



# RESPECTABILITY

## RI and Jobs for PwDs

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# Rhode Island



Gov. Gina Raimondo (D)

- ❖ 76.3% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 34.3% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 131,583 people in RI have a disability.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ 6,200 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 65,000 persons aged 21 to 64 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ 20,500 PwDs aged 18 to 64 receive benefits.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ In 2012, RI's total expenditure on SSDI benefits was \$527,976,000.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. received 2,251 applicants in RI 2012.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Voc. Rehab. obtained 602 jobs for PwDs in RI 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](#)

# Rhode Island Data

		People with Disabilities (%)		People without Disabilities (%)	
		2012	2013	2012	2013
Poverty <sup>1</sup>	US	29.2	28.7	13.6	13.6
	RI	31.2	27.9	10.6	11.8
Smoking <sup>1</sup>	US	26.0	25.4	16.9	16.2
	RI	23.7	26.9	15.8	14.6
Obesity <sup>1</sup>	US	39.1	40.1	24.5	25.0
	RI	35.7	37.1	22.9	24.3
Employment <sup>1</sup>	US	32.7	33.9	73.6	74.2
	RI	28.7	34.3	77.0	76.3

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

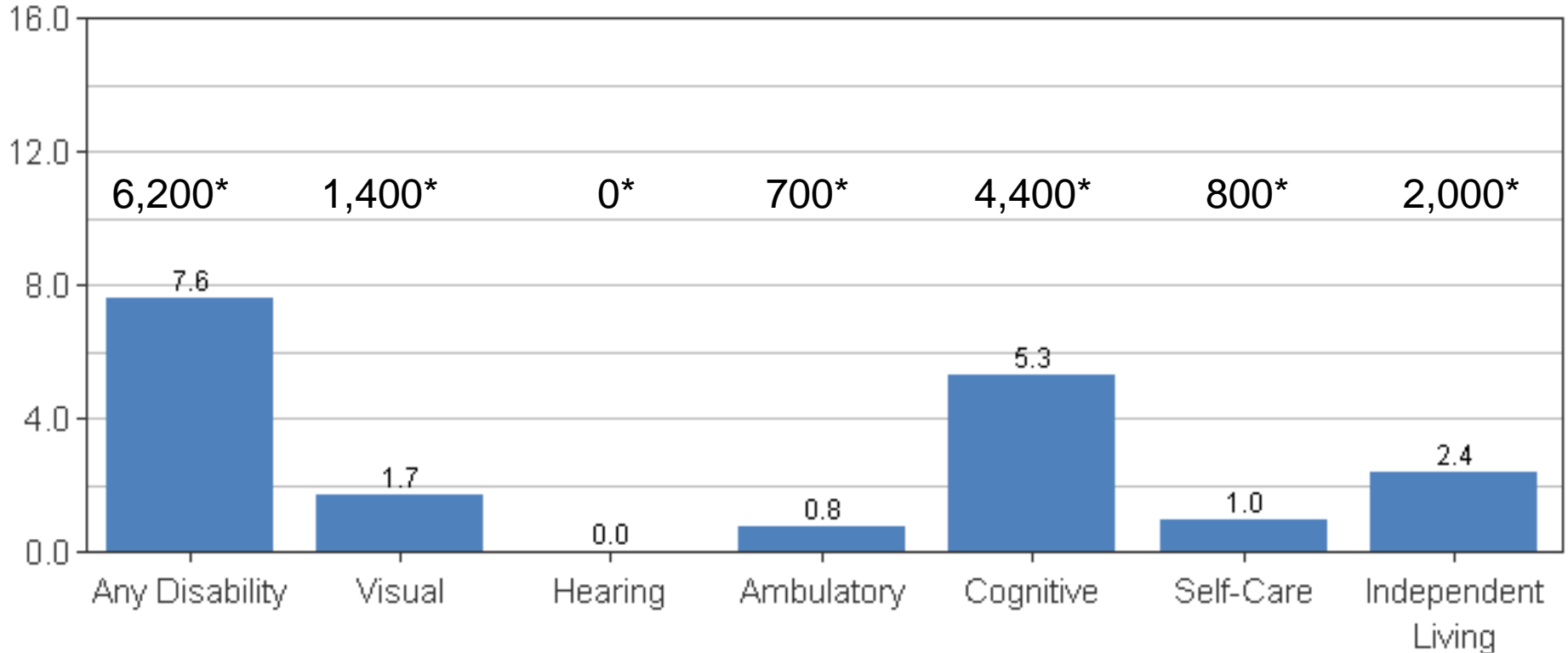
# RI Ages 6 to 21 Served Under IDEA

	2011	2012
<b>All Disabilities</b>	<b>21,842</b>	<b>21,255</b>
Specific Learning Disability	8,605	8,290
Speech or Language Impairment	3,061	2,966
Intellectual Disability	848	797
Emotional Disturbance	2,126	2,024
Multiple Disability	343	348
Hearing Impairment	148	140
Orthopedic Impairment	64	74
Other Health Impairment	3,527	3,458
Visual Impairment	56	57
Autism	1,822	1,911
Deaf Blindness	Omitted	6
Traumatic Brain Injury	Omitted	55
Developmental Delay	1,183	1,129

Source: [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

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

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

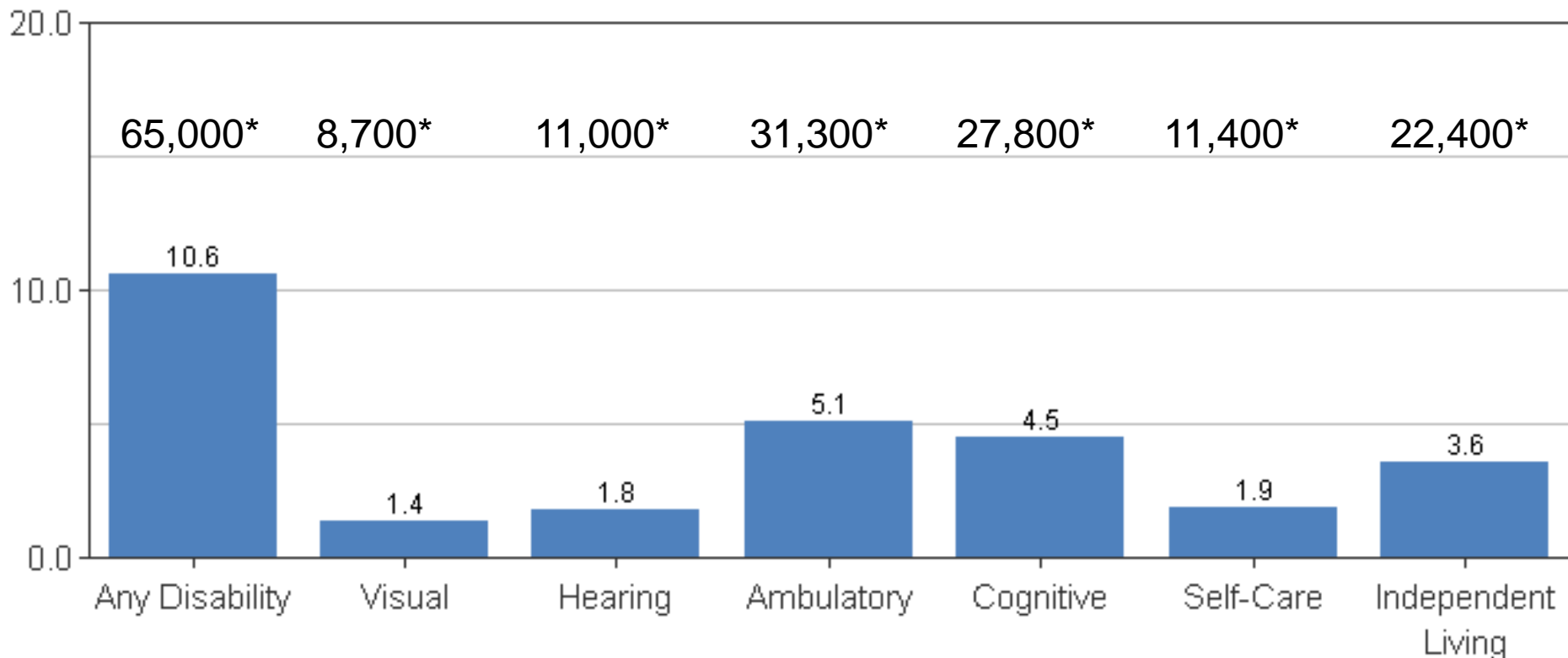


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Source: [Cornell University](#)

