

Disability Statistics New Jersey



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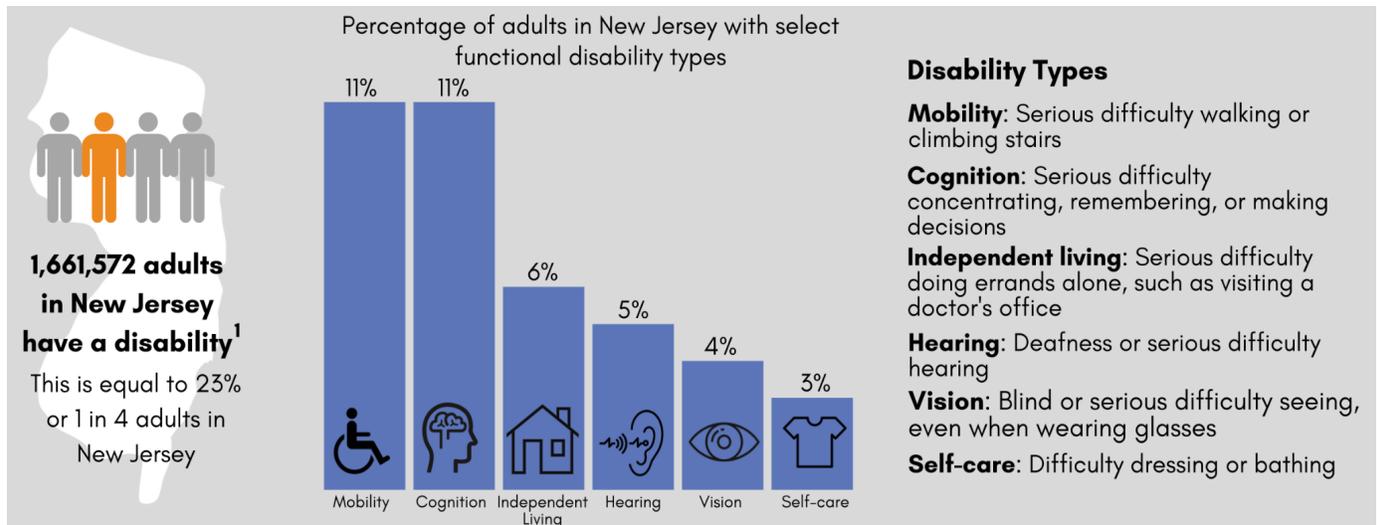


2023 Statistics - Disabilities in New Jersey

Prevalence

- About 1 in 4 adults in New Jersey have a disability.
- Since 2011 in NJ, the percentage of people with an independent living disability has stayed steady, meaning demand for independent living services has also stayed steady.
- By county, both Gloucester (6.3%) and Camden (7.9%) counties have higher rates of people with independent living difficulties than the state average (2021)
- **Recommendations: More investment and support for independent living services and organizations could help the challenges this community faces. In addition, funding for outreach to these communities is important to spread awareness about available programs and services.**

Figure 1



Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)



