



# RESPECTABILITY

## LA and Jobs for PwDs

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# Louisiana



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- ❖ 75.5% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 31.8% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 22,900 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 366,600 persons aged 21 to 64 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 679,446 civilians with disabilities live in LA.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ The Employment gap between PwDs and people without disabilities in LA increased 2.9% from 2010-2011.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 74,100 PwDs aged 18 to 64 receive benefits.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 182,724 people ages 18-64 received SSDI or SSI benefits in LA in 2012.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ In 2012, the total expenditure on SSDI benefits for PwDs was \$2,274, 948,000.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. obtained 2,012 jobs for PwDs (out of 7, 416 total applicants) in LA in 2012.<sup>3</sup>

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

# Louisiana Data

		People with Disabilities (%)		People without Disabilities (%)	
		2012	2013	2012	2013
Poverty <sup>1</sup>	US	29.2	28.7	13.6	13.6
	LA	31.5	30.4	16.2	16.3
Smoking <sup>1</sup>	US	26.0	25.4	16.9	16.2
	LA	31.3	28.0	22.8	22.0
Obesity <sup>1</sup>	US	39.1	40.1	24.5	25.0
	LA	45.2	45.3	31.2	28.0
Employment <sup>1</sup>	US	32.7	33.9	73.6	74.2
	LA	34.4	31.3	72.6	72.4

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

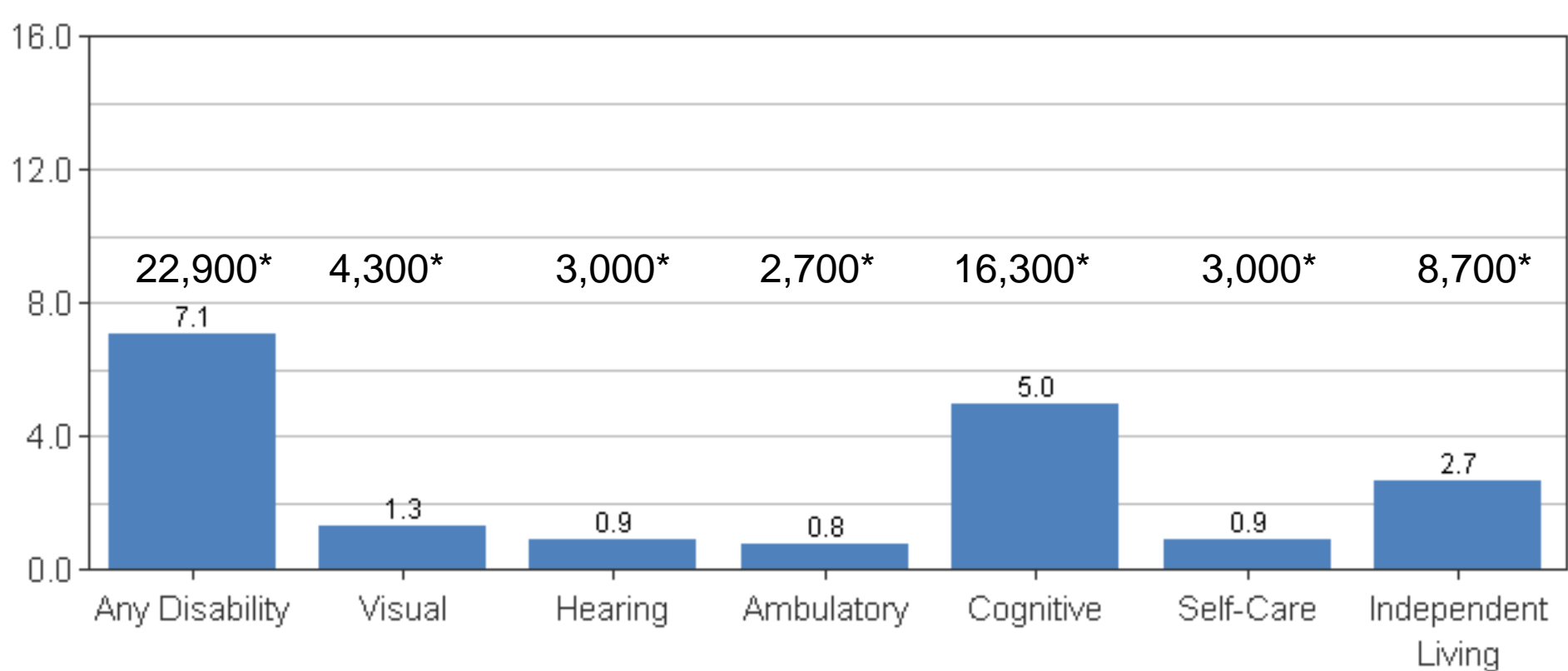
# Ages 6 to 21 IEPs by Category in LA

	2011	2012
All Disabilities	71,095	70,029
Specific Learning Disability	23,386	23,196
Speech or Language Impairment	16,144	14,931
Intellectual Disability	7,420	7,185
Emotional Disturbance	1,877	1,756
Multiple Disability	942	944
Hearing Impairment	1,156	1,148
Orthopedic Impairment	1,088	1,066
Other Health Impairment	9,492	9,553
Visual Impairment	468	477
Autism	3,380	3,683
Deaf Blindness	Omitted	5
Traumatic Brain Injury	Omitted	228
Developmental Delay	5,517	5,857

