

Disability Data from the Current Population Survey

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Current Population Survey (CPS) Disability Data

- The effort to establish and maintain disability questions in the CPS is a joint effort between BLS and ODEP
- Questions designed to identify those with a disability were added to the monthly CPS in June 2008

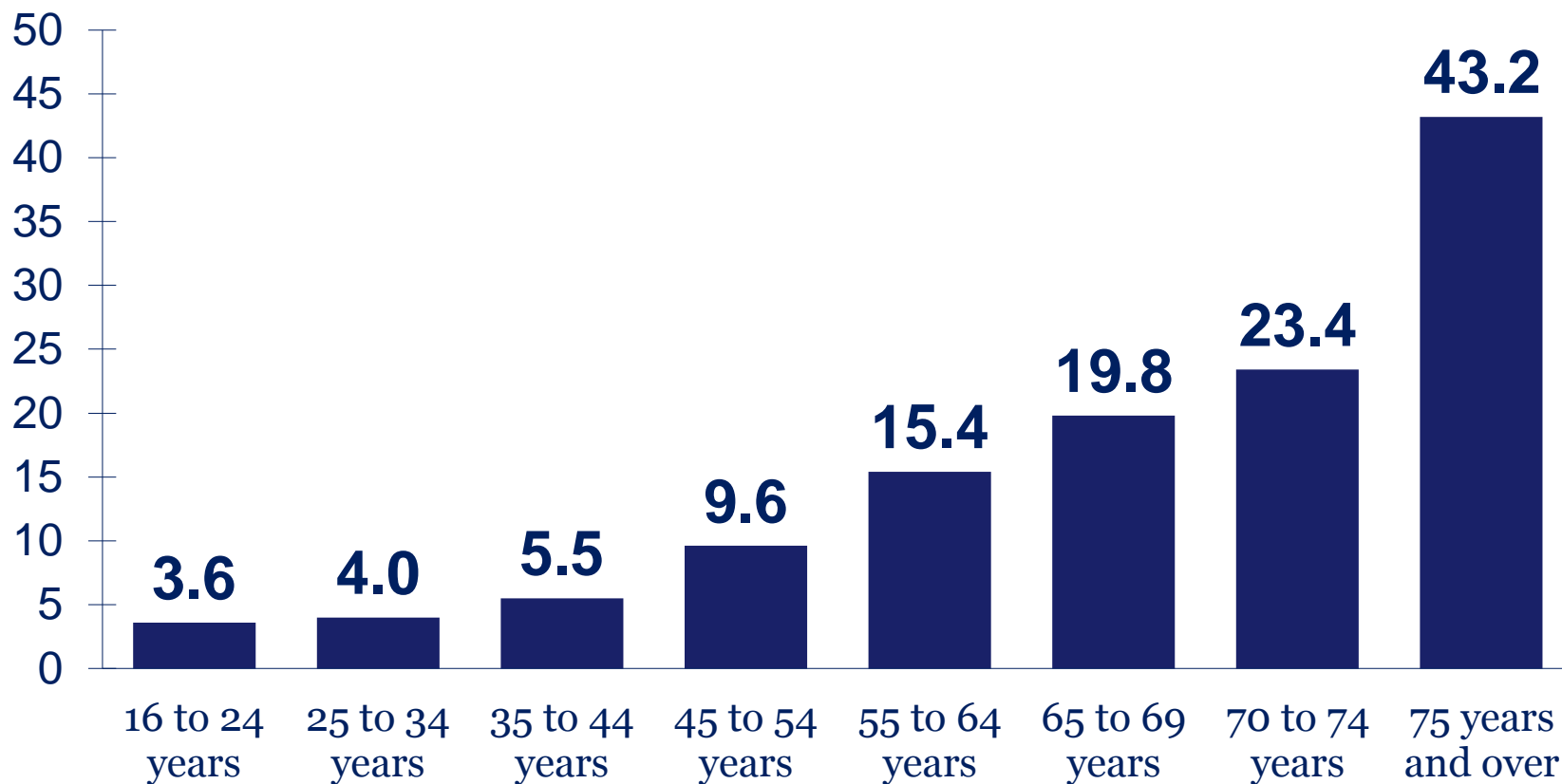
What is the civilian noninstitutional population?

Excludes people:

- in institutions (for example, correctional facilities and residential nursing and mental health care facilities)
- in the Armed Forces