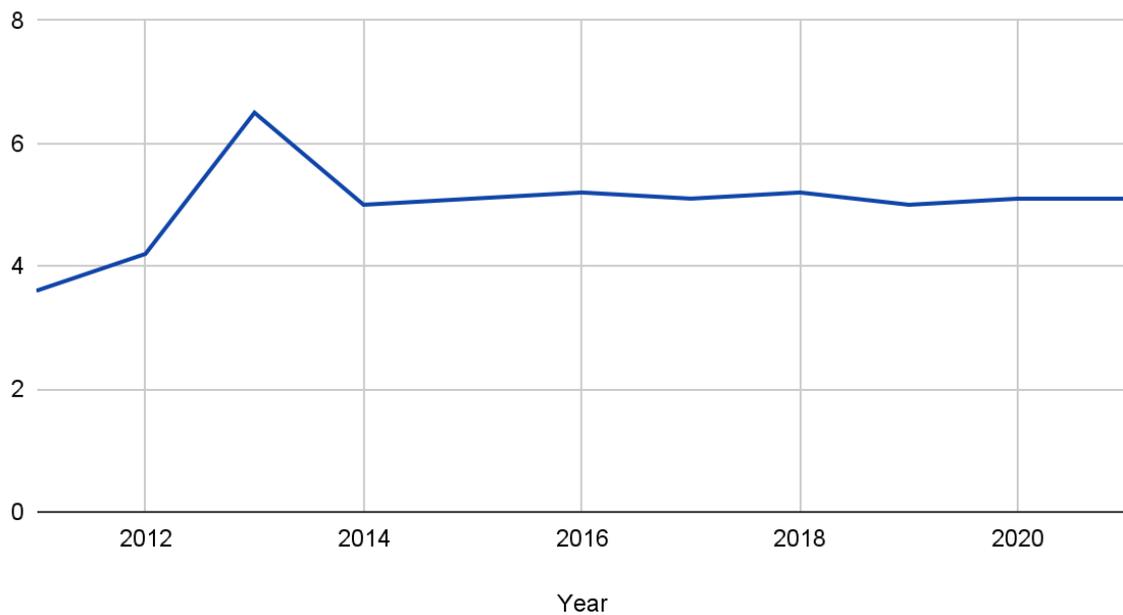
New Jersey - Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty (2011-2021)

Year	Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty
2021	5.1%
2020	5.1%
2019	5.0%
2018	5.2%
2017	5.1%
2016	5.2%
2015	5.1%

Year	Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty
2014	5.0%
2013	6.5%
2012	4.2%
2011	3.6%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -1 Year Files - Table S1810; except 2020 5-Year

Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty in NJ (2011 - 2021)





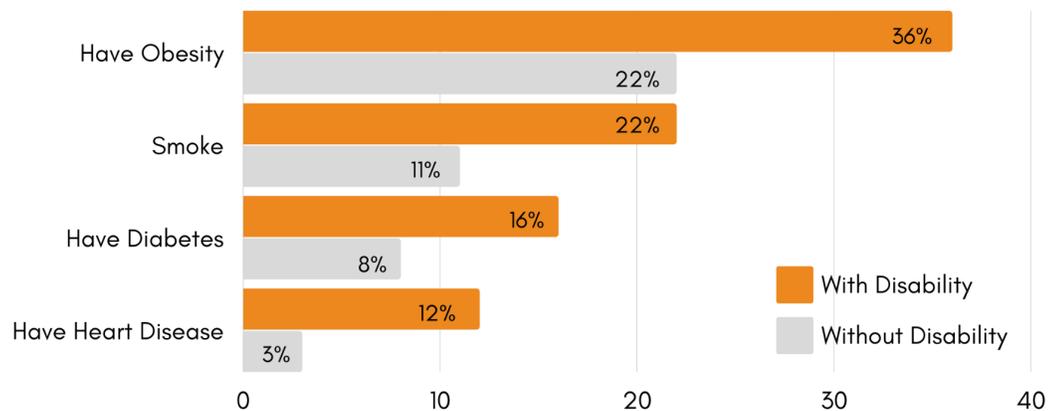
CILSJ Region - Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty (2021)

Region	Percent with an Independent Living Difficulty	Count Estimate
Gloucester County	6.3%	15,049
Camden County	7.9%	31,469
New Jersey State	5.1%	365,592

Health Disparities

Figure 2

Adults with disabilities in **New Jersey** experience health disparities and are more likely to...¹



