



# RESPECTABILITY

## Arkansas and Jobs For PwDs

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# Arkansas



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- ❖ 72.7% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 28.2% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 15,800 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 259,600 persons aged 21 to 64 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 496,002 civilians with a disability live in AR.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ The employment gap between people without disabilities and PwDs has increased 3.2% between 2010 and 2011.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 158,086 people aged 18 to 64 received SSDI or SSI benefits in 2012.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Total expenditure of benefits for PwDs in 2012 was \$1,951,608,000.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. obtained 2,933 jobs for PwDs in AR in 2012.<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. received 8,533 general applicants and 591 blind applicants in AR in 2012.<sup>3</sup>

1. 2012 Disability Status Report: Arkansas, [disabiliystatistics.org](http://disabiliystatistics.org)
2. StateData: The National Report on Employment Services and Outcomes, 2013
3. [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

# Arkansas

		People with Disabilities (%)		People without Disabilities (%)	
		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Poverty <sup>1</sup>	US	29.2	28.7	13.6	13.6
	AR	30.1	28.9	16.6	16.3
Smoking <sup>1</sup>	US	26.0	25.4	16.9	16.2
	AR	34.4	33.3	21.7	22.7
Obesity <sup>1</sup>	US	39.1	40.1	24.5	25.0
	AR	43.0	41.9	31.3	31.6
Employment <sup>1</sup>	US	32.7	33.9	73.6	74.2
	AR	31.4	28.2	72.7	72.7

1. [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#). Pg 53, 54, 72, 73, 29

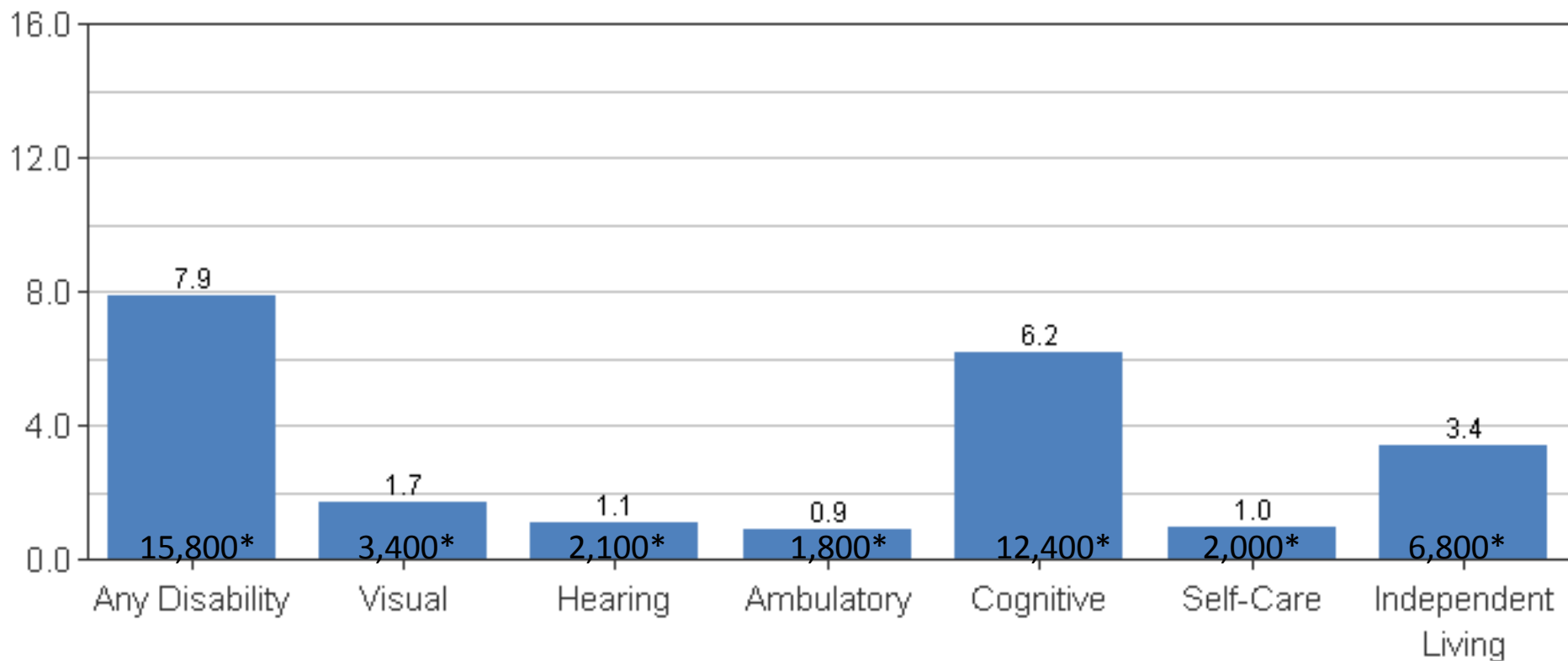
# AR Ages 6 to 21 Served By IDEA

	2011	2012
<b>All Disabilities</b>	<b>51,515</b>	<b>51,909</b>
Specific Learning Disability	18,377	18,128
Speech or Language Impairment	12,694	12,678
Intellectual Disability	5,662	5,474
Emotional Disturbance	736	750
Multiple Disability	1,344	1,337
Hearing Impairment	525	449
Orthopedic Impairment	199	194
Other Health Impairment	8,670	9,323
Visual Impairment	202	189
Autism	2,930	3,231
Deaf Blindness	6	7
Traumatic Brain Injury	170	149
Developmental Delay	Omitted	Omitted