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

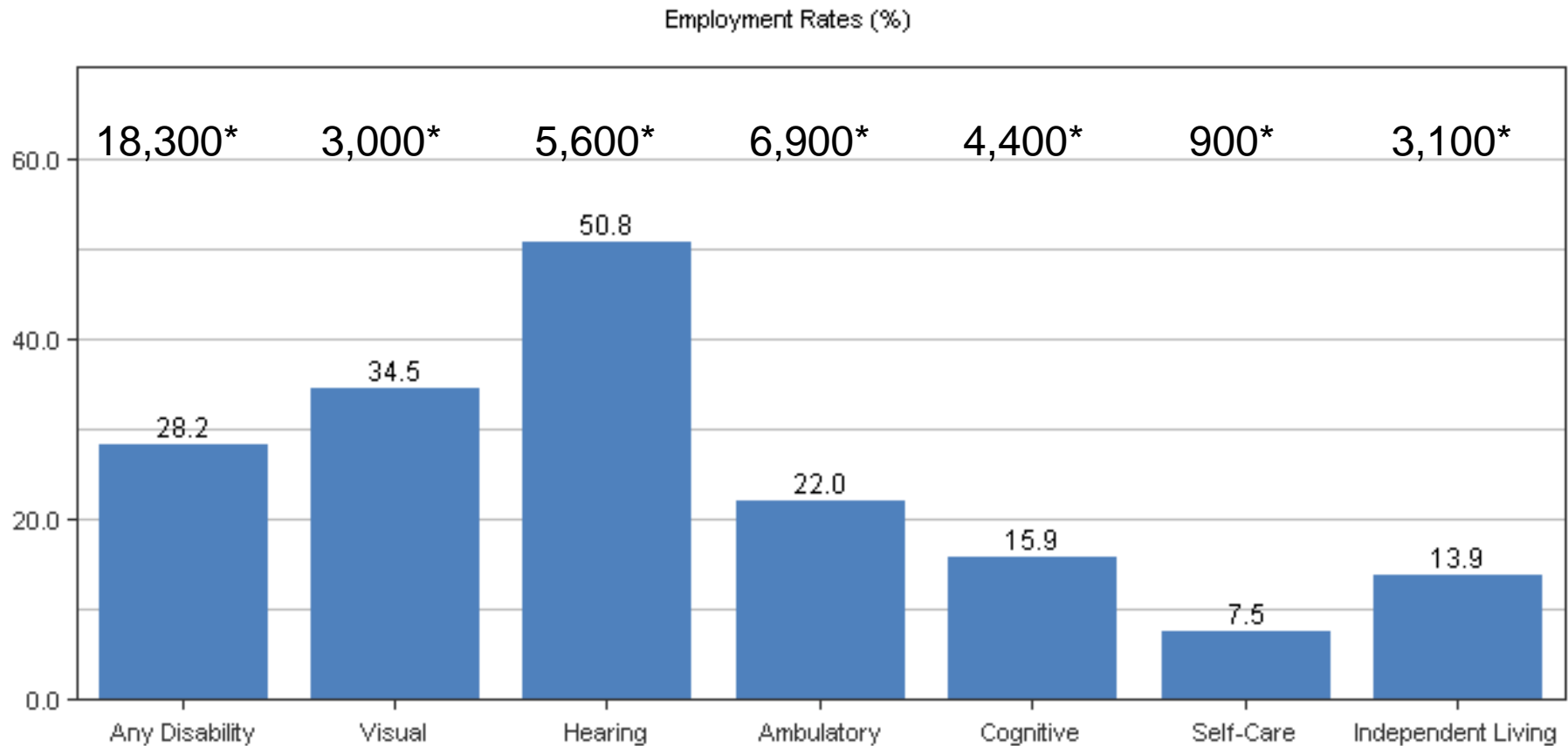
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# Employment of Non-Institutionalized Working-Age People (Ages 21 to 64) by Disability Status in Rhode Island in 2012



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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:

- Raytheon Company
- Systems Engineering Associates Corporation
- MCloughlin Research Corp
- Adams and Associates INC.
- BAE Systems PLC

- Complete list → [fed spending website](#)

[http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?reptype=p&detail=-1&fiscal\\_year=2011&sortby=f&database=fpds&datatype=T&stateCode=RI](http://www.fedspending.org/fpds/fpds.php?reptype=p&detail=-1&fiscal_year=2011&sortby=f&database=fpds&datatype=T&stateCode=RI)

- 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 Rhode Island

## ❖ Top five private sector jobs in RI:

- Health Care/Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Accommodation Services, and Food Services.

[http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce\\_board\\_info.asp?st=RI](http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=RI)

## ❖ Strategic Workforce Plan

<http://www.gwb.ri.gov/splan.htm>

## ❖ Workforce Investment Board

[http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce\\_board\\_info.asp?st=RI](http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=RI)

# 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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