

# Texas Profile: Disability Status



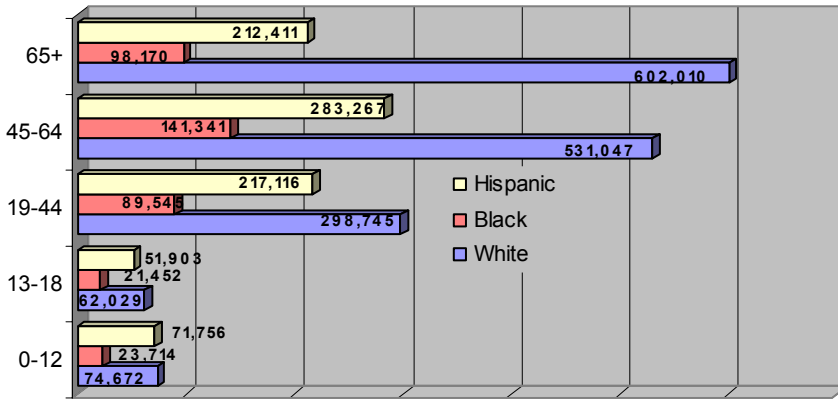
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The 2005 American Community Survey estimates that nearly 2.9 million Texans suffer from a disability in which 29% are Hispanic (White 54%, Black 13%).

## Disabled Texans by Race/ Ethnicity, Age

SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2005



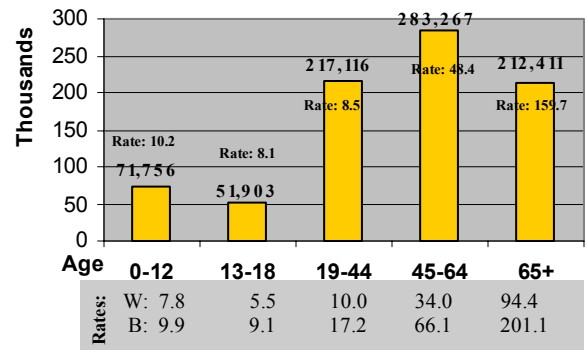
## In Texas:

- 14.5% of the TX population is disabled.
- 20.4% of families in poverty include one or more persons with a disability while only 13.3% of families above poverty do.
- Of those who receive Social Security, 49.5% are disabled.
- Disabled persons only represent 6.8% of those employed.
- 15.8% of those unemployed are disabled.
- Among those not in labor force, 26.6% are disabled.

The racial/ethnic makeup and age of individuals appears to be a correlation to the distribution of disability.

- **Age:** Hispanics account for 41% of those age 0-12 identified with a disability compared to their smaller proportion among disabled individuals 65+ (23%).
- **Age:** Opposite of other Race/ Ethnic groups with Disability, Hispanics with a Disability are younger not older.
- **Age:** For Whites, Disability appear to parallel age. The older Whites are the more likely to be Disabled. ( 0-12: 42%, 65+: 64% ).
- **Labor:** Among Hispanics females, 32.4% of those disabled are employed. Among Hispanic males, this percentage changes to 44.4%.
- **Labor:** Percentage of those disabled who are employed: Hispanic 38.3%, White 42% and Black 31.1

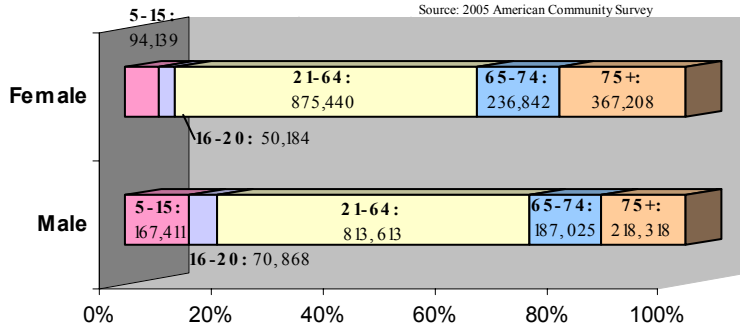
## Hispanics with Disability by Age in Texas



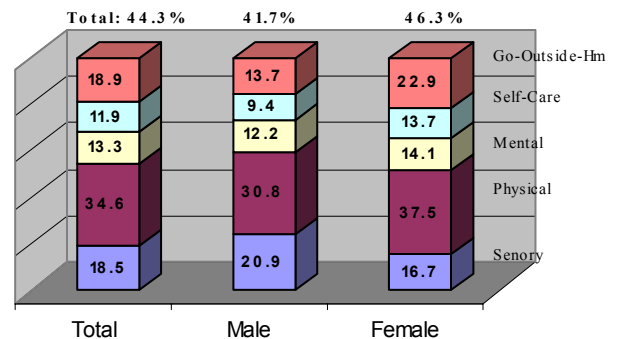
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## Disability by Age Group by Sex, 2005