Source: [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

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

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

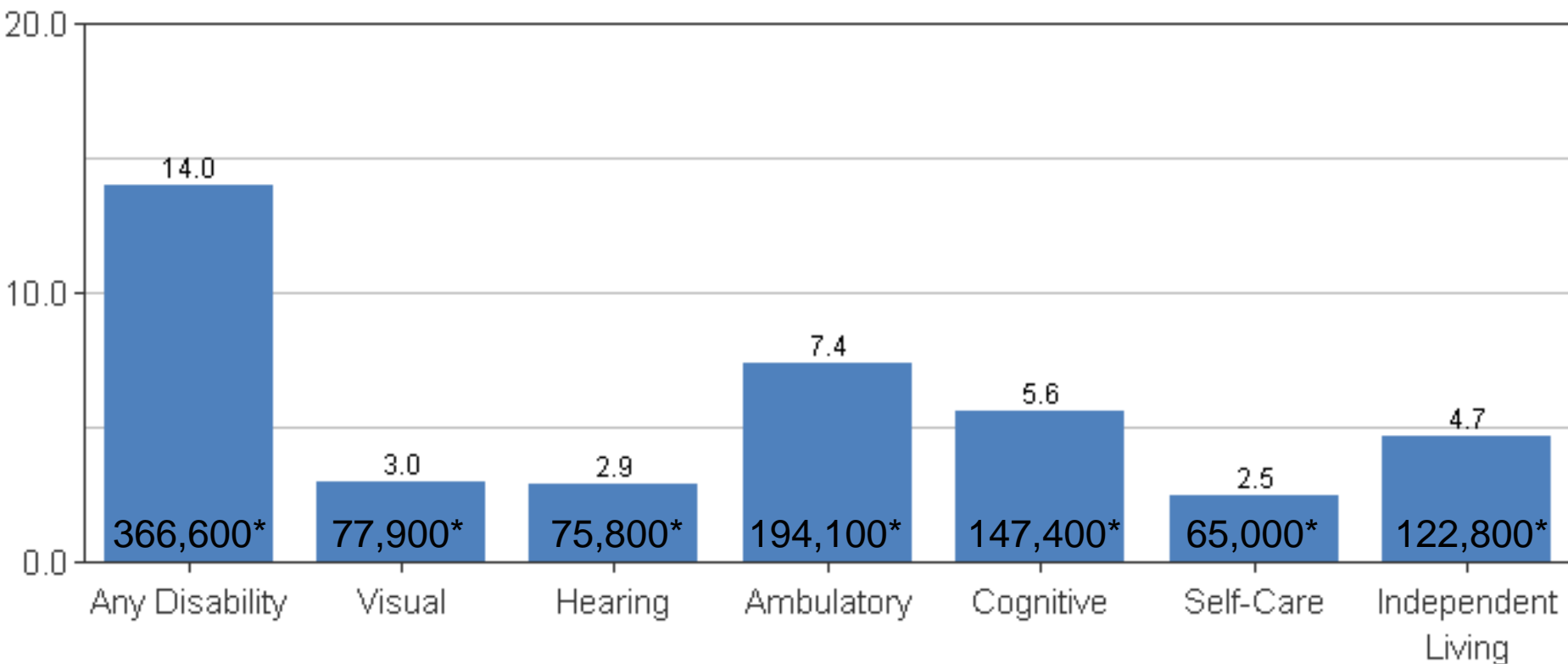


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Source: [Cornell University](#)