Disability rates by age

Percent of population

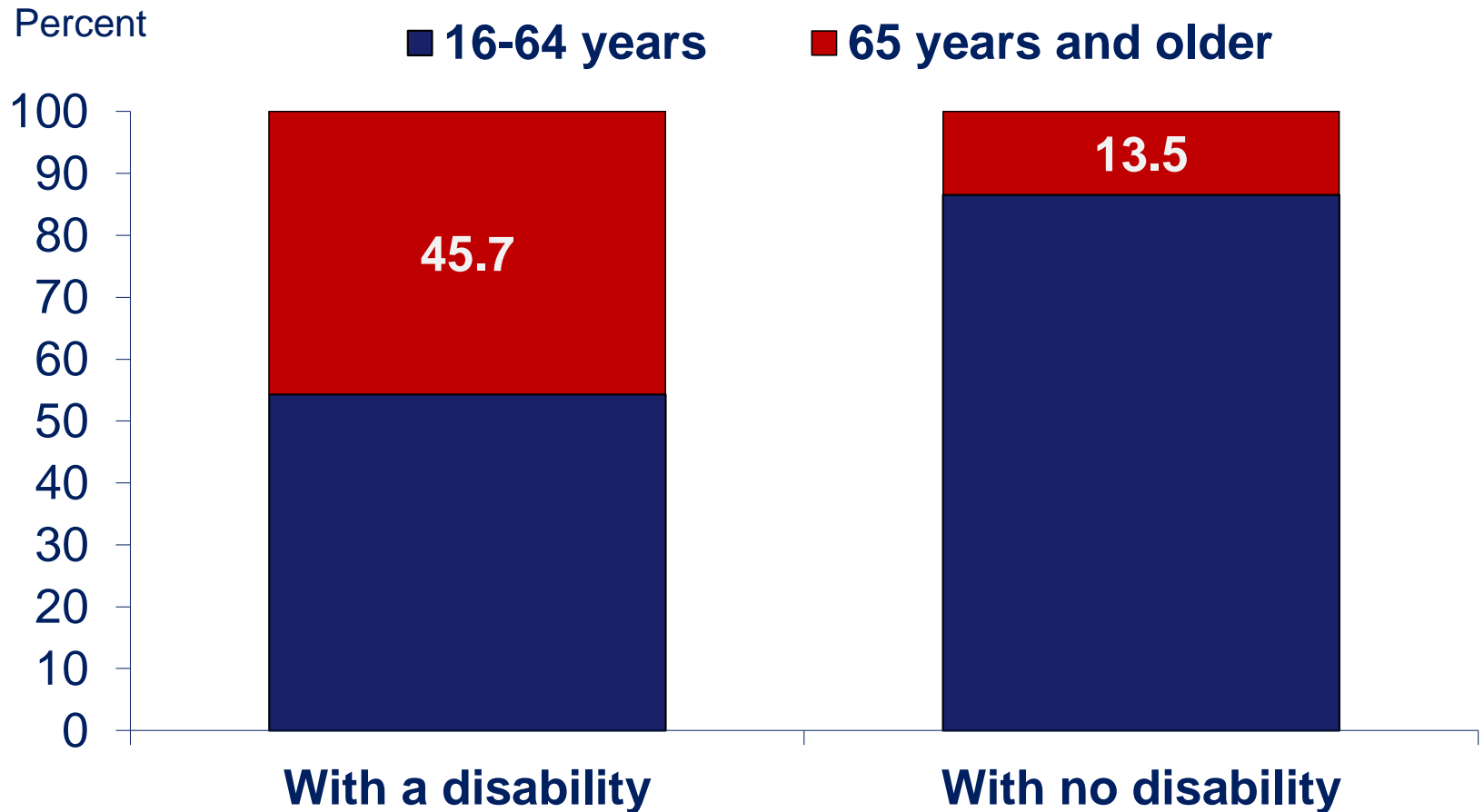


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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

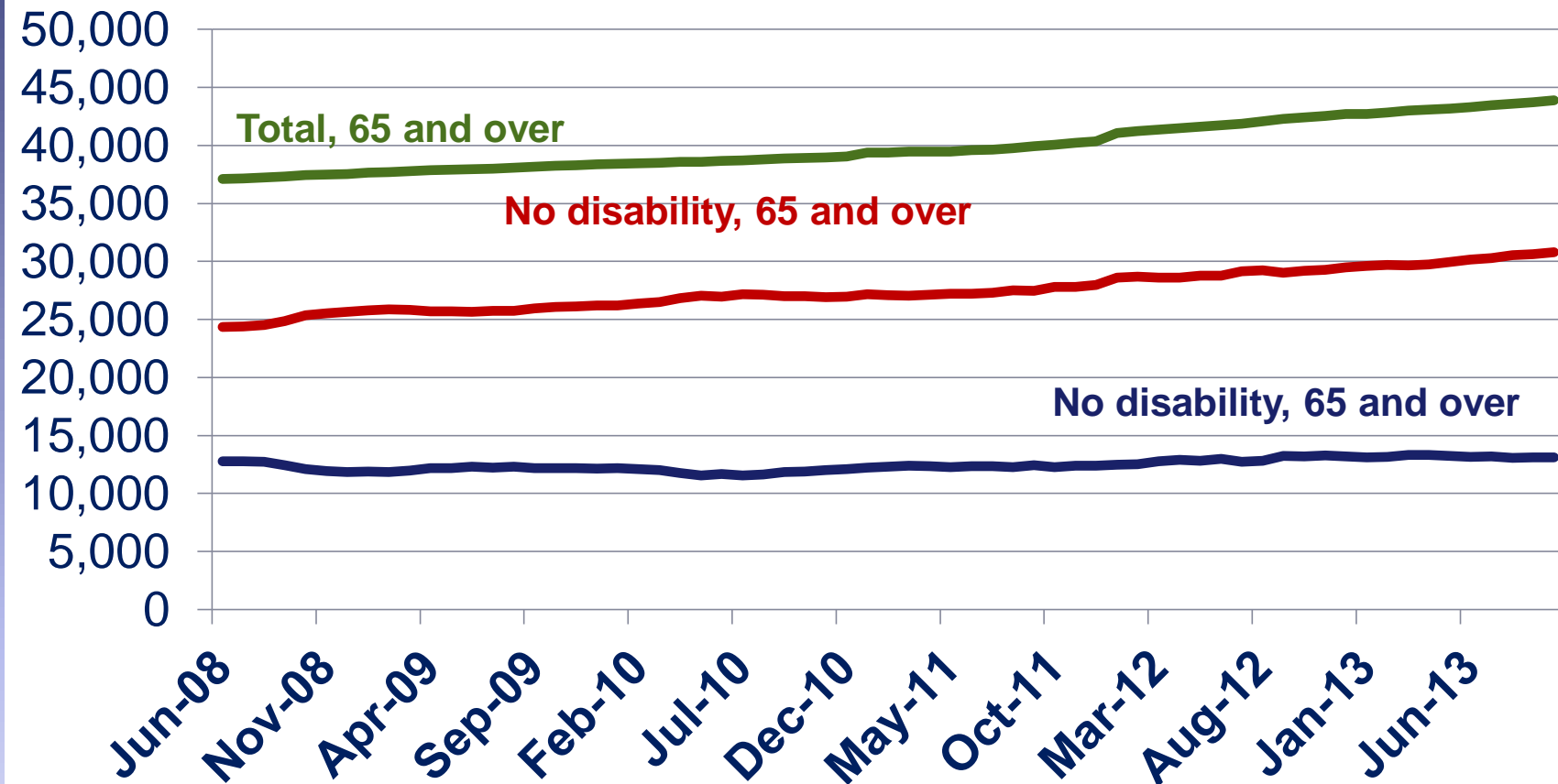
A greater portion of people with disabilities are age 65 and over



