



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Season 11, Episode 4 nTIDE – 2026 Annual Disabilities Statistics Conference: Annual Report & Disability Statistics Compendium

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Welcome to the National Trends in Disability Employment (or nTIDE) Lunch & Learn series. On the first Friday of every month, corresponding with the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report, we will be offering a live broadcast via Zoom Webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings. In addition, we will provide news and updates from the field of Disability Employment, as well as host an invited panelist who will discuss current disability-related findings and events.

AGENDA

Time	Item
12:00 PM ET	Introduction & Welcome Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
12:10 PM	Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation The Numbers Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
12:15 PM	Announcements from the field of Disability Employment: Lillie Heigl, AUCD
12:30 PM	Guest Presenters Nate Thomas, University of New Hampshire Stacia Kingsbury, University of New Hampshire
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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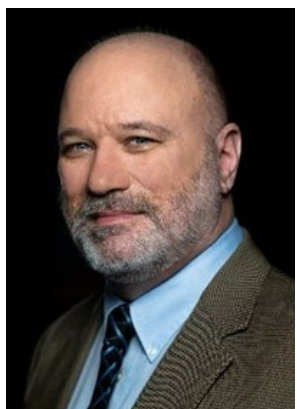
PRESENTERS



Nate Thomas is a Data Analyst who supports novel demographic research as a technical resource - focusing on developing scalable and supportable solutions to research and information outreach initiatives. He received an MS in Business Analytics in 2022 from UNH's Paul College and a BS in Chemical Engineering from UNH's College of Engineering and Physical Sciences in 2012. He worked in the control systems engineering space for 10 years as programmer and system designer - an experience which informs an information-by-design data philosophy.



Stacia Kingsbury's background as a direct support professional and her experience administering disability-related Title II and Title XVI programs at the Social Security Administration (SSA) dovetail with her analytical and research design skills, directly supporting her work at the IOD. Stacia provides technical assistance with IOD published statistics. She looks forward to using research-based approaches to improve programs and access for people with disabilities.



Andrew Houtenville, PhD, is a Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principal Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1999 & was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999.

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John O'Neill, PhD, is the director of employment and disability research at Kessler Foundation and has over 28 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation as a rehabilitation counselor educator, disability employment researcher, and advisor to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Dr. O'Neill has been a PI or co-PI on six NIDILRR-funded, five-year research and training centers focusing on TBI and community integration, disability statistics, disability employment service system, and how individual and contextual factors relate to employment outcomes among people with disabilities.



Lillie Heigl, Esq., MPA, is the Director of Policy at AUCD and is a former New York State Excelsior Public Service fellow, placed at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities in Albany New York. She worked in program implementation for the agency's Employment & Meaningful Activities unit. She holds a J.D. and an MPA from Syracuse University College of Law and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, also having completed the Disability Law and Policy Program.

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