



The Distribution of Prevalence Estimates of People with Disabilities Across National Surveys

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6QS

- These questions are:
 1. Are you deaf or do you have serious difficulty hearing?
 2. Are you blind or do you have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
 3. Because of a physical, mental or emotional problem, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions?
 4. Do you have difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
 5. Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing?
 6. Do you have difficulty doing errands alone such as shopping or visiting a doctor's office?





Methods

- We estimated national prevalence rates for people with self-reported difficulties across surveys from the first year of 6QS use, 2011.
 - American Community Survey (ACS),
 - American Housing Survey (AHS),
 - National Health Interview Survey (NHIS),
 - Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP),
 - and the Current Population Survey (CPS).





Counts and Percentage of Adults (Ages 25-61), in Non-Group Quarters, with Difficulties in 2011

Survey	Count	Percent
NHIS	20,940,333	13.21
SIPP	18,885,701	11.68
ACS	17,558,859	10.83
CPS	13,865,164	8.54
AHS	10,657,726	7.10





Percentage of Adults (Ages 25-61), in Non-Group Quarters, with Difficulties, less than High School Education, or who are Hispanic, in 2011

Survey	Diff	< HS	Hisp
NHIS	13.2	12.0	14.8
SIPP	11.7	9.2	15.0
ACS	10.8	11.9	15.2
CPS	8.5	10.7	14.7
AHS	7.1	11.8	14.8





Ongoing Efforts

- Estimate counts and percentages of self-reported difficulties by demographic factors
- Estimate counts and percentages by difficulty type (specific 6QS item)
- Compare these estimates to additional survey items such as self-reported health