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

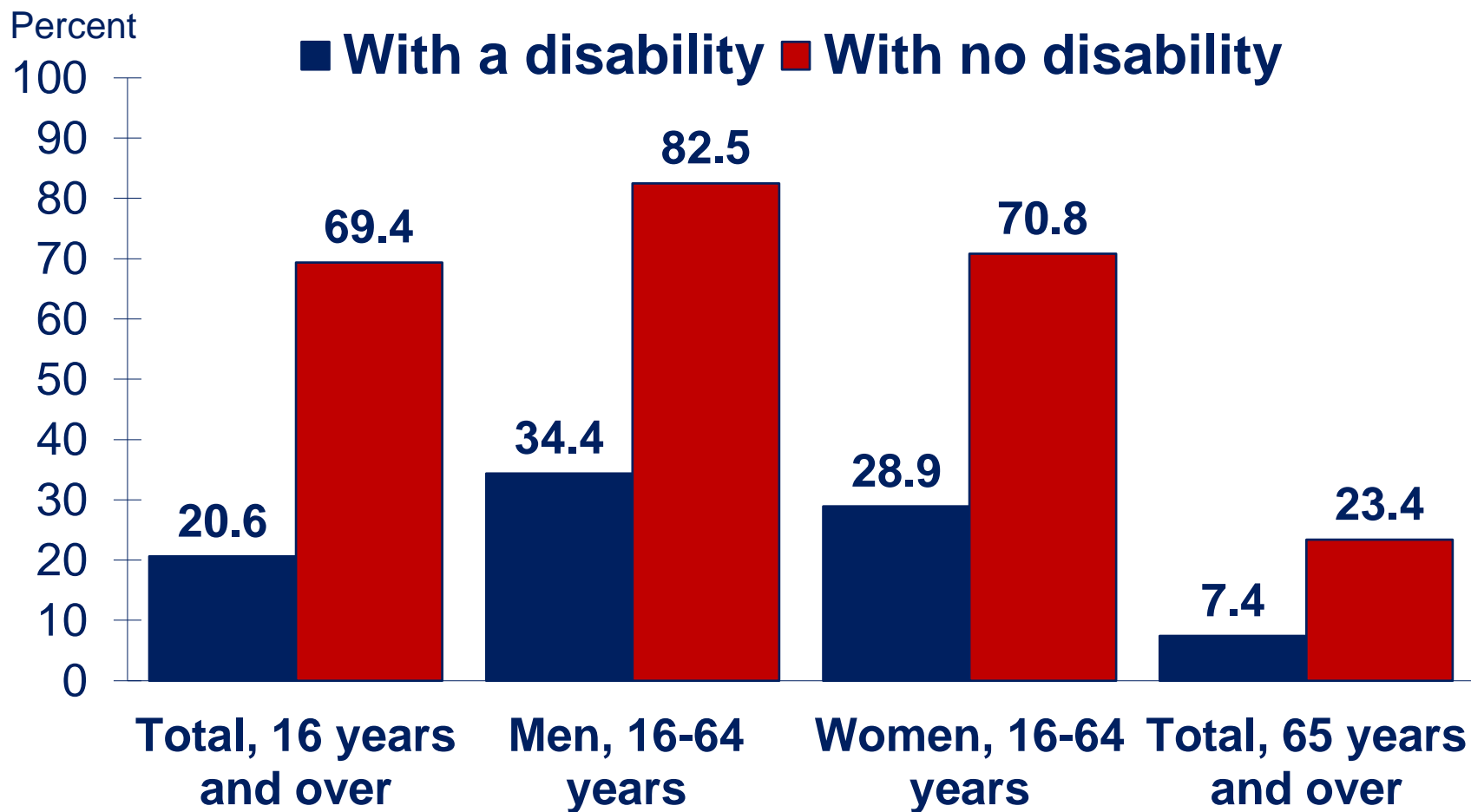
Persons 65 years of age and over by disability status

Population level
(in thousands)



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Labor force participation rates by sex, age, and disability status

