2023 Annual Disability Infographic: Social Inequities Experienced by African Americans



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

Percentage Reporting Disability ^a

10.5%
All other 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 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)

22.5% More likely

to spend time outside a regular classroom^b African American 33.2% All other races 27.1%



343% More likely

to be placed in a correctional facility^b African American 0.31% All other races 0.07% 1.6%
Less likely

to have completed high school^a African American 84.5% All other races 85.9%

African American adults with disabilities are...

(when compared to all other adults with disabilities)

No less likely

to be employed^a

African American 31.9% All other races 40.9%

more likely

to experience poverty^a

African American 32.8% All other races 22.8%

84%



more likely

to lack adequate housing^c

African Americans 12.7% All other races 6.9%

Sources: Authors' calculations using data from ^a2021 American Community Survey, ages 18-64 from IPUMS (www.ipums.org); ^b2020 IDEA Part B Child Count & Educational Environment

(www.ipums.org); b2020 IDEA Part B Child Count & Educational Environment for school age students 5-21 in US states, DC and Bureau of Indian Education; and c2021 American Housing Survey.



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