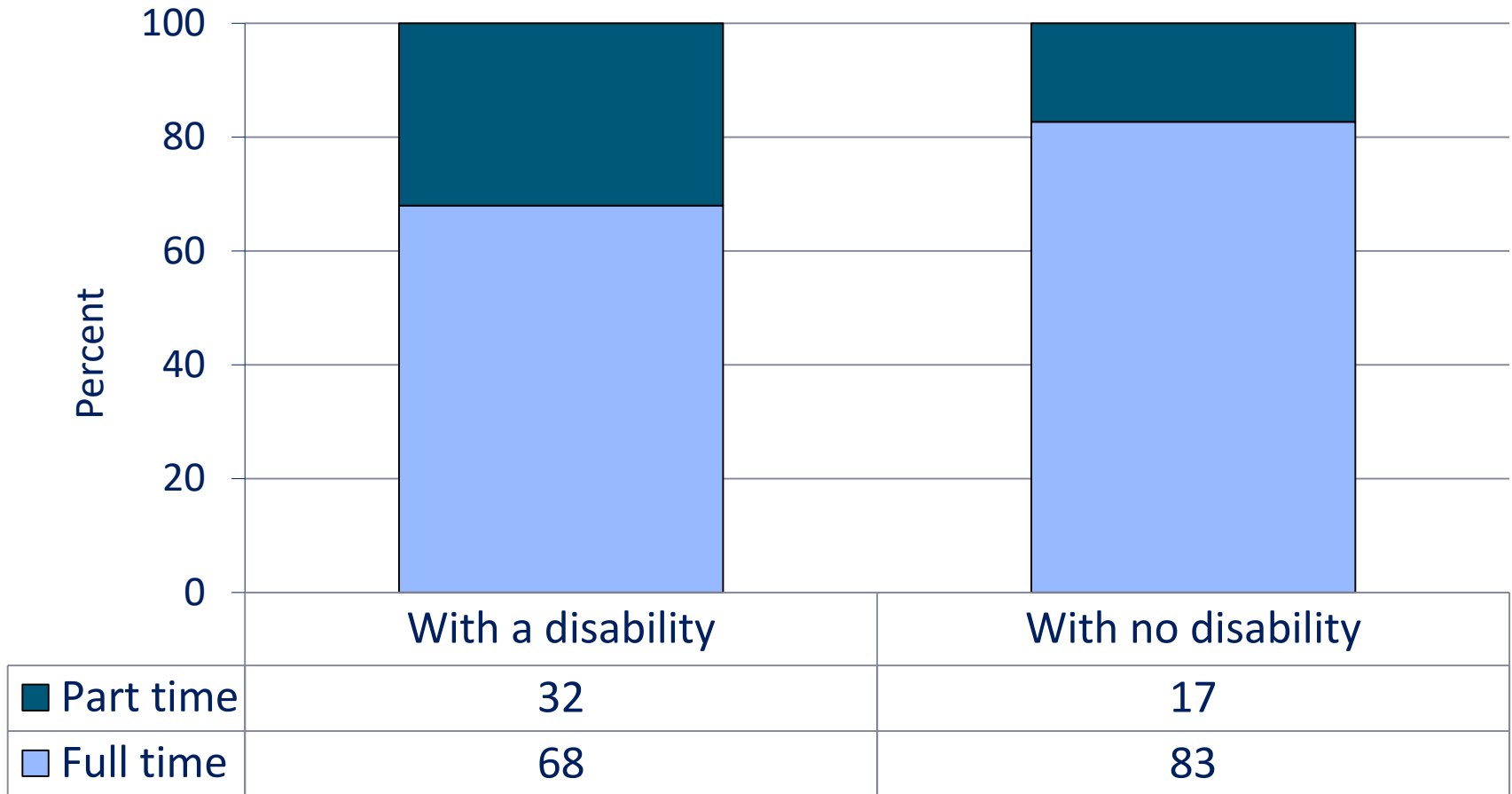
# Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