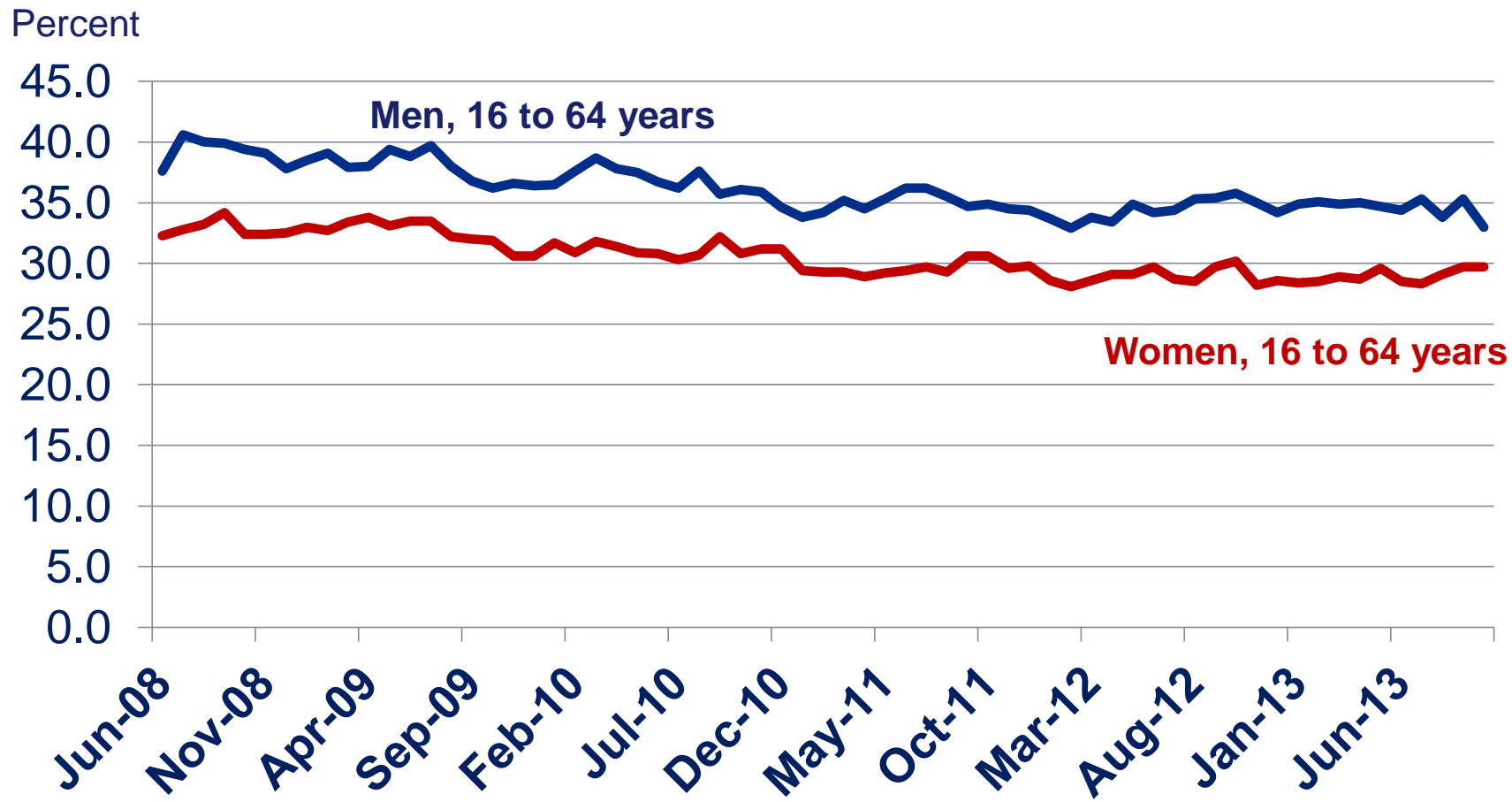


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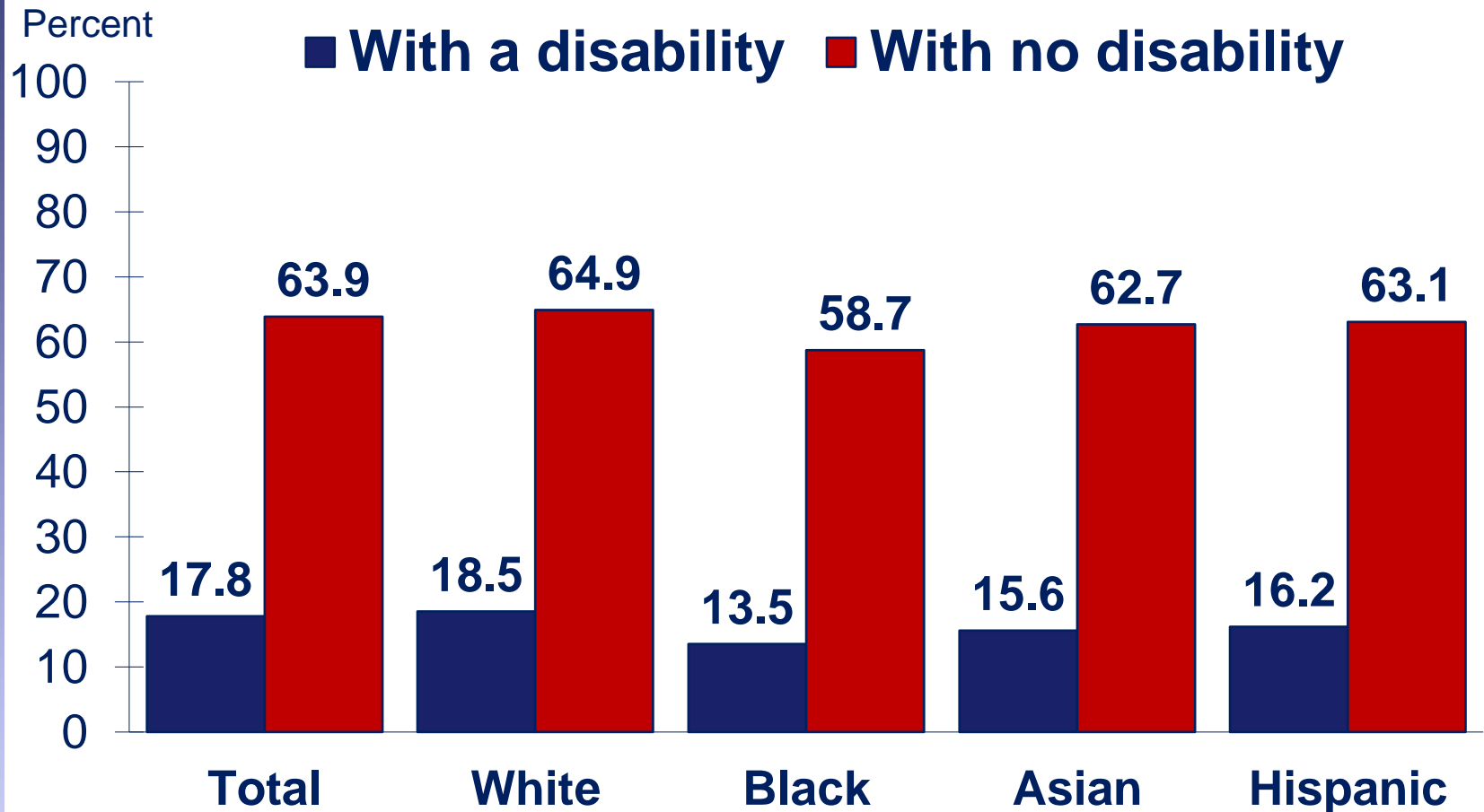
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Labor force participation rate for persons with a disability by sex



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

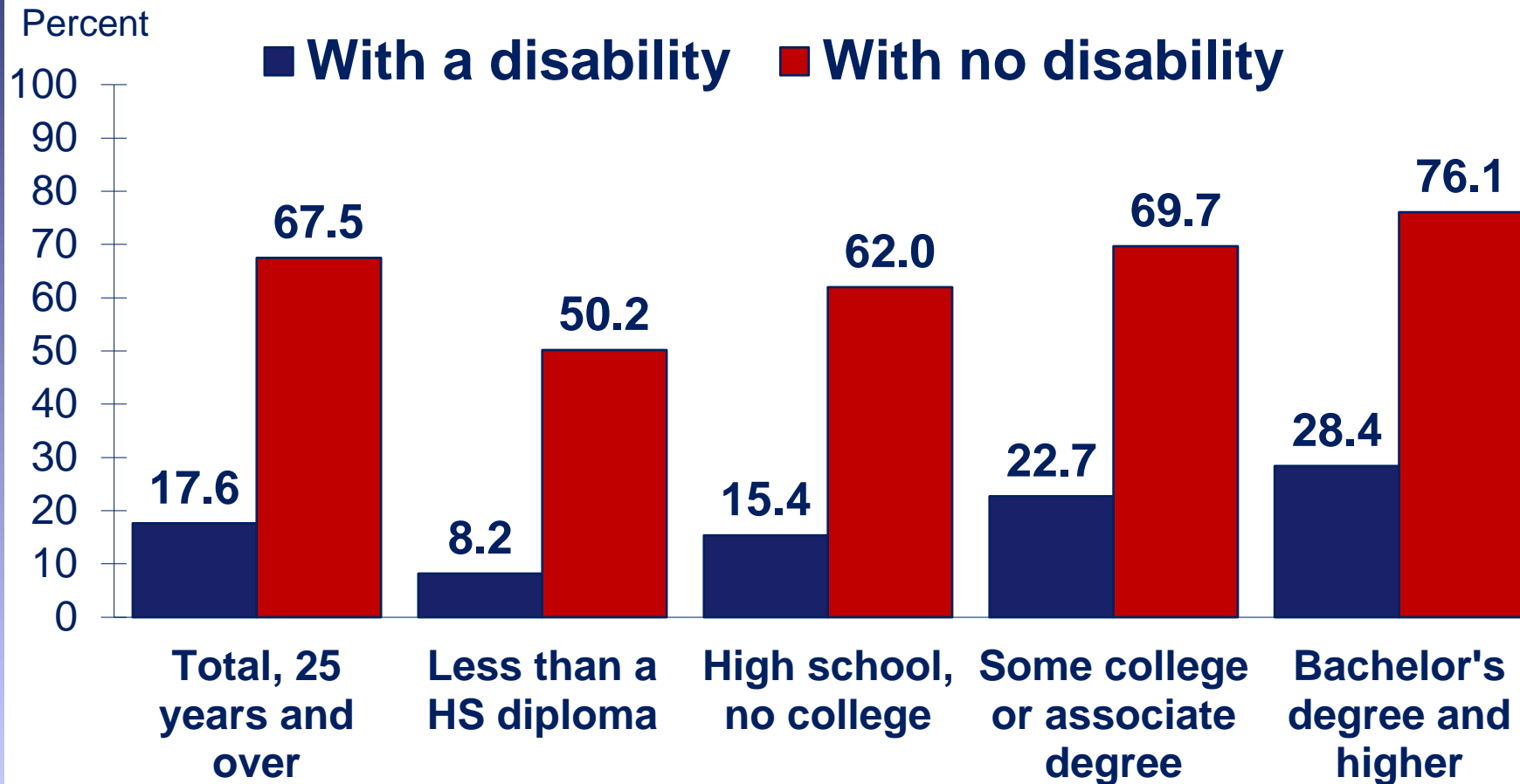
Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status



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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Employment-population ratios by educational attainment