Source: 2005 American Community Survey

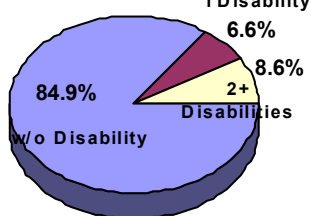


## Type of Disability by Sex of Texans over 65

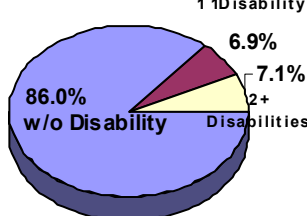


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## Female



## Male



- **Sex:** Women are more likely to be disabled with physical disability as the most prominent.
- **Sex:** A larger percentage of individuals with a disability have a physical type
- **Sex:** Approximately 15% of all women in TX are disabled (men: 13.9%).
- **Sex:** Among disabled women, a larger percentage are 75+ (22.6%) compared to disabled men (14.9%).

# Texas Profile: Disabled Hispanics

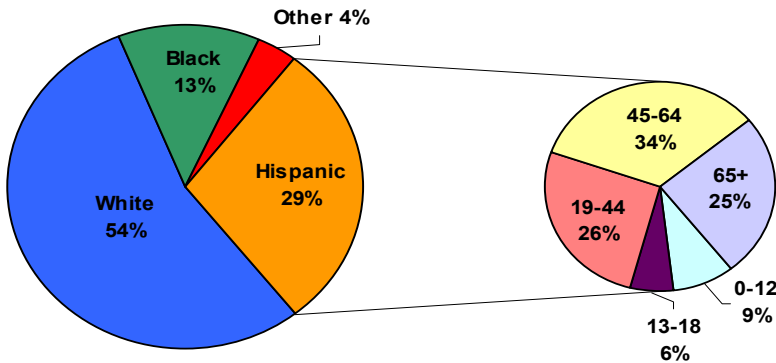


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In National rankings of 331 Metropolitan Areas, Texas ranks high among the percentage of Hispanics with Disability - #25 San Antonio (20.8%), #37 Dallas (19.9%), #42 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission (19.5%), #46 Fort Worth-Arlington (19.3%) , #47 Houston (19.2%)

Rate of Disability by Race/Ethnicity in Texas

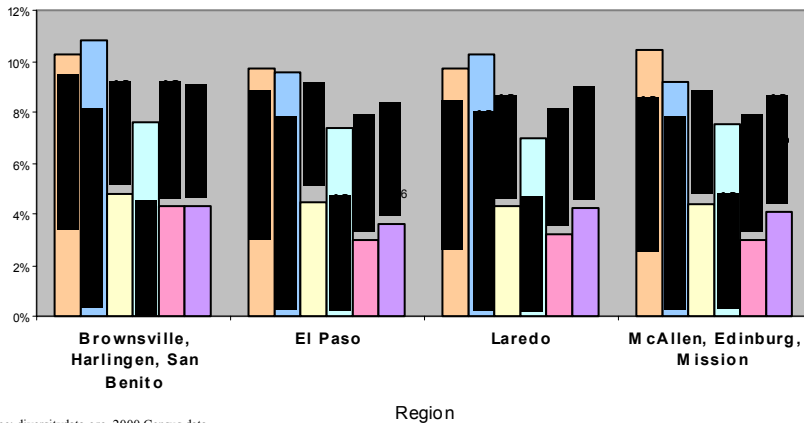


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## Hispanics in Texas with one or more disabilities:

- 12% of Hispanics, 15% of Whites, and 17% of Blacks are disabled in the state of Texas.
- Approximately 840,000 Hispanics suffer from one or more disabilities.
- Among disabled Hispanics, adults are more likely to have a disability.
- Over 1/3 of all disabled Hispanics are 45-64 years of age.
- Hispanics are more likely to have a physical Disability
- The mean age for those with a disability is lower among Hispanics (48) and Blacks (50) compared to Whites (55).

