



RESPECTABILITY

ME and Jobs for PwDs

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Maine



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- ❖ 78.8% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.³
- ❖ 31.2% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.³
- ❖ 9,300 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.¹
- ❖ 214,235 civilians with a disability live in Maine.³
- ❖ The employment gap between people with disabilities and people without disabilities increased by 2.7% from 2010 to 2011.³
- ❖ 66,896 people aged 18-64 received SSDI or SSI benefits in ME in 2012.³
- ❖ In 2012, the total expenditure on SSDI benefits for PwDs in ME was \$805,428,000,000.³
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. obtained 894 jobs (out of 3,742 total applicants) for PwDs in ME in 2012.³

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

Maine Data

		People with Disabilities (%)		People without Disabilities (%)	
		2012	2013	2012	2013
Poverty ¹	US	29.2	28.7	13.6	13.6
	ME	32.7	33.2	11.6	11.0
Smoking ¹	US	26.0	25.4	16.9	16.2
	ME	27.6	26.5	17.9	18.2
Obesity ¹	US	39.1	40.1	24.5	25.0
	ME	40.6	41.7	24.1	24.7
Employment ¹	US	32.7	33.9	73.6	74.2
	ME	33.2	31.2	78.1	78.8

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

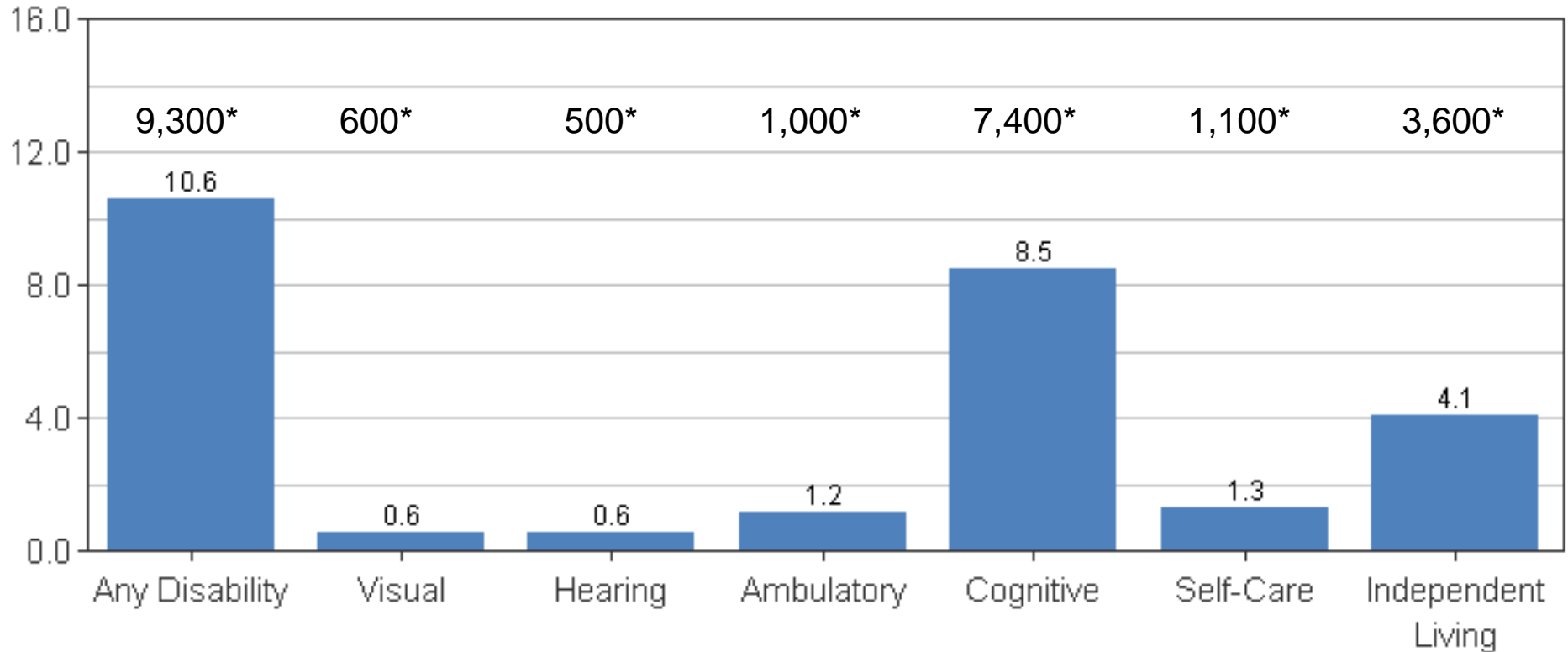
ME Ages 6 To 21 Served Under IDEA

	2011	2012
All Disabilities	28,247	28,401
Specific Learning Disability	9,223	9,184
Speech or Language Impairment	4,597	4,576
Intellectual Disability	666	682
Emotional Disturbance	2,438	2,335
Multiple Disability	2,816	2,850
Hearing Impairment	184	165
Orthopedic Impairment	Omitted	47
Other Health Impairment	5,729	5,861
Visual Impairment	60	51
Autism	2,372	2,552
Deaf Blindness	Omitted	4
Traumatic Brain Injury	55	52
Developmental Delay	Omitted	42

Source: [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

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

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

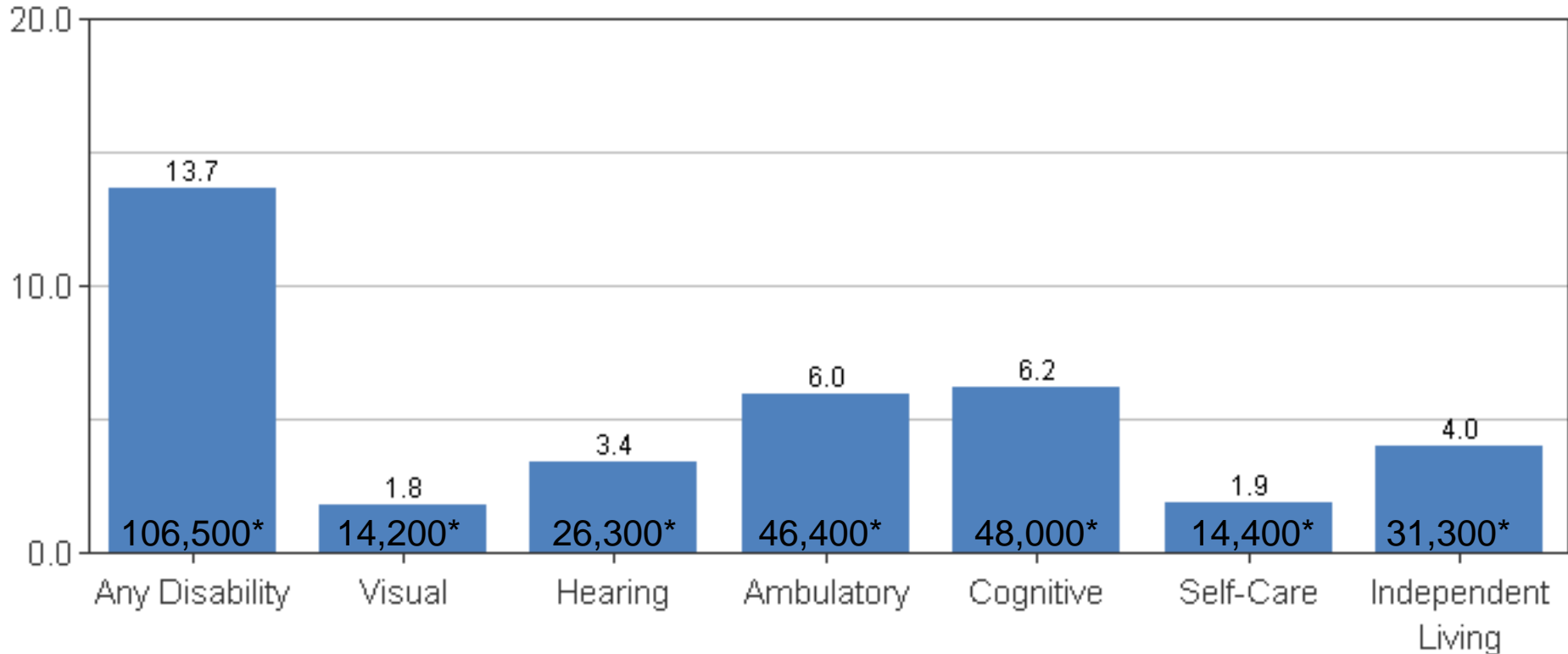


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Source: [Cornell University](#)

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

Prevalence Rates: Age 21 to 64 years (%)