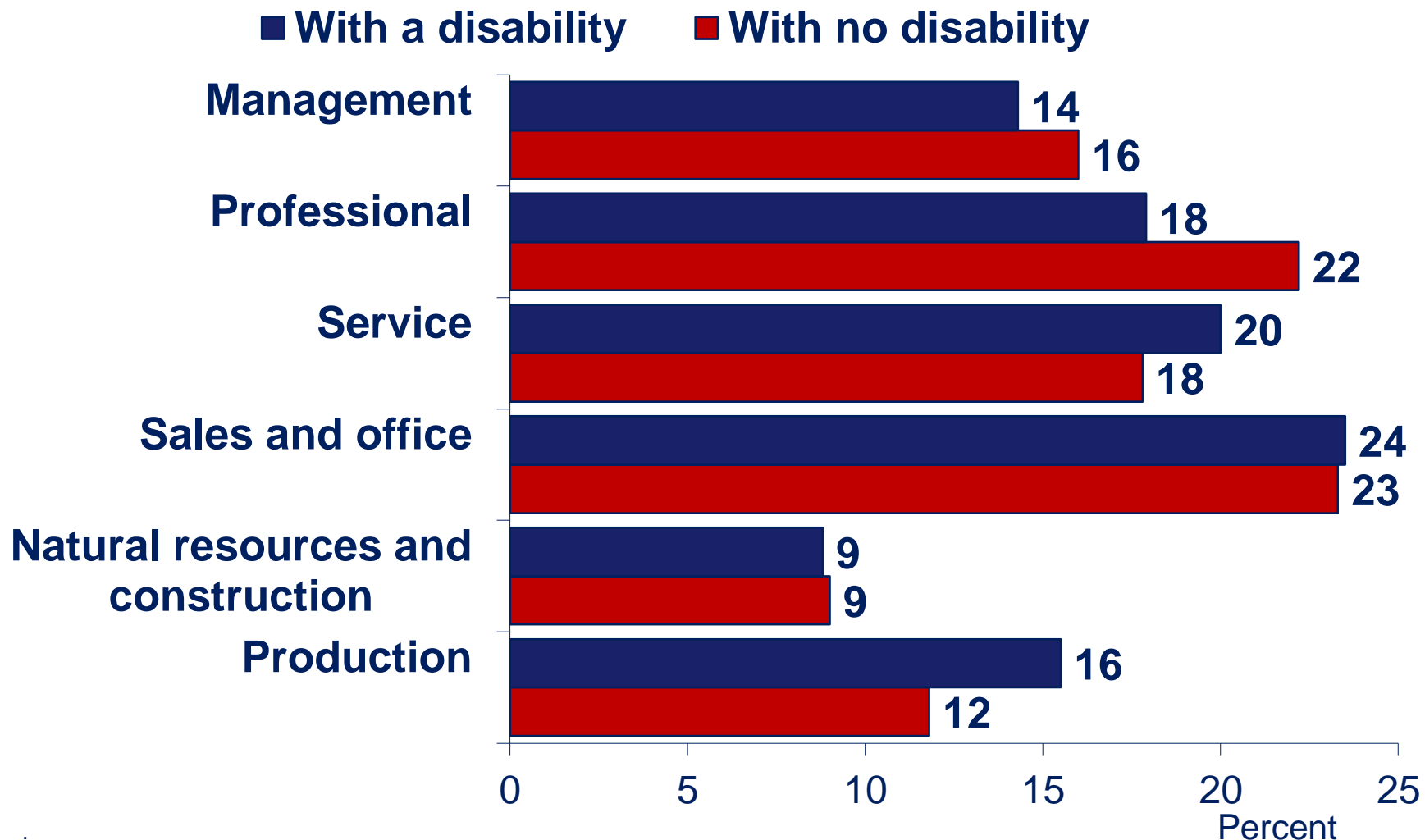


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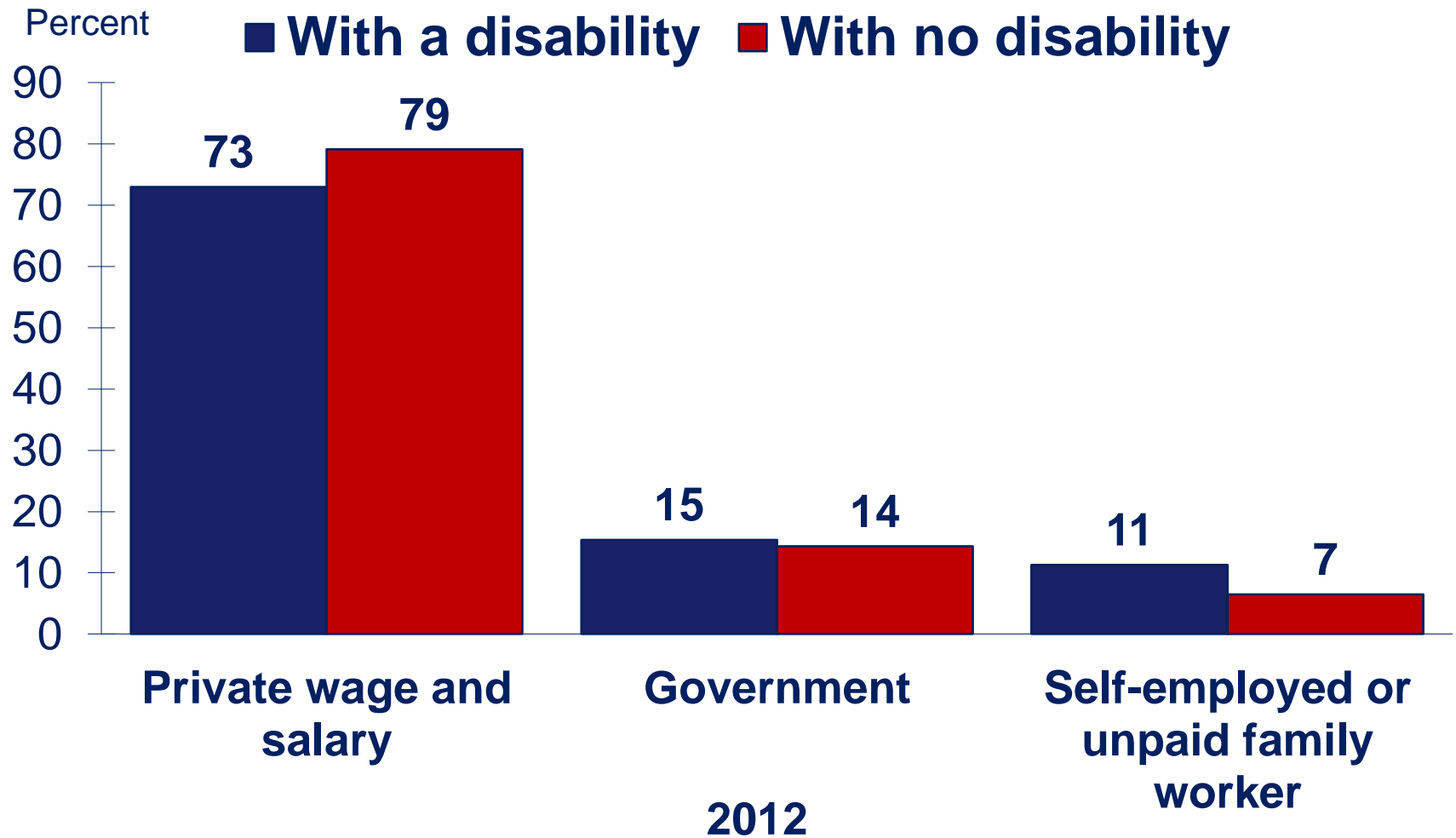


SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status, 2012



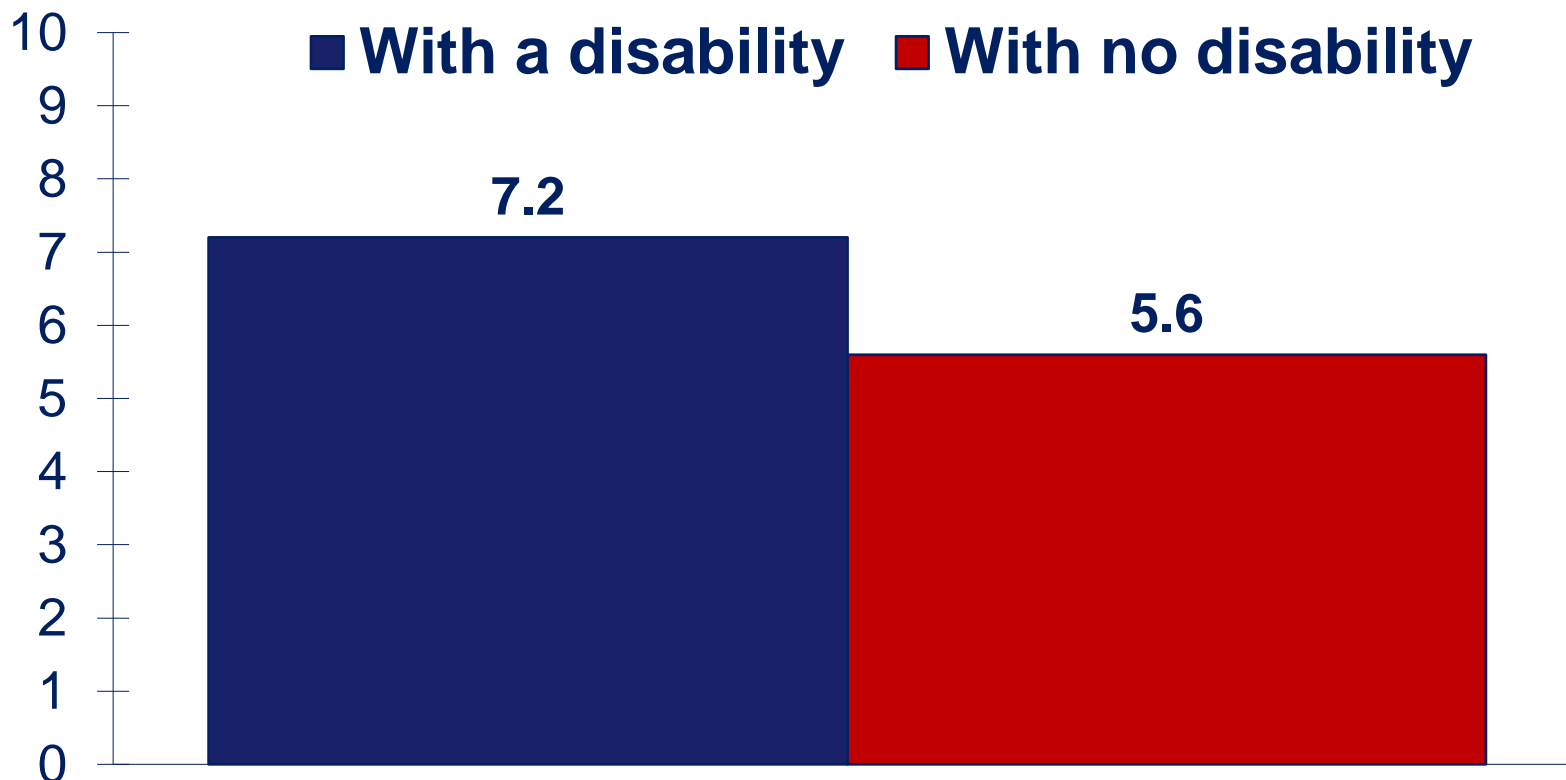
Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Part time for economic reasons by disability status