Type of Disability among Hispanics by Border Region



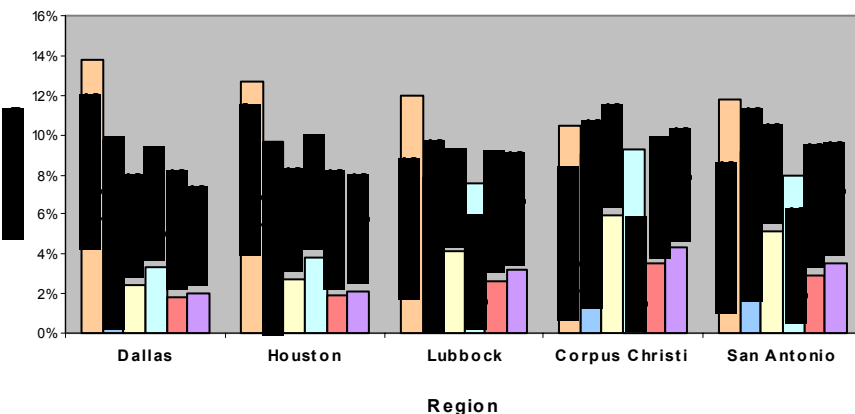
Source: diversitydata.org, 2000 Census data

Disability Rates by Type, 2005

|                | White | Black | Hispanic |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Sensory        | 4.87  | 4.28  | 4.12     |
| Employment     | 9.65  | 12.06 | 7.4      |
| Mental         | 5.36  | 7.04  | 4.75     |
| Physical       | 9.8   | 10.88 | 7.08     |
| Self-Care      | 2.87  | 4.16  | 2.49     |
| Go-Outside- Hm | 4.94  | 6.47  | 4.36     |

\* Per 100 in each Race/Ethnicity population  
Source: American Community Survey, Census

Type of Disability among Hispanics by Metro Region



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## Projections 2000-2040:

In 2000, of those disabled 62% were White, 13.5% Black, and 22.2% were Hispanic.

By 2040, this landscape will dramatically shift. Of those disabled, 31.3% will be White, 11% will be Black, and **46.9 % will be Hispanic.**

- The percent increase this represents in incidence in each racial/ethnic group is as follows:
  - a 52.8% change among Whites
  - a 146.5% change among Blacks
  - a **538.9% increase among Hispanics**

Source: Steve Murdock, TX State Demographer March 2007



# Texas Profile: Rankings and Definitions

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## Disability Rankings by Type and City:

### **Percentage of Hispanics with an Employment Disability-**

- #9 Tyler (16.6%)
- #20 Sherman-Denison (15.1%)
- #43 Dallas (13.8%)

### **Percentage of Hispanics with a Go-Outside-Home Disability-**

- #20 Texarkana (11.1%)
- #26 Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito (10.8%)
- #34 Laredo (10.3%)
- #41 Dallas (9.8%)
- #43 Houston (9.7%)
- #48 El Paso (7.6%)

### **Percentage of Hispanics with a Mental Disability-**

- #75 Corpus Christi (5.9%)

### **Percentage of Hispanics with a Physical Disability-**

- #20 Corpus Christi (9.3%)
- #47 Victoria (8.0%)
- #49 San Antonio (7.9%)

### **Percentage of Hispanics with a Self-Care Disability-**

- #8 Texarkana (4.6%)
- #12 Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito (4.3%)
- #25 Corpus Christi (3.5%)
- #39 Laredo (3.2%)
- #44 Sherman-Denison (3.2%)
- #51 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission (3.0%)

### **Percentage of Hispanics with a Sensory Disability-**

- #22 Corpus Christi (4.3%)
- #23 Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito (4.3%)
- #26 Laredo (4.2%)
- #29 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission (4.1%)
- #34 Abilene (3.9%)
- #36 Victoria (3.9%)
- #40 San Angelo (3.8%)

Source: diversitydata.org,  
2000 Census data

## **Definitions:**

In the American Community Survey, as well as the 2000 Census mentioned later in this fact sheet, measures disability by giving the option for respondents to self-identify at least one of six different types of disabilities. The types include physical, mental, "go-outside-home", employment, sensory, and self-care. Questions related to employment and "go-outside-home" are only asked of those respondents 16+ years of age.

The six types of disabilities are defined in this way-

- **Sensory Disability** - Conditions that include blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment.
- **Physical Disability** - Conditions that substantially limit one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying
- **Mental Disability** - Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, the person has difficulty learning, remembering or concentrating.
- **Self-care Disability** - Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, the person has difficulty dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.
- **Go-outside-home Disability** - Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, the person has difficulty going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.
- **Employment Disability** - Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, the person has difficulty working at a job or business.