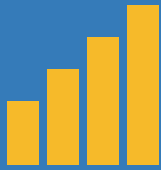


Persons with Disabilities in Delaware



Adults with Disability

In 2020, **23.8% of Delaware adults reported at least one disability****. Mobility and cognitive disabilities were the most common disabilities, with close to **1 in 10** reporting each type.^c



Aging and Disability

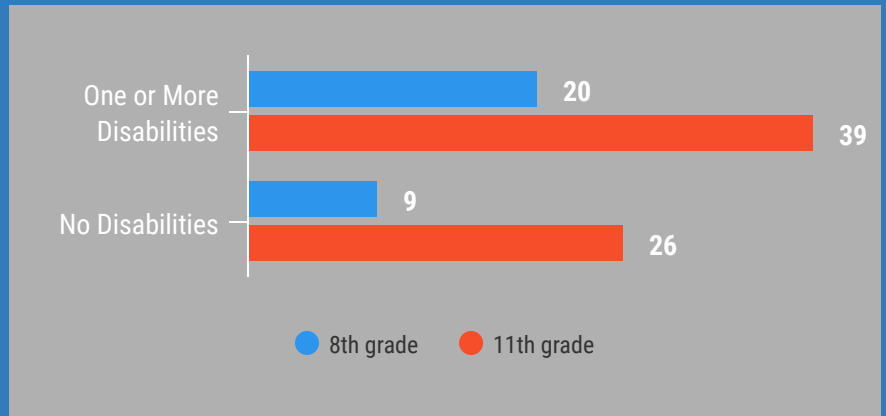
Approximately **1 in 5 Delawareans aged 65-74** report having a disability. This rate doubles to **44.6% among people aged 75 and over**.^a



Disability and Mental Health

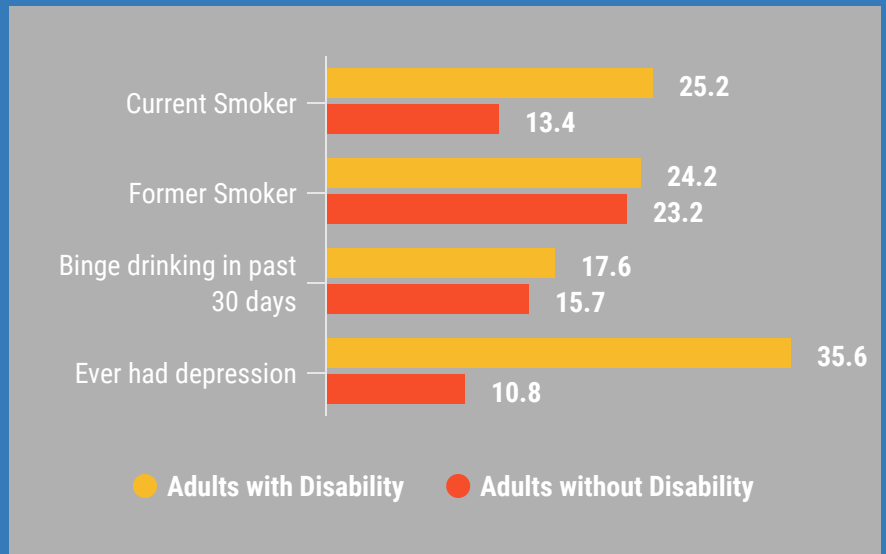
In 2021, Delaware 8th graders with a disability reported approximately **three times the rate of anxiety and depression** compared to students without a disability.^b

Past Year Alcohol Use (%)



In 2021, **8th and 11th grade students with a disability*** reported using alcohol more frequently in the past year, compared to students without disabilities.^b

Disability Status and Prevalence (%)



Adults with disabilities have **higher rates of smoking, binge drinking, and depression** than adults without reported disabilities.^c

*Disability in the DSS refers to difficulty hearing or seeing, walking or climbing stairs, or having a serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions, or doing things because of a physical, emotional, or learning disability, and includes both self-identified and medical-professional identified.

**Adults with disabilities are defined by the ACS and BRFSS as experiencing functional difficulty in at least one of six areas: hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, or independent living.

Source(s):

^a American Community Surveys (ACS), 2016-2020. U.S. Census Bureau.

^b Center for Drug & Health Studies. (2021). Delaware School Survey: Secondary [Annual Survey]. University of Delaware. Note: Delaware School Survey Data is unweighted.

^c Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). Delaware Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).