Percent of employed



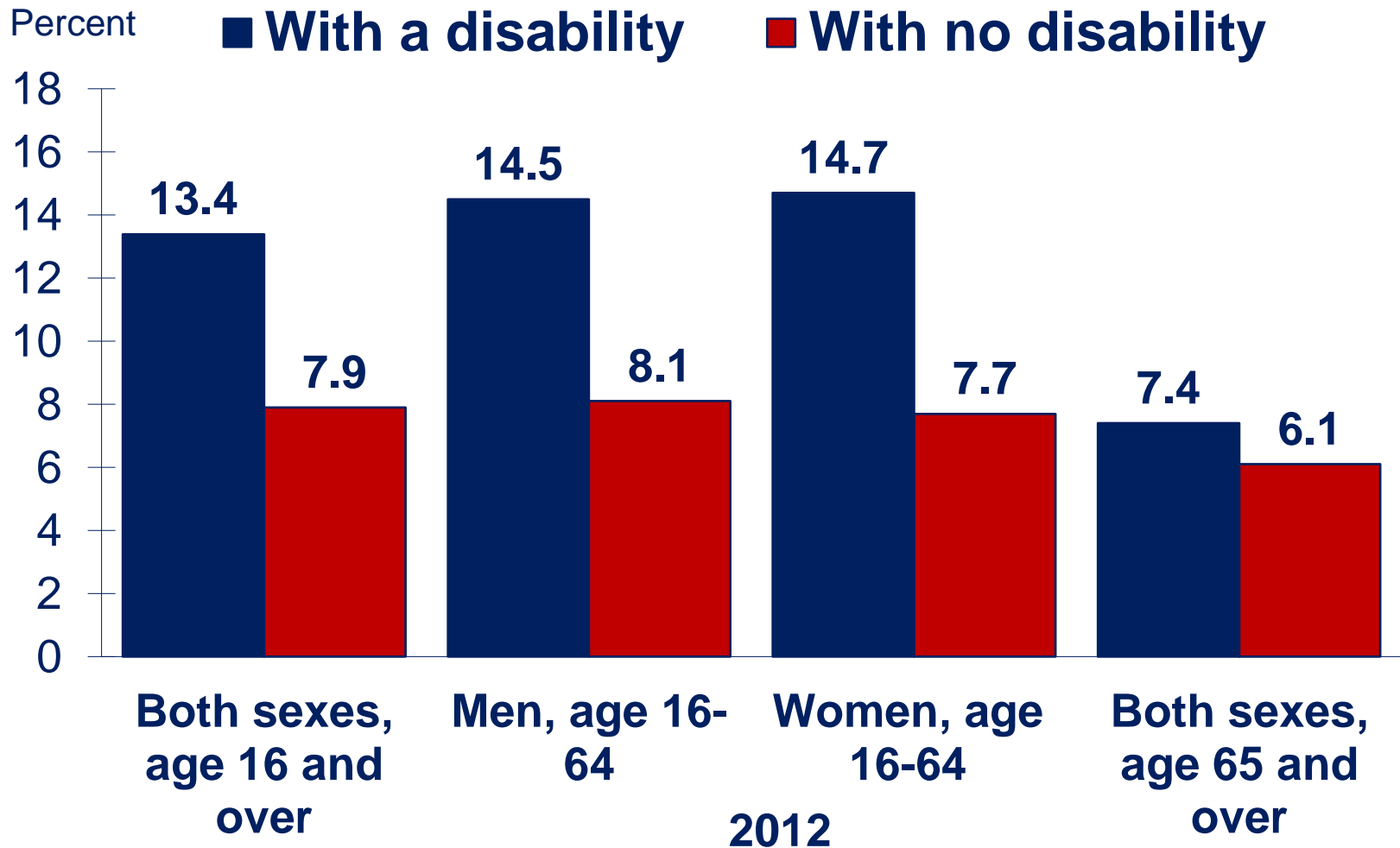
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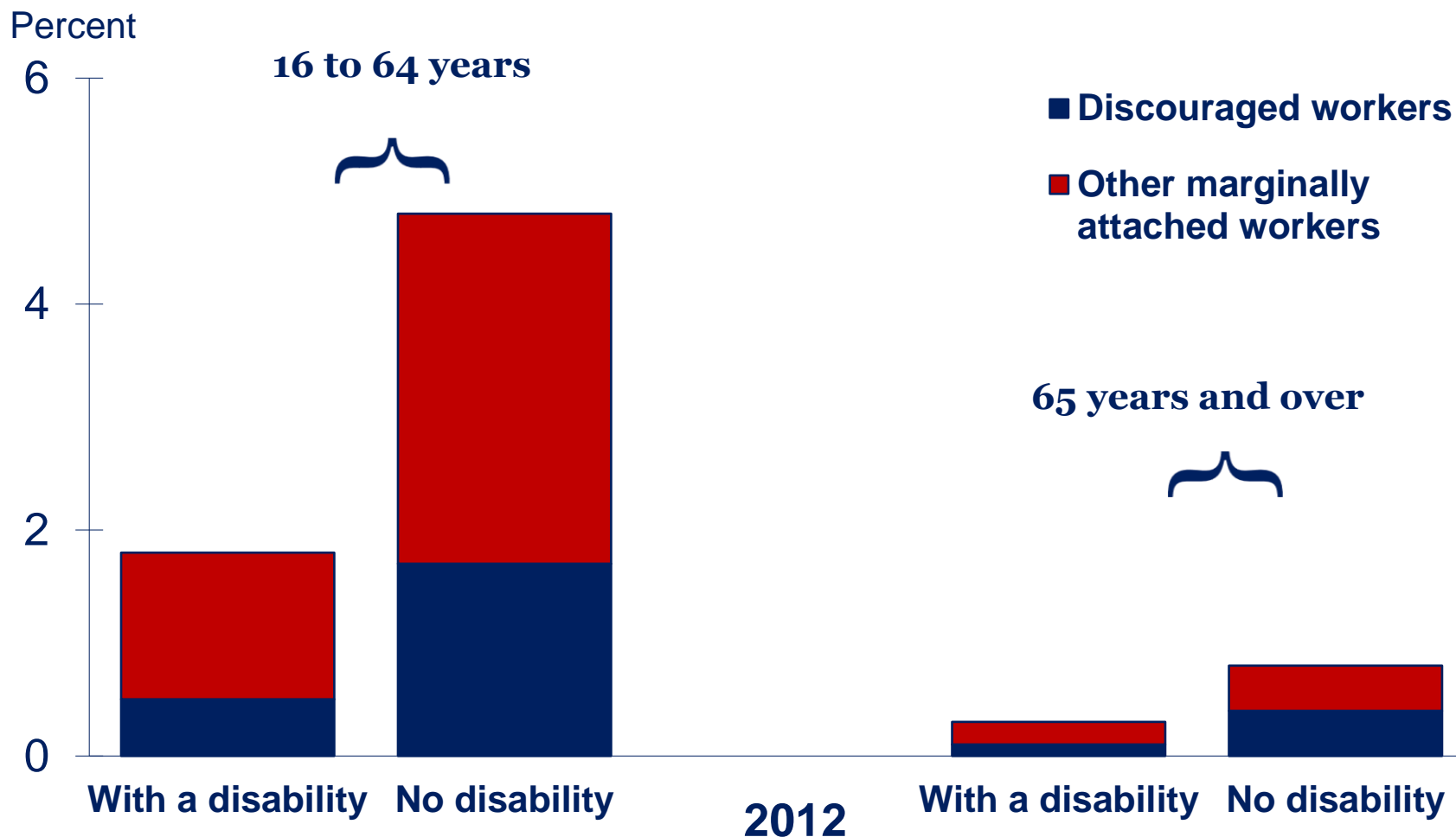
SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Unemployment rates by age, sex, and disability status



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Portion of those not in the labor force who want a job