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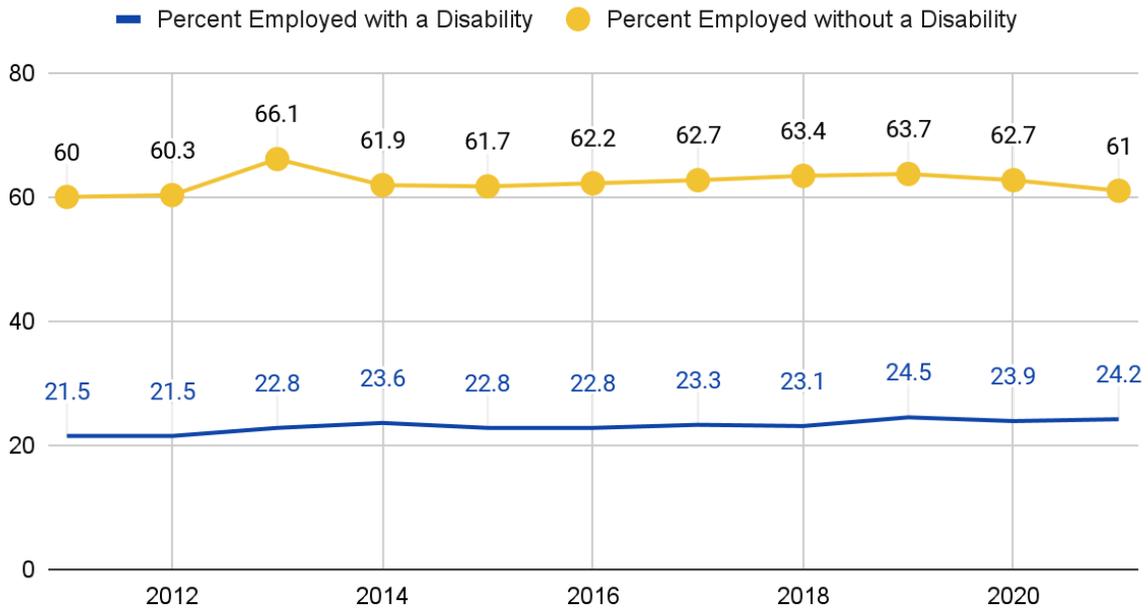
Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)



Employment

- In 2021, 24.2% of people with disabilities were employed in New Jersey compared to 61% of people without disabilities.
- Over the past decade employment status has remained relatively stable for people with disabilities in New Jersey. The gap between people with and without disabilities remains, with those with disabilities seeing a marginal increase over time.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS: More investment in employment programs, training, and opportunities to address the gap and keep the data trending in the right direction.**

New Jersey Employment Status (2011 - 2021)



CILSJ Region - Percent Employed w/ a Disability (2021)

Region	Percent Employed with a Disability
Gloucester County	23.9%
Camden County	23.4%
New Jersey State	24.2%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -1 Year Files; 5- Year File



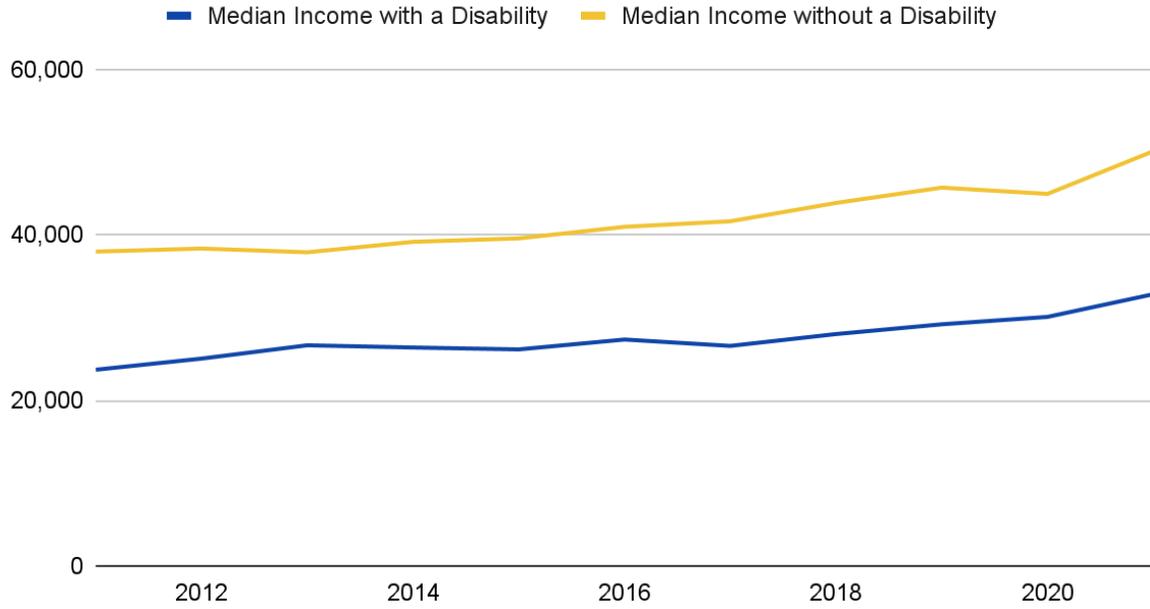
New Jersey - Employment Status (2011 - 2021)

