In the US, more than 3.6 million African American adults have a disability. African Americans with disabilities face many social inequities that prevent them from realizing their full potential. Policies to promote equity are needed to improve social determinants such as education, employment, and more among African Americans with disabilities.

### Percentage Reporting Disability

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African American students with disabilities are:

(when compared to all other students with disabilities)

- **21%** More likely to spend time outside a regular classroom
  - African American: 33.4%
  - All other races: 27.6%

- **4x** More likely to be placed in a correctional facility
  - African American: 0.30%
  - All other races: 0.07%

- **2%** Less likely to have completed high school
  - African American: 85.1%
  - All other races: 86.8%

African American adults with disabilities are:

(when compared to all other adults with disabilities)

- **22%** Less likely to be employed
  - African American: 35.1%
  - All other races: 44.8%

- **51%** More likely to experience poverty
  - African American: 39.5%
  - All other races: 26.1%

- **84%** More likely to lack adequate housing
  - African Americans: 12.7%
  - All other races: 6.9%

**Sources:** Authors’ calculations using data from 2022 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org); 2021 IDEA Part B Child Count & Educational Environment for School Age Students 5-21 in US states, DC, Bureau of Indian Education, and Puerto Rico; and the 2021 American Housing Survey.