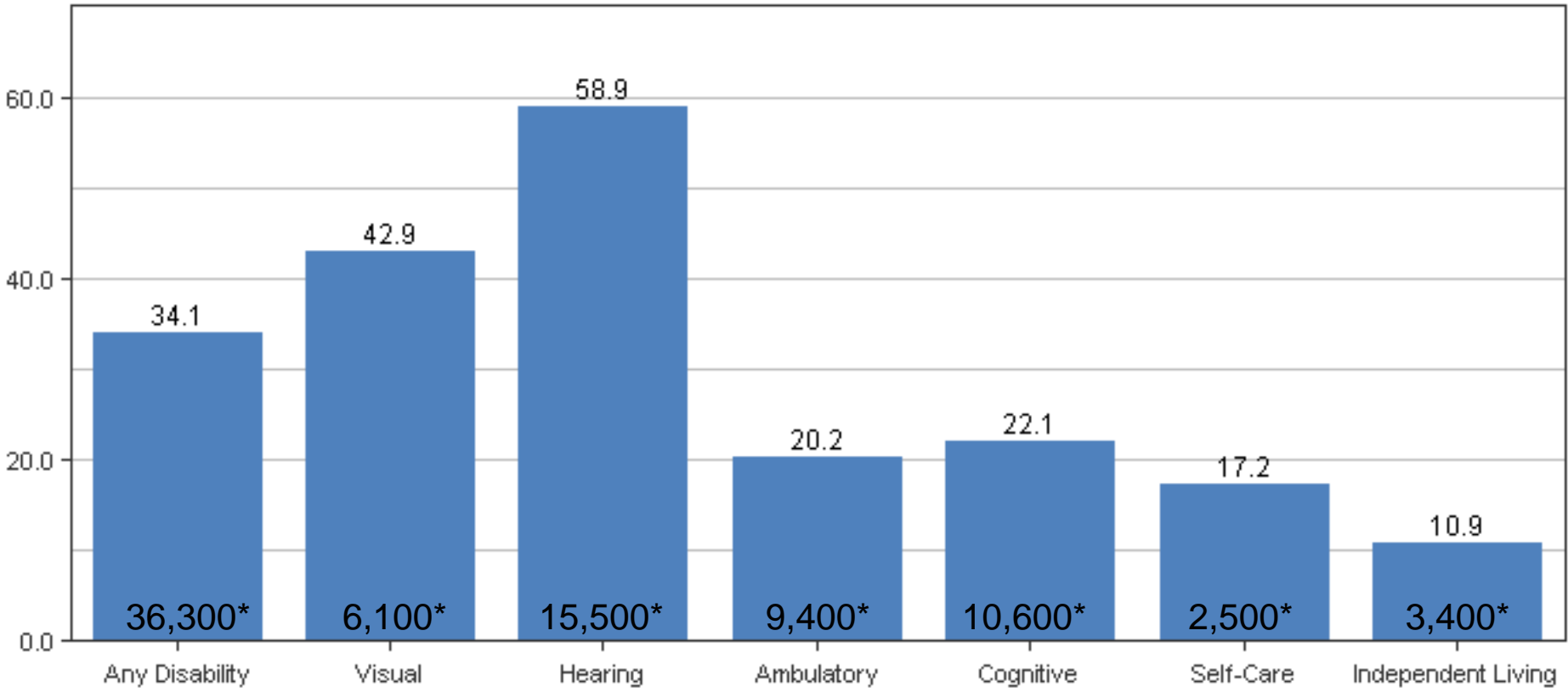


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Employment of Non-Institutionalized Working-Age People (Ages 21 to 64) by Disability Status in Maine in 2012

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.

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

❖ Top contractors:

- General Dynamics Corp.
- Martin's Point Health Care Inc.
- OWL Companies
- Source for Native American Products LLC
- Ameresco Inc.

- For the complete list see the [fed spending website](http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?stateCode=ME&sortp=r&detail=-1&datatype=T&reptype=p&database=fpds&fiscal_year=2012&submit=GO)

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- 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)

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

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

Jobs in Maine

- ❖ The top fastest-growing occupations in Maine are Interpreters and Translators, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors, Nursing Instructors and Teachers (Postsecondary), and Skincare Specialists.

Source: <http://www.careerinfonet.org/oview1.asp?next=oview1&Level=overall&optstatus=&jobfam=&id=1&nodeid=3&soccode=&ShowAll=&stfips=23>

- ❖ Click for your state Workforce Development [plan](#)

http://www.maine.gov/swib/wia_plan.html

- ❖ Click for your state Workforce Development [board](#)

http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=ME

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
- ❖ Fedspending: www.fedspending.org
- ❖ Project SEARCH: 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
- ❖ RespectAbilityUSA: 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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