Year	Percent Employed with a Disability	Percent Employed without a Disability
2021	24.2%	61%
2020	23.9%	62.7%
2019	24.5%	63.7%
2018	23.1%	63.4%
2017	23.3%	62.7%
2016	22.8%	62.2%
2015	22.8%	61.7%
2014	23.6%	61.9%
2013	22.8%	66.1%
2012	21.5%	60.3%
2011	21.5%	60%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -1 Year Files - Table S1811



Median Income in New Jersey (2011 - 2021)

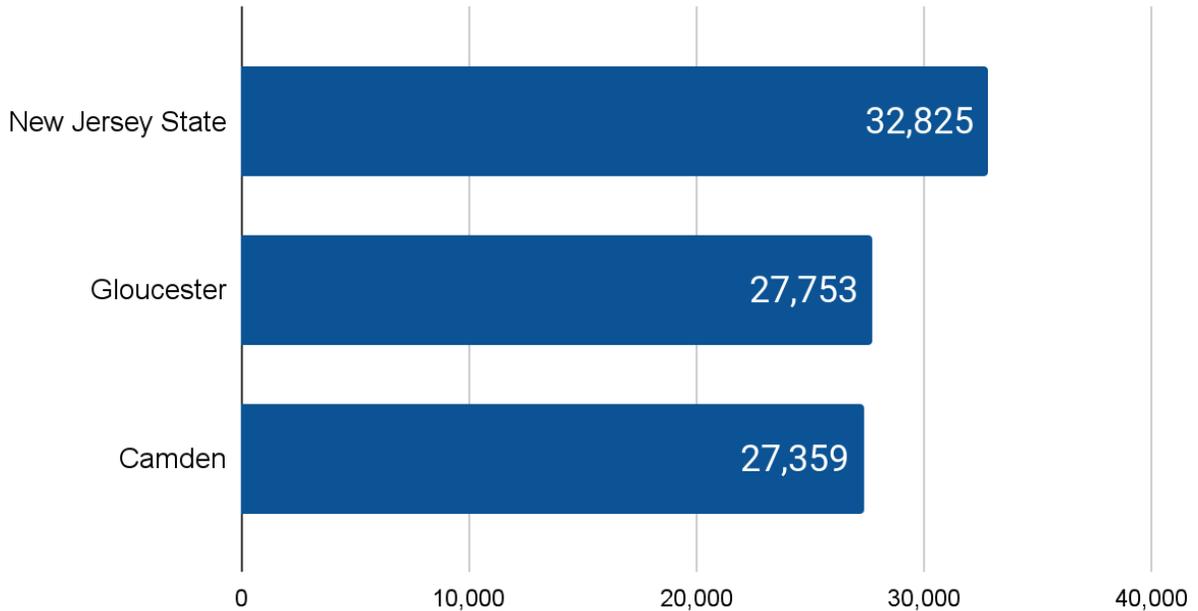


New Jersey - Median Income (2011- 2021)