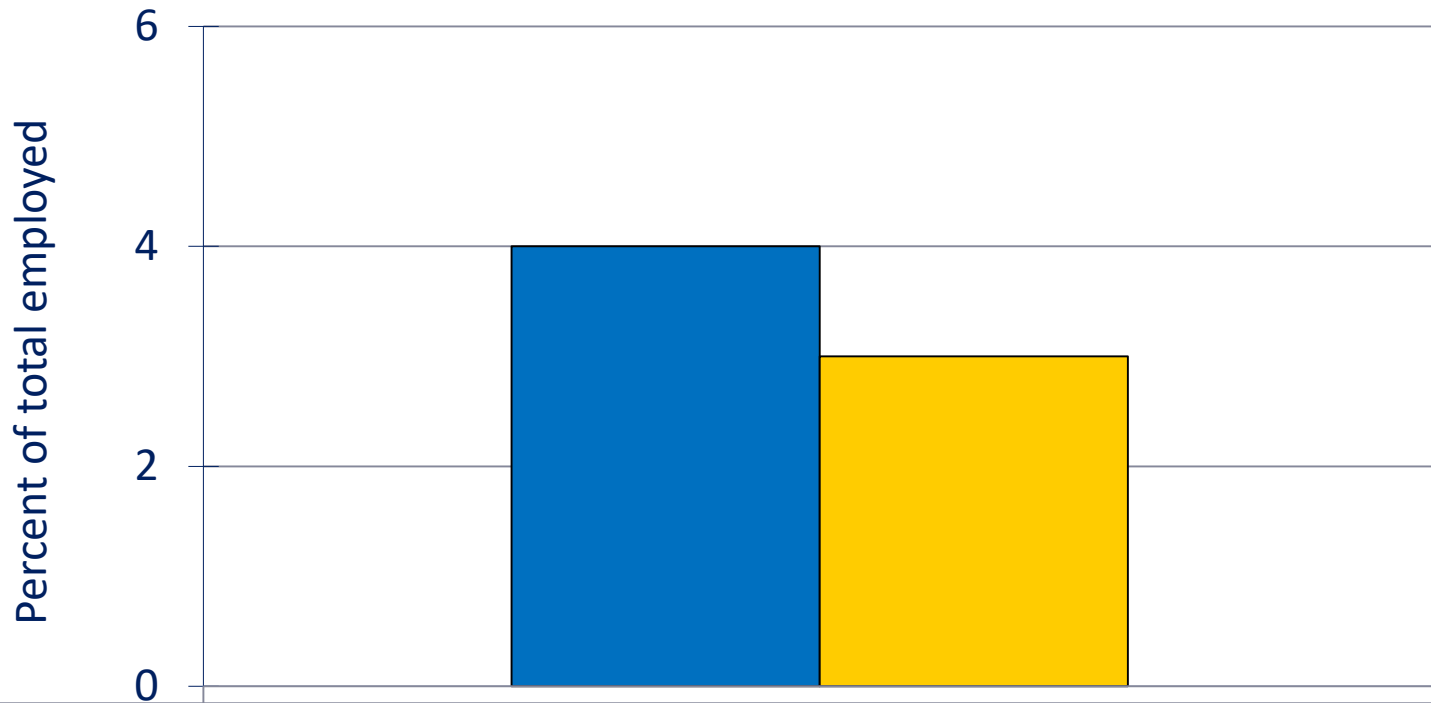
# Persons with a disability are more likely to work part time