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

CPS Supplements

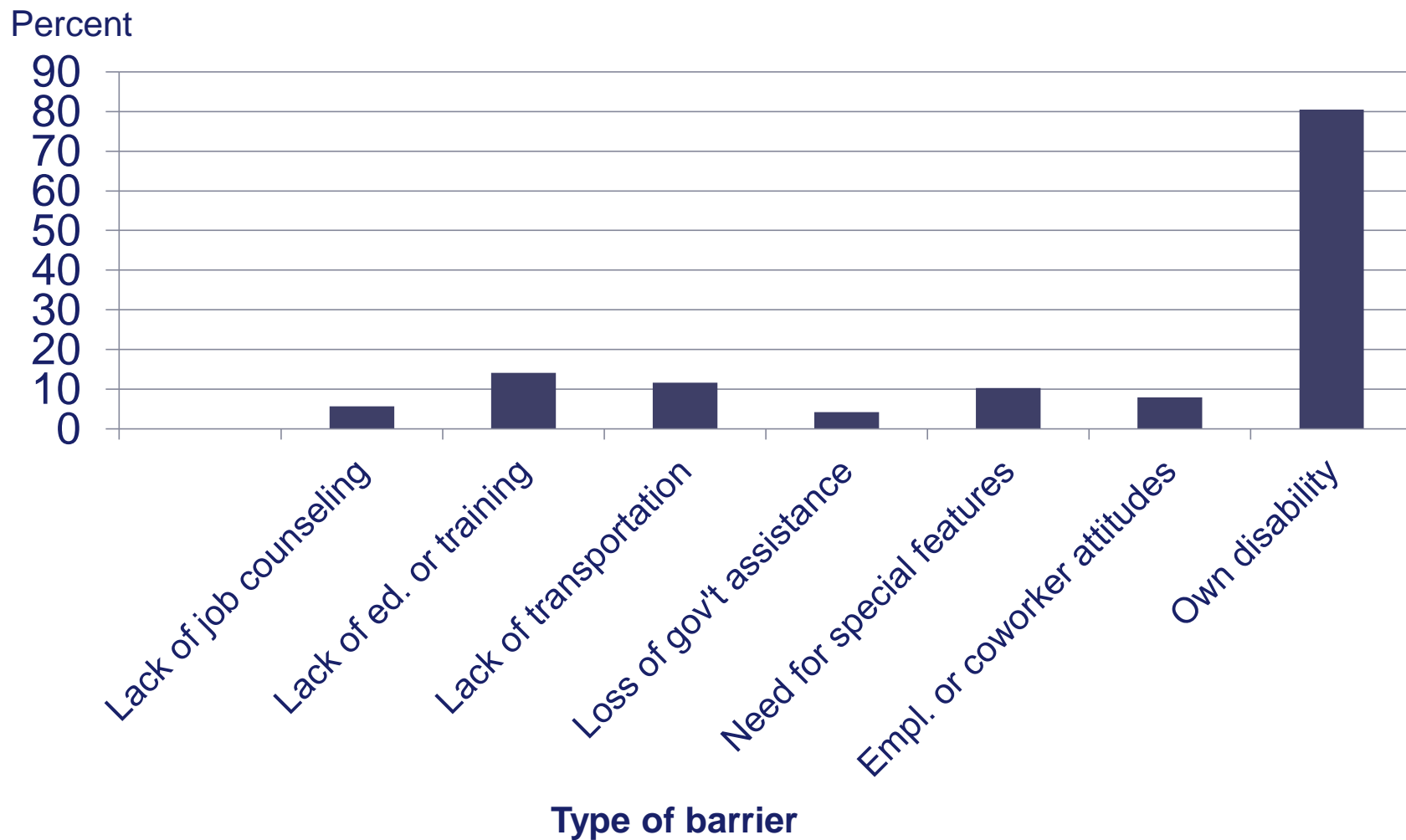
- Supplements follow the regular CPS questions and can draw upon the responses to the earlier questions.
- Must be planned and funded years in advance.
- Questions are subject to a detailed testing and approval process.

May 2012 CPS Disability Supplement

The May 2012 supplement asked about:

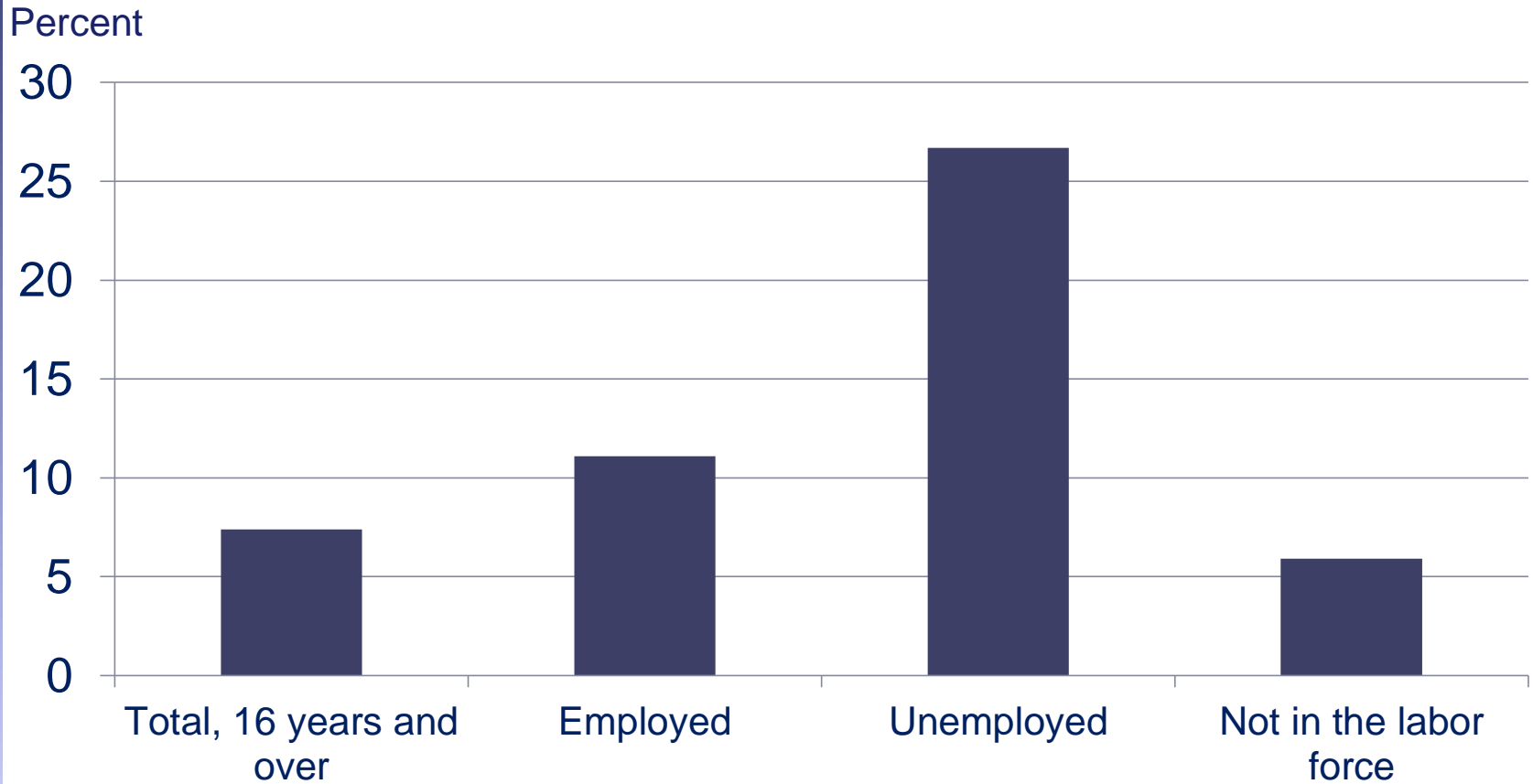
- Barriers to employment
- Prior work experience
- Career assistance programs
- Financial assistance programs
- Difficulty completing work duties
- Requesting changes in the workplace
- Commute
- Work at home
- Flexible work hours
- Temporary jobs

Persons with a disability who were not employed, with a barrier to employment



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, May 2012 supplement data

Persons with a disability who received career assistance by employment status



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, May 2012 supplement data

CPS Disability Data online

- May 2012 CPS Disability news release:
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/dissup.nr0.htm>
- 2012 Annual Disability Press Release:
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/disabl.toc.htm>
- Monthly employment data (Table A6):
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.toc.htm>
- Visual essay in Monthly Labor Review (2012 data):
<http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2013/images/people-with-a-disability-in-2012-a-visual-essay.pdf>
- CPS Disability FAQ:
<http://www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#disability>

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