Year	Median Income with a Disability	Median Income without a Disability
2021	\$32,825	\$50,097
2020	\$30,086	\$44,944
2019	\$29,192	\$45,702
2018	\$28,014	\$43,852
2017	\$26,581	\$41,639
2016	\$27,352	\$40,968
2015	\$26,158	\$39,569
2014	\$26,387	\$39,153
2013	\$26,656	\$37,886
2012	\$25,048	\$38,340
2011	\$23,702	\$37,969



Median Income for People with Disabilities (2021)



Region	Median Income for People with Disabilities	Difference from State Average
Gloucester County	\$27,753	\$5,072
Camden County	\$27,359	\$5,466
New Jersey State	\$32,825	N/A

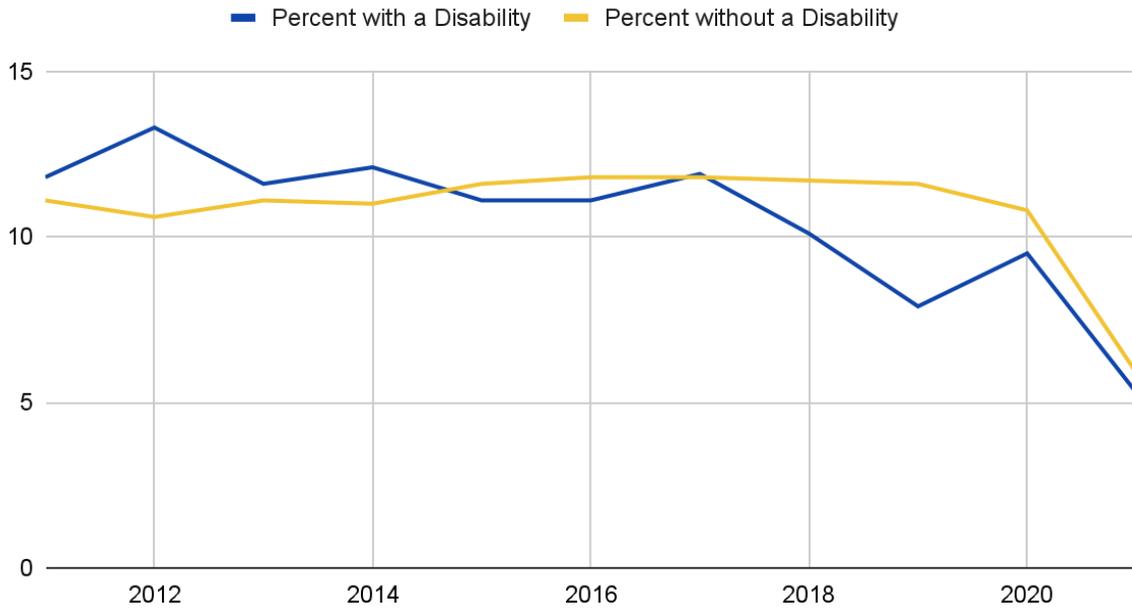
Source: American Community Survey 2021 ACS -1 Year File; Gloucester County uses 2021 5-Year

Income

- Since 2011, income for both people with and without disabilities in New Jersey has risen, but the significant income gap remains. Income for people without disabilities has risen at a greater rate than those with disabilities.
- Both Gloucester and Camden counties have lower median incomes than the state average for people with disabilities
- **RECOMMENDATIONS: Income is largely tied to jobs and social service supports. A more intentional focus on these areas may help address this income gap.**



Commuted to Work by Public Transportation (2011 - 2021)



Year	Percent with a Disability	Percent without a Disability
2021	5.3%	5.9%
2020	9.5%	10.8%
2019	7.9%	11.6%
2018	10.1%	11.7%
2017	11.9%	11.8%
2016	11.1%	11.8%
2015	11.1%	11.6%
2014	12.1%	11.0%
2013	11.6%	11.1%
2012	13.3% (historic high)	10.6%
2011	11.8%	11.1%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -1 Year Files - Table S1811; 2020 uses 5-Year