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



# Persons employed part time for economic reasons by disability status



■ With a disability	4
■ With no disability	3

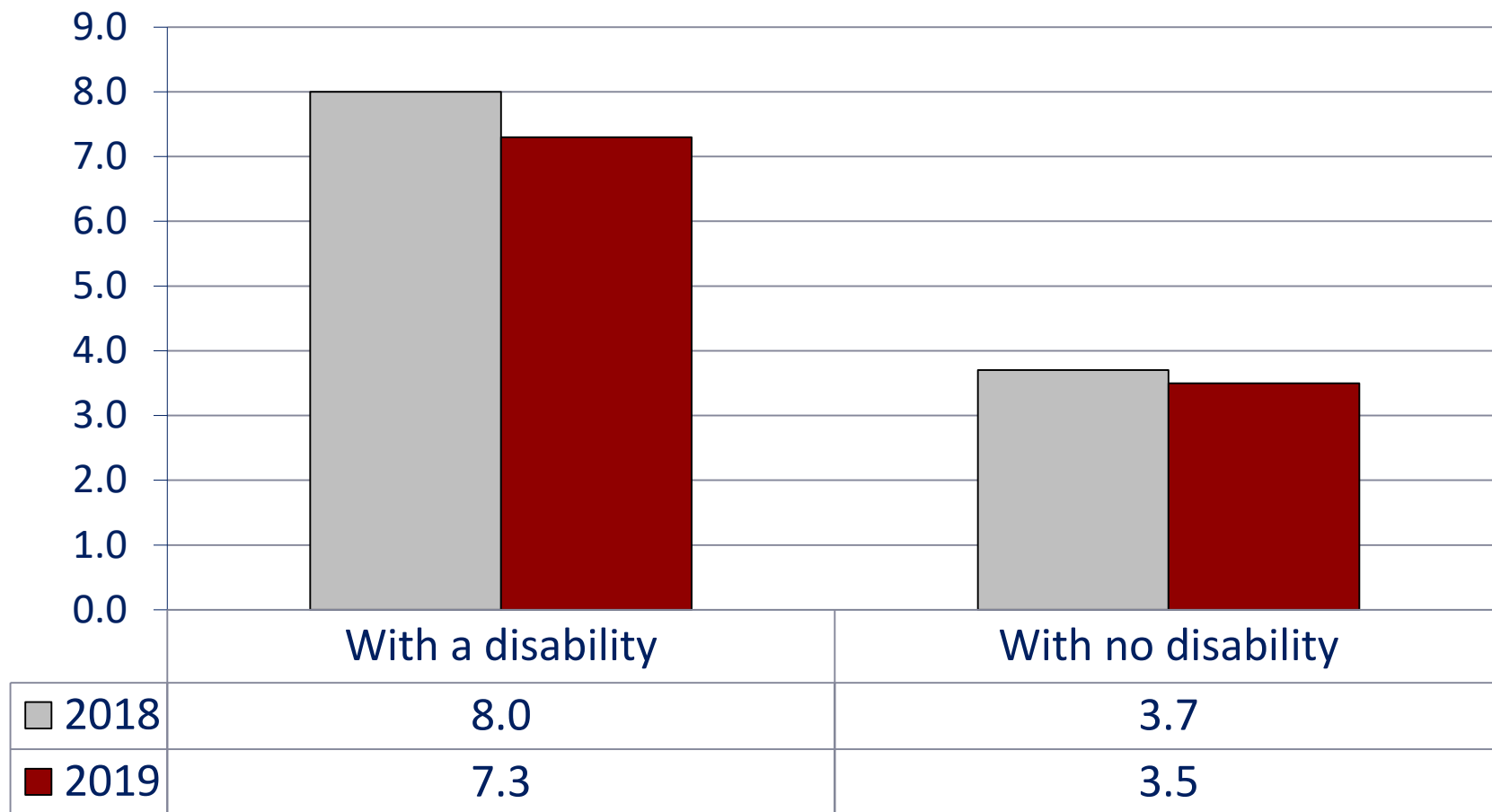
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# Unemployment rate for persons with a disability declined in 2019