Source: <http://disabilitycompendium.org/compendium-statistics/special-education>

# Prevalence of Disability Among Non-Institutionalized People Ages 16 to 20 in Arkansas in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

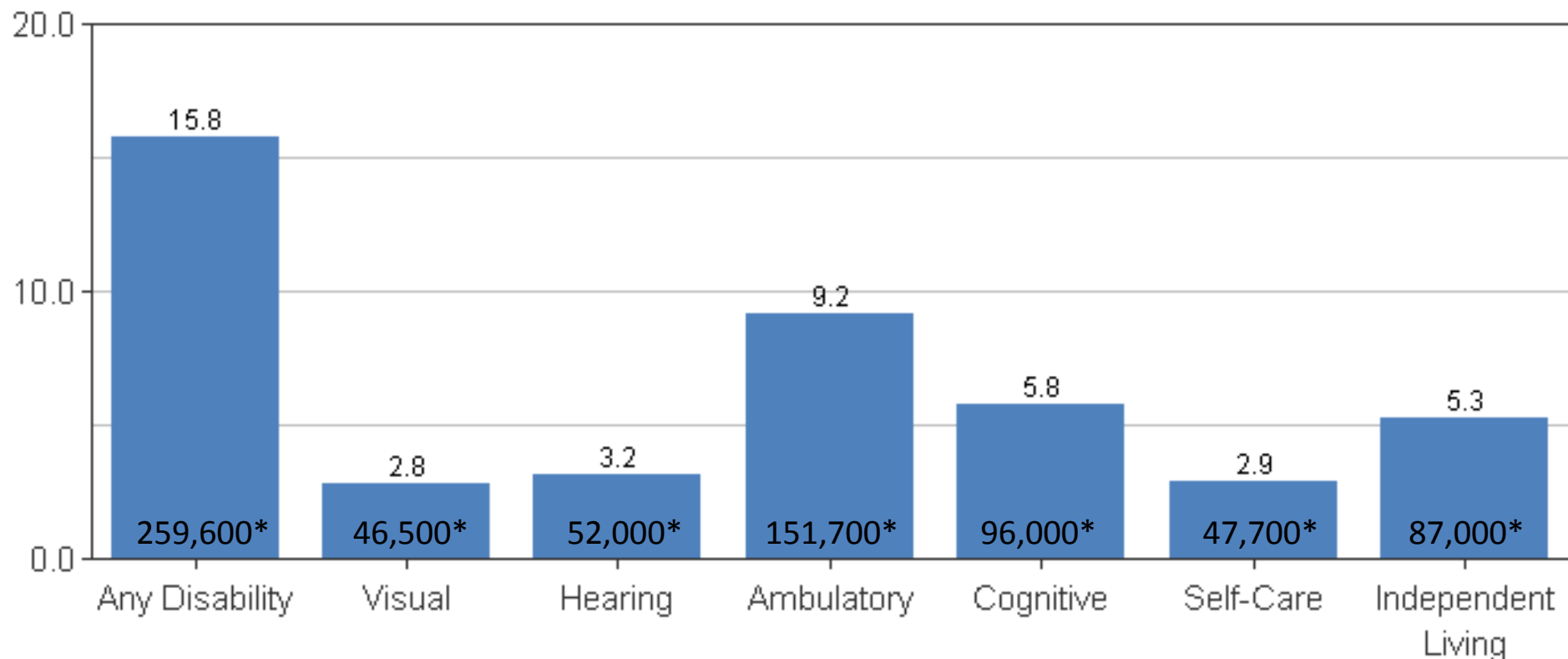


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# Prevalence of Disability Among Non-Institutionalized People Ages 21 to 64 in Arkansas in 2012