CILSJ Region - Percent Commuting to Work via Public Transit (2021)

Region	Percent without a Disability - Public Transport (2021)	Percent with a Disability - Public Transport (2021)
Gloucester	2.3%	2.3%
Camden	3.2%	2.5%
New Jersey State	5.9%	5.3%

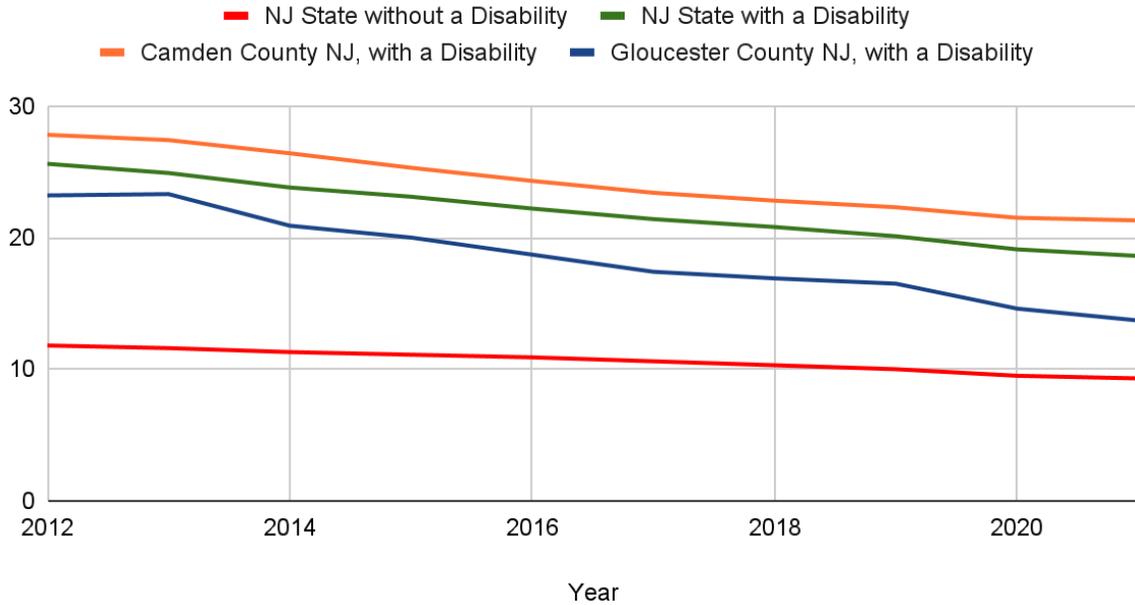
Source: American Community Survey 2021 ACS -1 Year File; Gloucester County uses 2021 5-Year

Public Transportation

- In recent years, there has been a dramatic decline in the percentage of commuters using public transit to get to work for both people with and without disabilities.
- Until 2015, people with disabilities used public transit for work at higher rates than those without disabilities, with a historic high of 13.3% in 2012.
- Both Gloucester and Camden counties have lower rates than the state average for people with and without disabilities
- **RECOMMENDATIONS: First, it is important to better understand what mechanisms are behind this recent dip. Access and accessibility are also important areas of concern when it comes to encouraging people with disabilities to utilize public transportation for work.**



Educational Attainment Less Than High School



Year	NJ State without a Disability	NJ State with a Disability	Camden County NJ, with a Disability	Gloucester County NJ, with a Disability
2021	9.3%	18.6%	21.3%	13.7%
2020	9.5%	19.1%	21.5%	14.6%
2019	10%	20.1%	22.3%	16.5%
2018	10.3%	20.8%	22.8%	16.9%
2017	10.6%	21.4%	23.4%	17.4%
2016	10.9%	22.2%	24.3%	18.7%
2015	11.1%	23.1%	25.3%	20%
2014	11.3%	23.8%	26.4%	20.9%
2013	11.6%	24.9%	27.4%	23.3%
2012	11.8%	25.6%	27.8%	23.2%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -5 Year Files - Table S1811