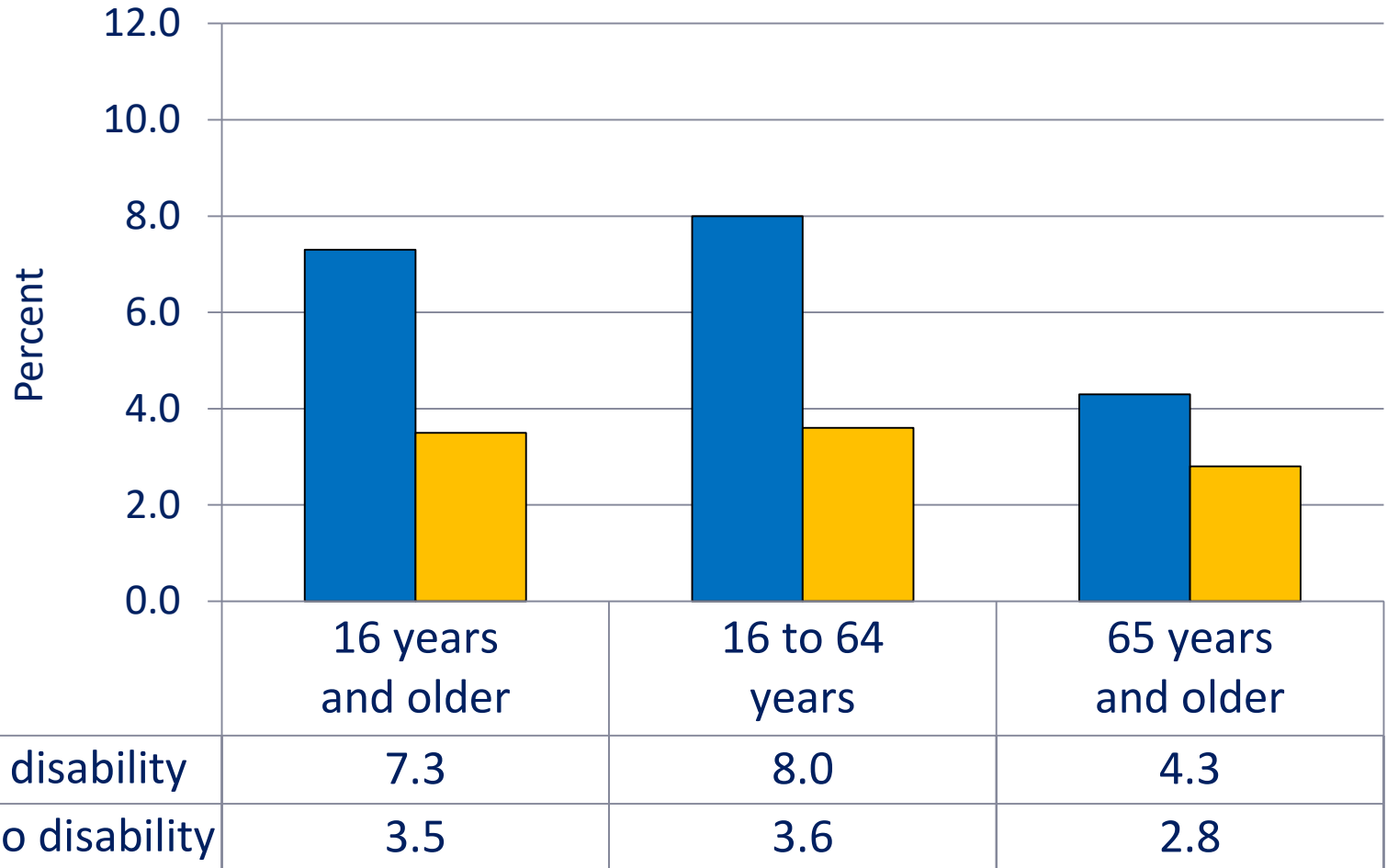
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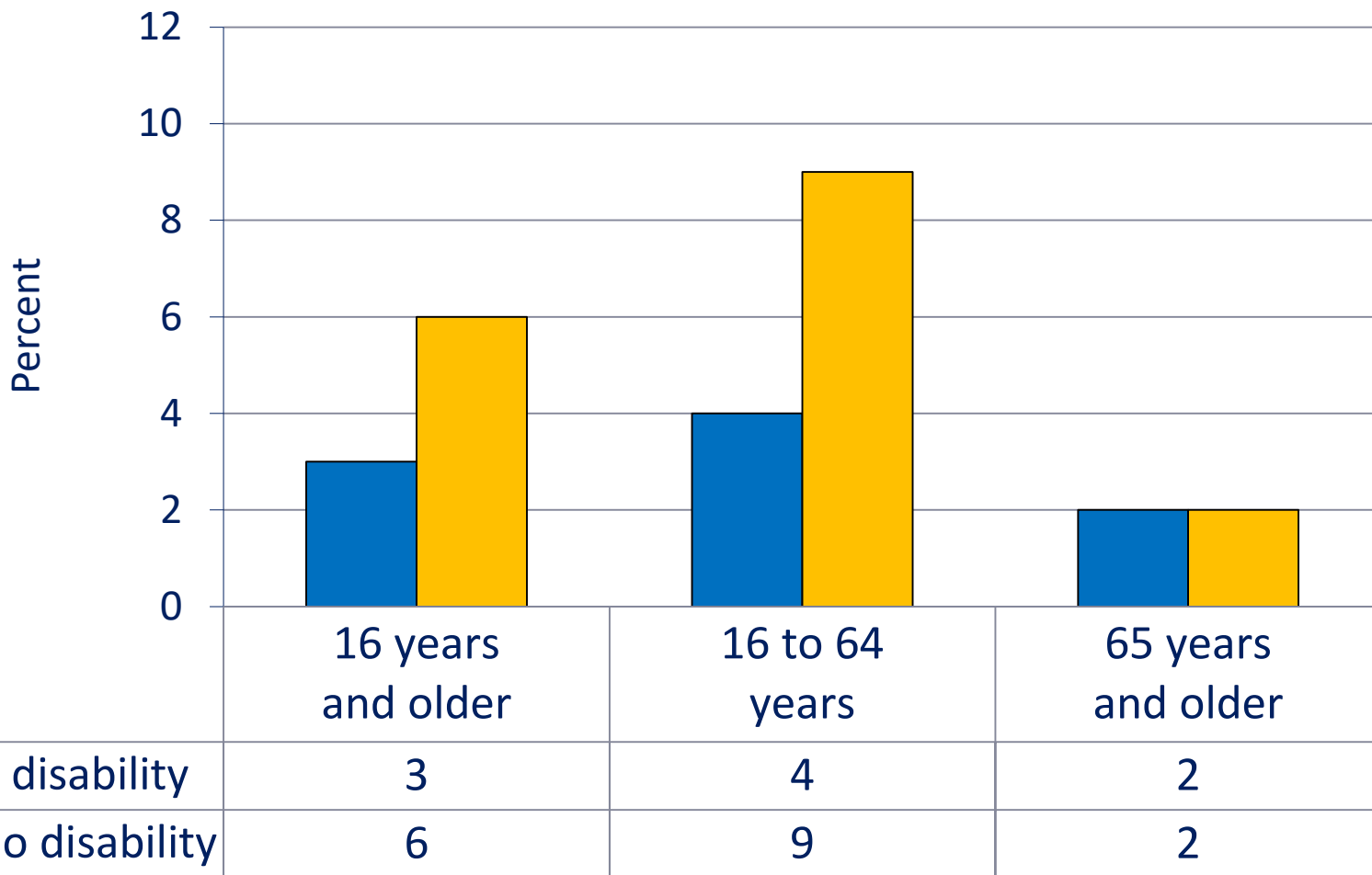
# Unemployment rates by age and disability status, 2019



