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Abstract

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■ FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

FedStats

www.fedstats.gov

FedStats is a gateway to statistics collected and published by the federal government. It allows users to obtain facts and figures and track trends across a range of topics, including disability issues, by centralizing access to statistics from more than 100 federal agencies. Users do not need to know which agencies cover which issues to find the data they need.

U.S. Census Bureau

www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability/disability.html

The U.S. Census Bureau is the leading source of data about the nation's people and economy. It provides disability-related data based on four primary sources—the population census conducted every ten years, the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS).

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.bls.gov

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is the federal government's principal fact-finding agency for labor economics and statistics. It collects, analyzes and disseminates data on a range of employment issues to the public, the U.S. Congress and other federal entities, state and local governments, and business and labor organizations.

National Center for Education Statistics

www.nces.ed.gov

The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the federal government's primary source for data on education in the U.S. It collects and analyzes statistics related to a range of education topics, including education and disability, and addresses all levels of education, from early childhood to postsecondary.

Office of Special Education Programs

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/osep/research.html

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) works to improve results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities by providing leadership and financial support to state and local districts. It administers the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and prepares an annual report on its implementation. The most recent data about children with disabilities served under this Act is available through OSEP's IDEA Data Web Site, *www.ideadata.org*.

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Rehabilitation Services Administration

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/research.html

The U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) evaluates and provides data describing the outcomes of all programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. In particular, RSA examines the economic and non-economic outcomes of vocational rehabilitation (VR) services on an ongoing basis and disseminates exemplary VR practices.

National Center for Health Statistics

www.cdc.gov/nchs

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the nation's principal health statistics agency. It collects and compiles information about a wide range of health and health care issues in order to guide actions and policies to improve the health of individuals in the U.S.

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Disability Statistics Center

www.dsc.ucsf.edu

The Disability Statistics Center produces and disseminates statistical information on the demographics and status of people with disabilities in America. Its work focuses on changes over time with regard to employment, access to technology, health care, community-based services and other aspects of independent living and participation in society.

Disability Statistics

www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/DisabilityStatistics

Disability Statistics is an online resource for U.S. disability statistics. It provides statistics estimated using the U.S. Census Bureau data and offers users the opportunity to ask researchers specific disability statistics questions.

Access to Disability Data

www.infouse.com/disabilitydata

The Access to Disability Data Web site is a project for use in research on disability in the U.S. It includes resources, links and chart books on various topics, such as mental health and disability, women and disability and work and disability.

Disclaimer: *The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide disability data resources. The inclusion of a resource does not denote endorsement by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy. Furthermore, the list of resources should not be considered exhaustive.*

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