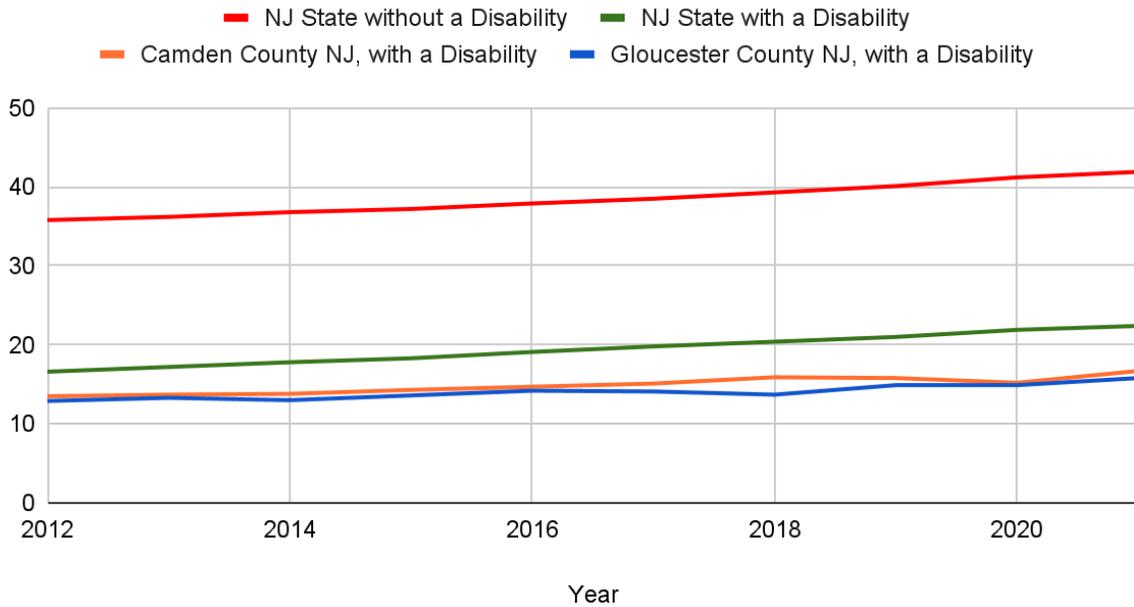
NJ Educational Attainment - Higher Education (BA or Higher)

Year	NJ State without a Disability	NJ State with a Disability	Camden County NJ, with a Disability	Gloucester County NJ, with a Disability
2021	41.9%	22.4%	16.7%	15.8%
2020	41.2%	21.9%	15.2%	14.9%
2019	40.1%	21%	15.8%	14.9%
2018	39.3%	20.4%	15.9%	13.7%
2017	38.5%	19.8%	15.1%	14.1%
2016	37.9%	19.1%	14.7%	14.2%
2015	37.2%	18.3%	14.3%	13.6%
2014	36.8%	17.8%	13.8%	13%
2013	36.2%	17.2%	13.7%	13.3%
2012	35.8%	16.6%	13.5%	12.9%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -5 Year Files - Table S1811



Educational Attainment - Higher Education (BA or Higher)



Education

- Since 2011 in New Jersey, all groups experienced a decline in “less than high school” educational attainment. At the same time, all groups also experienced a rise in rates of higher education (BA degree or higher). While these data are promising, gaps between those with and without disabilities are persistent.
- With respect to higher education rates, both Gloucester and Camden counties are below the state average for people with disabilities.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS: Invest and support more education opportunities for people with disabilities, including training programs and school to career pipelines connected with industry. Additionally, preparing people with disabilities in New Jersey for the future landscape of jobs will be important given the significance of automation and other technological advances coming in the next decade.**