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



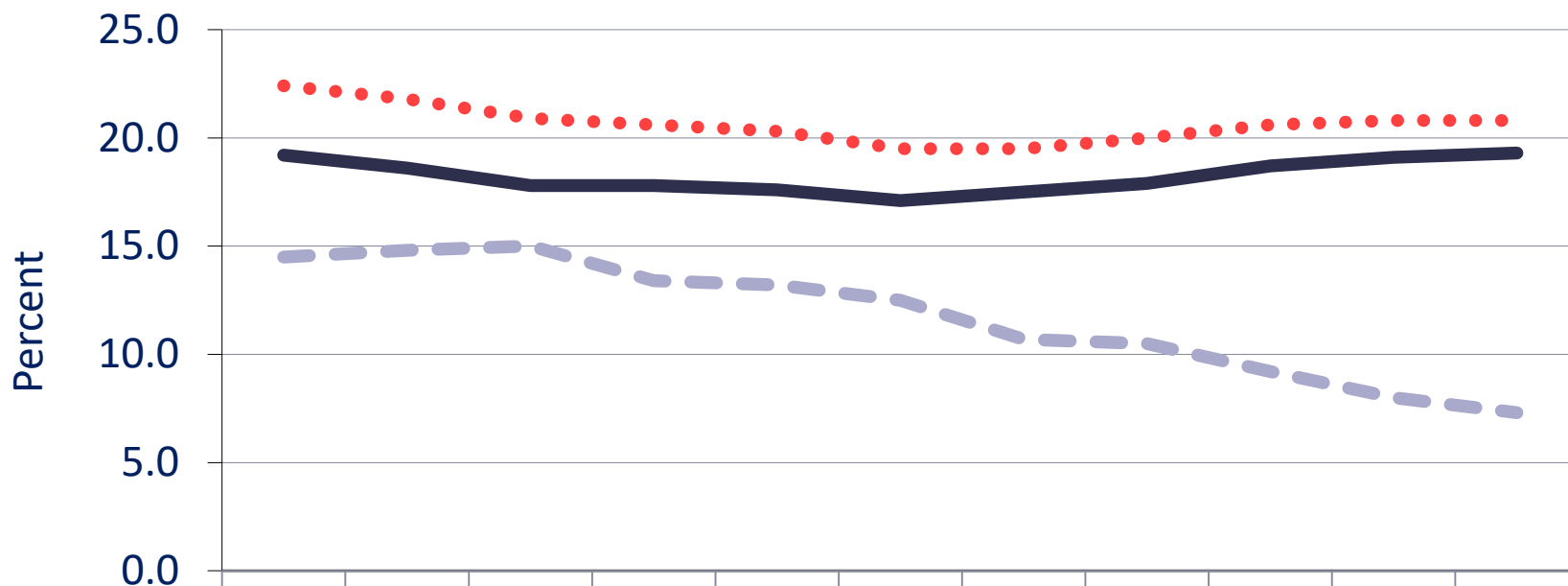
# Proportion of persons not in the labor force who want a job by disability status, 2019



