DISABILITY INFOGRAPHIC: SOCIAL INEQUITIES EXPERIENCED BY AFRICAN AMERICANS



In the US, nearly 3.5 million African American adults have a disability^a

Disability Prevalence^a

10.4 All races



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 like education, employment, and more among African Americans with disabilities.

Education

Compared to all races, African American students with disabilities are...

12.5% more likely



to spend time outside a regular classroom^b

African American 40.5% all races 36%

181% more likely



to be placed in a correctional facility^b

African American .45% all races .16%

4% less likely



to have completed high school^a

African American 77% all races 80%

Employment

Poverty

Inadequate Housing

Compared to all races, African American adults with disabilities are...

29% less likely



to be employed^a

African American 28% all races 36%

Sources: Authors' calculations using data from a 2018 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS (www.ipums.org), ^b2018-19 IDEA Part B, ages 6 to 21, and c2017 American Housing Survey, ages 16+.

32% more likely



to experience poverty^a

African American 33% all races 25%

37.5% more likely



to lack adequate housing^c

African Americans 11% all races 8%



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