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NJ Poverty Status - Below 100% of the Poverty Level

Year	Percent with a Disability	Percent without a Disability
2021	17.1%	9.2%
2020	16.5%	8.7%
2019	16.8%	8.3%
2018	16.7%	8.5%
2017	16.3%	9%
2016	17.1%	9.4%
2015	16%	9.5%
2014	16.9%	9.8%
2013	16.7%	10%
2012	17.1%	9.5%
2011	16.5%	9.2%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -1 Year Files - Table S1811

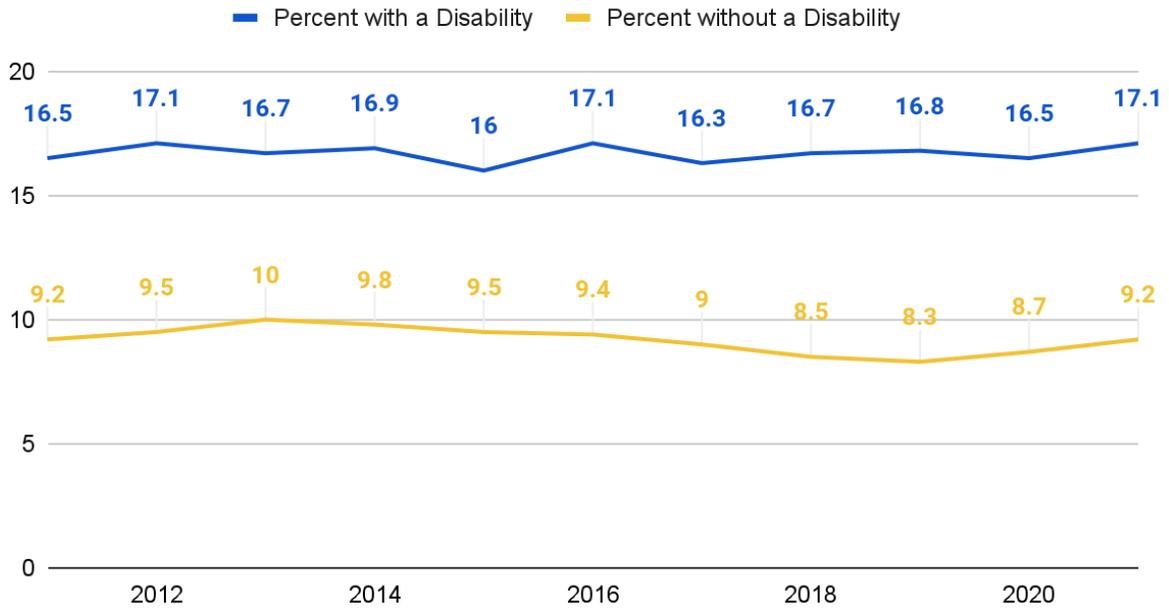
CILSJ Region - Percent Below 100% of the Poverty Level (2021)

NJ County	Percent with a Disability
Gloucester	13.5%
Camden	19.7%
New Jersey State	17.1%

Source: American Community Survey ACS -5 Year Files - Table S1811



Poverty Status in New Jersey (2011 to 2021)



Poverty Status

- Since 2011 in New Jersey, the percent of people with and without disabilities who are living 100% below the poverty level has remained steady with little change over the past decade. In addition, the gap between those with and without disabilities has also remained steady.
- The poverty rate for people with disabilities in Gloucester County (13.5%) is lower than the state average (17.1%), while Camden County is higher at 19.7%.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS: Invest in more social services and support for people with disabilities. In addition, creating and supporting programs that address immediate needs like food banks, rental assistance, and other support services.**



References & Notes

With the exception of 2020, when only the 5-year file is accessible, all data sources employ ACS 1-Year files. However, for particular economic statistics pertaining to Gloucester County, solely the 5-Year file was accessible. Each table and graph specifies the sources used.

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