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



# Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability, 2009-2019



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>—</b> 16+ EP	19.2	18.6	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.1	17.5	17.9	18.7	19.1	19.3
<b>- - -</b> 16+ UR	14.5	14.8	15.0	13.4	13.2	12.5	10.7	10.5	9.2	8.0	7.3
<b>• • •</b> 16+ LFPR	22.4	21.8	20.9	20.6	20.3	19.5	19.5	20.0	20.6	20.8	20.8

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2009-2019 annual averages



# CPS Disability Data online

- [Annual Disability press release:](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/disabl.toc.htm)  
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/disabl.toc.htm>
- [May 2012 CPS Disability supplement press release:](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/dissup.toc.htm)  
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/dissup.toc.htm>
- [Monthly employment data \(Table A6\):](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm)  
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm>
- [CPS Disability FAQ:](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsdisability_faq.htm)  
[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsdisability\\_faq.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsdisability_faq.htm)
- [More on Disability:](http://www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#disability)  
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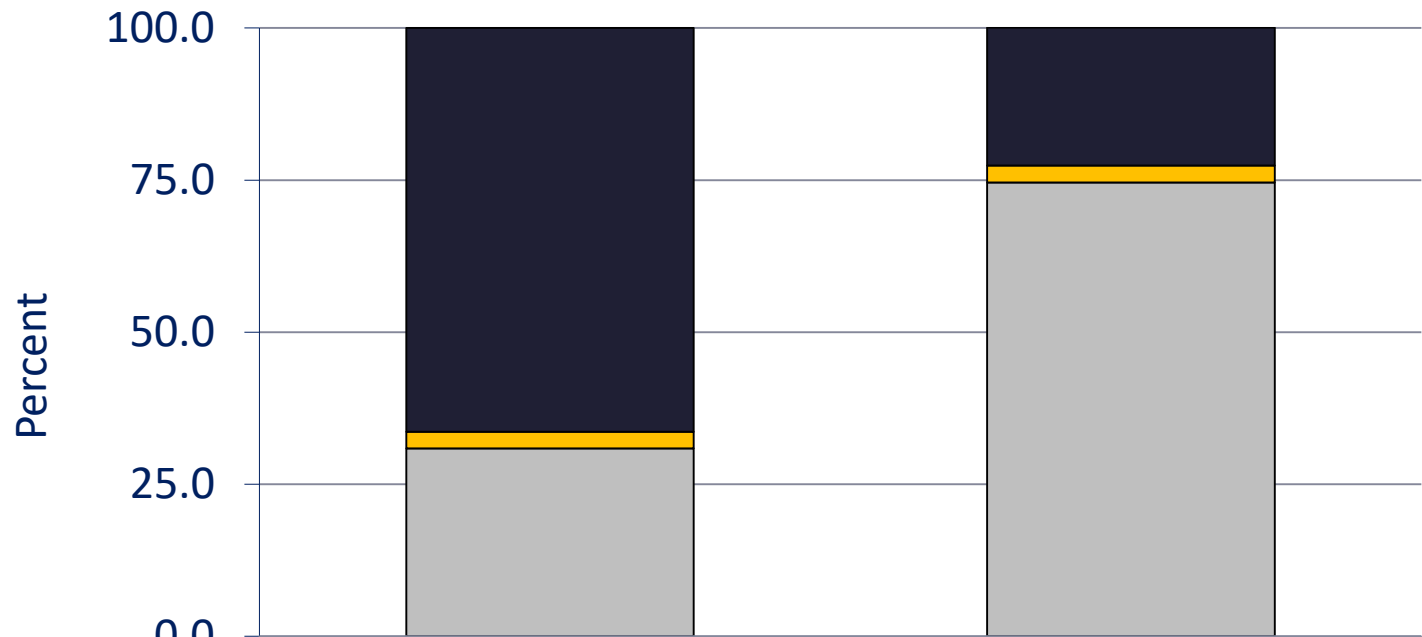
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# Persons with a disability ages 16-64 are less likely to be in the labor force

