

How to find disability data for your county

To find county-level disability prevalence:

1. Go to: <https://disabilitycompendium.org/compendium/2018-state-report-for-county-level-data-prevalence>
2. Click on your state to view reports.
3. Scroll to bottom of reports for county prevalence numbers.

To find county-level disability prevalence by the 6 types of disabilities captured by the US Census:

1. Go to the website: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>
2. Type in the name of your county and state in the search bar.
3. On the right hand, under the list titled “Related Searches,” click on “[county, state] Health”
3. Then, under “Tables,” click on the table titled “Disability Characteristics”
4. The table will display both the number of people with a disability and the percentage of people with disabilities in the county. The table will also display these results for 6 types of disabilities (hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, independent living).

Quick links and tips for using the US Census website and data:

- “Disability” may not appear as a topic or search term; instead, it will be under “health” or under “demographics”
- Table showing 2019 1-year estimate of disability characteristics in the US: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S1810&tid=ACST1Y2019.S1810>
- The US Census and its related survey, the American Community Survey, only capture disability prevalence for non-institutionalized populations. This may mean that the estimates are lower than other national datasets. Yet the purpose of using these statistics is to help capture the shape of a community’s emergency planning needs. Even one Deaf person in a community, or one wheelchair-user, deserves to have same-time equal access to emergency planning and response.

For more resources related to disability inclusion and local emergency planning, and to get involved, go to <https://nationalcenterdph.org/our-focus-areas/prepared4all/>