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

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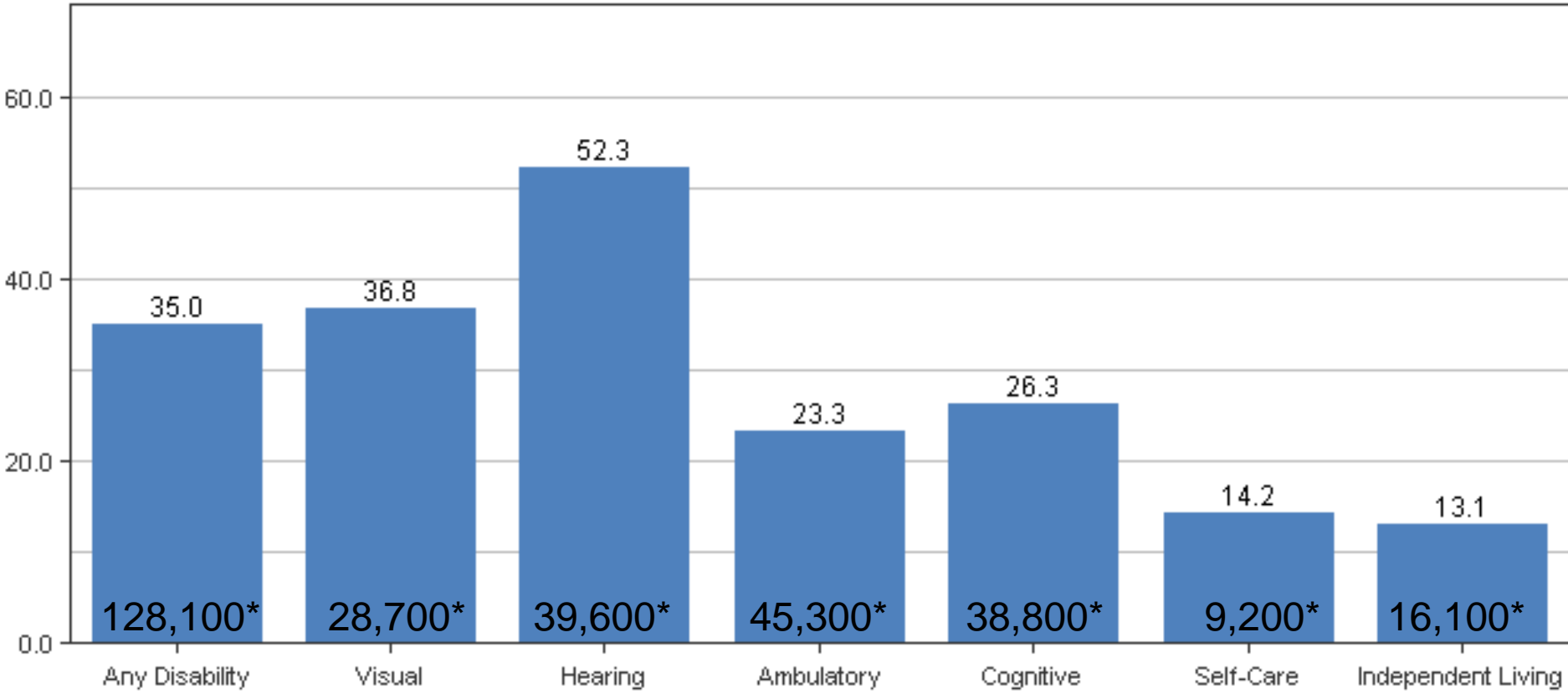


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# Employment of Non-Institutionalized Working-Age People (Ages 21 to 64) by Disability Status in Louisiana in 2012

Employment Rates (%)



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Source: [Cornell University](#)

# Project SEARCH: Program Description

- ❖ One school year or 9 months.
- ❖ 10 – 12 young adults with a variety of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ❖ Instructor and job coaches.
- ❖ Immersed in host business culture.
- ❖ Rotations through unpaid internships with continual feedback.
- ❖ Outcome of employment in the community.



# Project SEARCH: HUGE \$ SAVER!

The Project SEARCH  
Definition of a Successful  
Outcome:

- ❖ Competitive employment in an integrated setting.
- ❖ Year-round work.
- ❖ 16 hours per week or more.
- ❖ Minimum wage or higher.

- ❖ 273 programs in 44 states.
- ❖ 2500 young people per year.
- ❖ 60% healthcare, 40% broad mix of business types.
- ❖ 68% employment.
- ❖ 88% employee benefit eligible.
  - 35% take employee benefits, usually at 5 years.
  - Benefits alone save roughly 1 million dollars over a lifetime.
  - Family involvement curriculum to drive familial change in attitude.

# Contact Project SEARCH

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

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

## ❖ Top contractors:

- Textron Inc.
- Computer Sciences Corp.
- Clark/McCarthy Healthcare Partners a Joint Venture
- Gulf Intracoastal Constructors a Joint Venture
- Placid Refining Company

- For the complete list see the [fed spending website](#)

[http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?stateCode=LA&sortp=r&detail=-1&datatype=T&reptype=p&database=fpds&fiscal\\_year=2012&submit=GO](http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?stateCode=LA&sortp=r&detail=-1&datatype=T&reptype=p&database=fpds&fiscal_year=2012&submit=GO)

- Complete federal lists of 2006-2013 → [Federal Procurement Data System website](#)

[https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng\\_cms/index.php/en/reports/62-top-100-contractors-report3.html](https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms/index.php/en/reports/62-top-100-contractors-report3.html)

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

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

# Jobs in Louisiana

- Louisiana's top industries are oil production, natural gas production, agriculture, chemical production, hospitals and tourism.
  
- Click for your state Workforce Development [board](http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=LA)  
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- Click for your state Workforce Development [plan](http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/PR/WIAStatePlan20122017.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)

# Let Us Know If We Can Help!

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

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