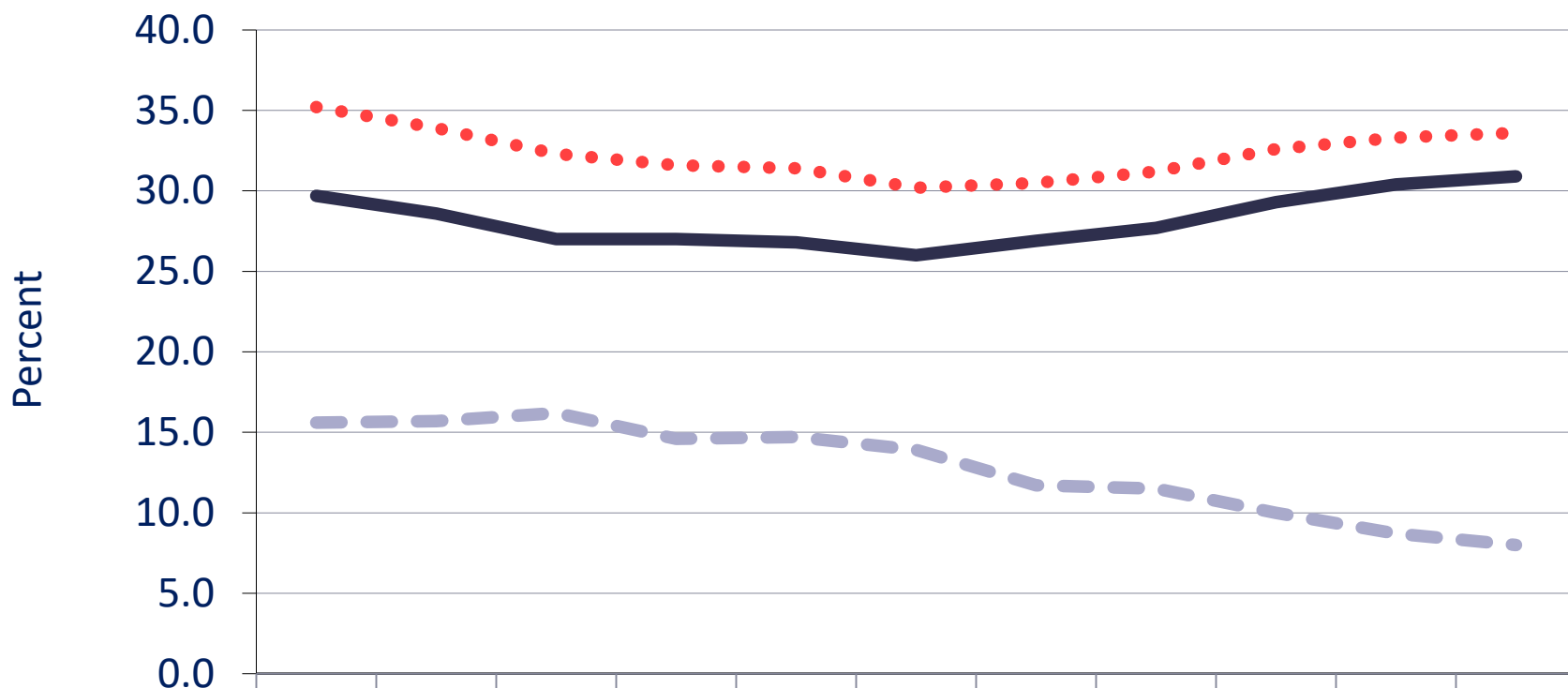


	With a disability	With no disability
■ Not in the labor force	66.4	22.7
■ Unemployed	2.7	2.8
■ Employed	30.9	74.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2019 annual averages



# Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability ages 16-64, 2009-2019



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
— 16-64 EP	29.7	28.6	27.0	27.0	26.8	26.0	26.9	27.7	29.3	30.4	30.9
- - 16-64 UR	15.6	15.7	16.2	14.6	14.7	13.9	11.7	11.5	10.0	8.7	8.0
••• 16-64 LFPR	35.2	33.9	32.3	31.6	31.4	30.2	30.5	31.2	32.6	33.3	33.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2009-2019 annual averages

