

2024 Annual Disability Infographic: Social Inequities Experienced by African Americans

In the US, more than 3.6 million African American adults have a disability ^a

Percentage Reporting Disability ^a

10.8%

All other races



14.2%

African American

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.

African American students with disabilities are:

(when compared to all other students with disabilities)

21% More likely

to spend time outside a regular classroom^b

African American 33.4%
All other races 27.6%

4x More likely

to be placed in a correctional facility^b

African American 0.30%
All other races 0.07%

2% Less likely

to have completed high school^a

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^a

African American 35.1%
All other races 44.8%



51%

more likely to experience poverty^a

African American 39.5%
All other races 26.1%



84%

more likely to lack adequate housing^c

African Americans 12.7%
All other races 6.9%

Sources: Authors' calculations using data from ^a2022 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS www.ipums.org;

^b2021 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 ^c2021 American Housing Survey.