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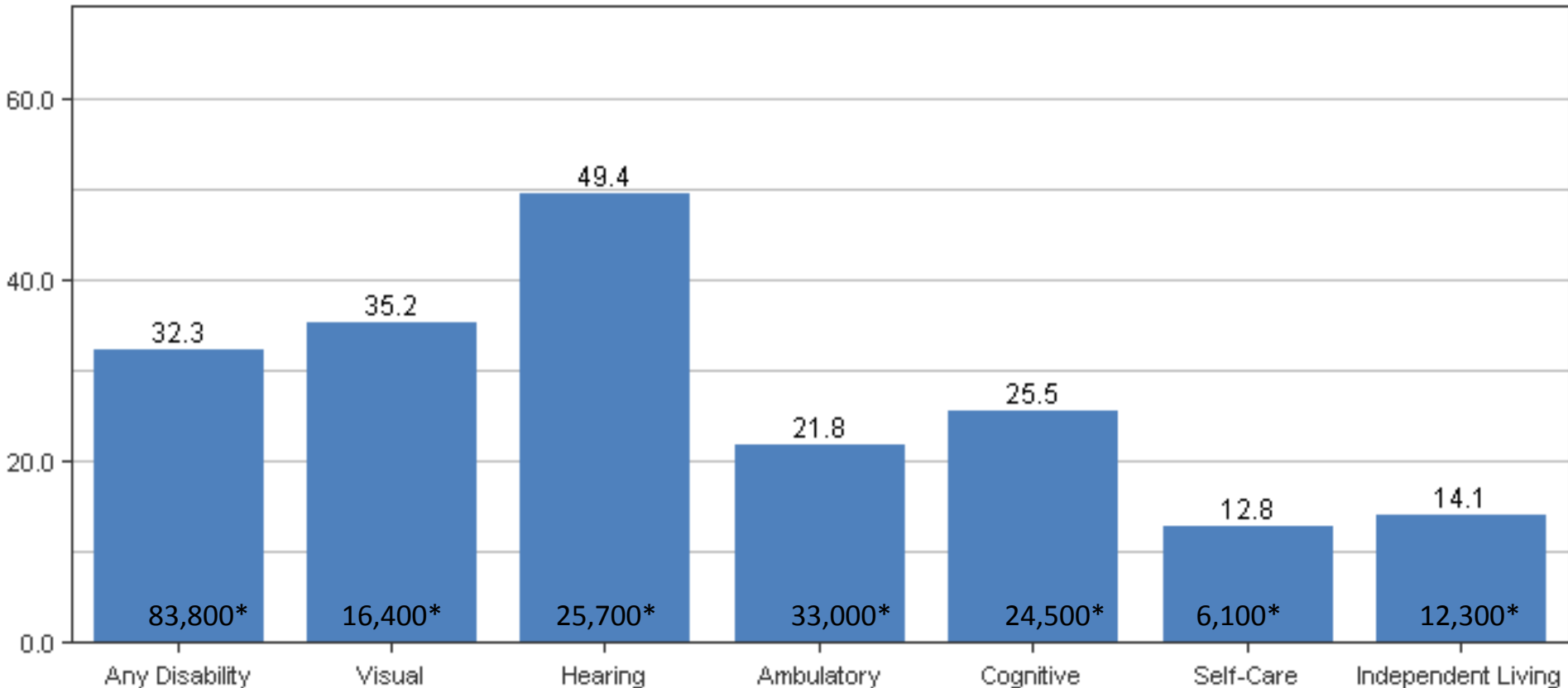


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# Employment of Non-Institutionalized Working-Age People (Ages 21 to 64) by Disability Status in Arkansas in 2012

Employment Rates (%)



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Source: [Cornell University](#)

# Arkansas Project SEARCH Sites

- ❖ University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock
- ❖ Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville

Project SEARCH: [www.projectsearch.us](http://www.projectsearch.us)

Contact Erin Riehle at [Erin.Riehle@cchmc.org](mailto:Erin.Riehle@cchmc.org)



# Which Employers in Your State Must Meet 503 Rules (Hire PwDs)?

- ❖ Top contractors:
  - General Dynamics Corporation
  - URS Corporation
  - Tyson Foods INC.
  - Groupe CGI INC
  - Allens INC

See the entire list on the [Fedspending website](#):

[http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?stateCode=AR&sortp=u&detail=0&datype=T&reptype=p&database=fpds&fiscal\\_year=&submit=GO](http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?stateCode=AR&sortp=u&detail=0&datype=T&reptype=p&database=fpds&fiscal_year=&submit=GO)

How to get started: Job Accommodation Network → <https://askjan.org/>

US Business Leadership Network → <http://usbln.org/>

# Jobs in Arkansas

## ❖ Top five industries in Arkansas:

- Employment services, management of companies and enterprises, individual and family services, restaurants, and colleges, universities and professional schools.

## ❖ Four homegrown Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in Arkansas:

- Dillard's, Murphy Oil, Tyson Foods, and Wal-Mart

[Click here for your Workforce Development Plan](http://dws.arkansas.gov/AWIB/pdfs/stateplan/PY%202012-2016%20Arkansas%20State%20WIA%20W-P%20Plan,%20FINAL,%2011-2-2012%20rev%201-4-2013.pdf)

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# Resources

- ❖ StateData: The National Report on Employment Services and Outcomes, 2013 (data from 2012)
- ❖ 2012 Disability Status Report United States, Cornell University, 2012: [www.disabilitystatistics.org](http://www.disabilitystatistics.org)
- ❖ Fedspending: [www.fedspending.org](http://www.fedspending.org)
- ❖ Project SEARCH: [www.projectsearch.us](http://www.projectsearch.us)
- ❖ Job Accommodation Network: <https://askjan.org/>
- ❖ State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: [http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org\\_list.cfm?category\\_cd=SVR](http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_cd=SVR)
- ❖ RespectAbilityUSA: [www.respectabilityusa.org](http://www.respectabilityusa.org)

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**We have many resources for policy makers and employers on our website and are ready to help!**

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