

# POVERTY & DISABILITY BY THE NUMBERS 2013

## Nationally

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.1 percent of the U.S. population reported having at least one disability in 2013. The median household income was \$51,939 with 14.3 percent of citizens, representing 45.3 million people, living in poverty. Among households that include someone with a disability, median income dropped by more than sixty percent in 2012 to \$37,300, and the poverty rate increased to 22.6 percent.

As reflected by data, nationwide poverty levels for 2013, by numbers of residents per household were:

- 1 person household - \$11,490
- 2 people household - \$15,510
- 3 people household - \$19,530
- 4 people household - \$23,550

Children under the age of 18 fared worse than adults, with 19.9 percent living in poverty. The national unemployment rate was 8.0 percent in 2013.

## In Arizona

### Poverty Rates

The Arizona poverty rate remained high in 2013, at 18.6 percent, 6.5 percentage points higher than the national average, with 26.5 percent of children 18 and younger living in poverty. The median household income, \$48,510, was nearly \$3,000 below the national average, and the unemployment rate was lower than the national rate at 7.3 percent. In 2012, households with a disability earned 41

percent less than those households with no disability (\$39,400), which was more than the national average, \$39,400.

## Disability Rates

740,579 (11.6 percent) Arizonans reported having at least one disability, slightly lower than the national average of 12.1 percent. Nearly one in ten (9.7 percent) are between the ages of 18-64. Among working age adults with and without disabilities in Arizona, disparities are significant.

### Economic Characteristics of Workers with and without Disabilities, 2013

	With Disability	No Disability	Difference
Employment Rate	20.7%	60.5%	↓ 39.8%
Not in Labor Force	74.5%	33.2%	↑ 41.3%
Median Earnings	\$20,415	\$29,806	↓ \$9,391
Poverty Rate	20.9%	15.6%	↑ 5.3%

Source: American Community Survey, 1 year estimates, 2013. S1811: Selected Economic Characteristics for the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population by Disability Status.