



# RESPECTABILITY

## WI and Jobs for PwDs

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# Wisconsin

- ❖ 80.1% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ 40.9% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ 685,794 people in WI have a disability.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ 24,800 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>

- ❖ 312,200 persons aged 21 to 64 have a disability.<sup>1</sup>

- ❖ 67,000 PwDs aged 18 to 64 receive benefits.<sup>1</sup>

- ❖ In 2012, WI's total expenditure on SSDI benefits was \$2,350,020,000.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ Voc. Rehab. received 18,442 general applicants in WI in 2012.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ Voc. Rehab. obtained 3,250 jobs for PwDs in WI in 2012.<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ 26.5% of people with a disability ages 18 to 64 live below the poverty line, a 15.3 percentage point gap.<sup>3</sup>

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](#)



Gov. Walker (WI)  
with disability leaders

# Wisconsin Data

		People with Disabilities (%)		People without Disabilities (%)	
		2012	2013	2012	2013
Poverty <sup>1</sup>	US	29.2	28.7	13.6	13.6
	WI	28.2	26.5	11.1	11.2
Smoking <sup>1</sup>	US	26.0	25.4	16.9	16.2
	WI	26.3	27.5	18.8	16.2
Obesity <sup>1</sup>	US	39.1	40.1	24.5	25.0
	WI	41.4	41.5	26.8	26.9
Employment <sup>1</sup>	US	32.7	33.9	73.6	74.2
	WI	37.6	40.9	79.5	80.1

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

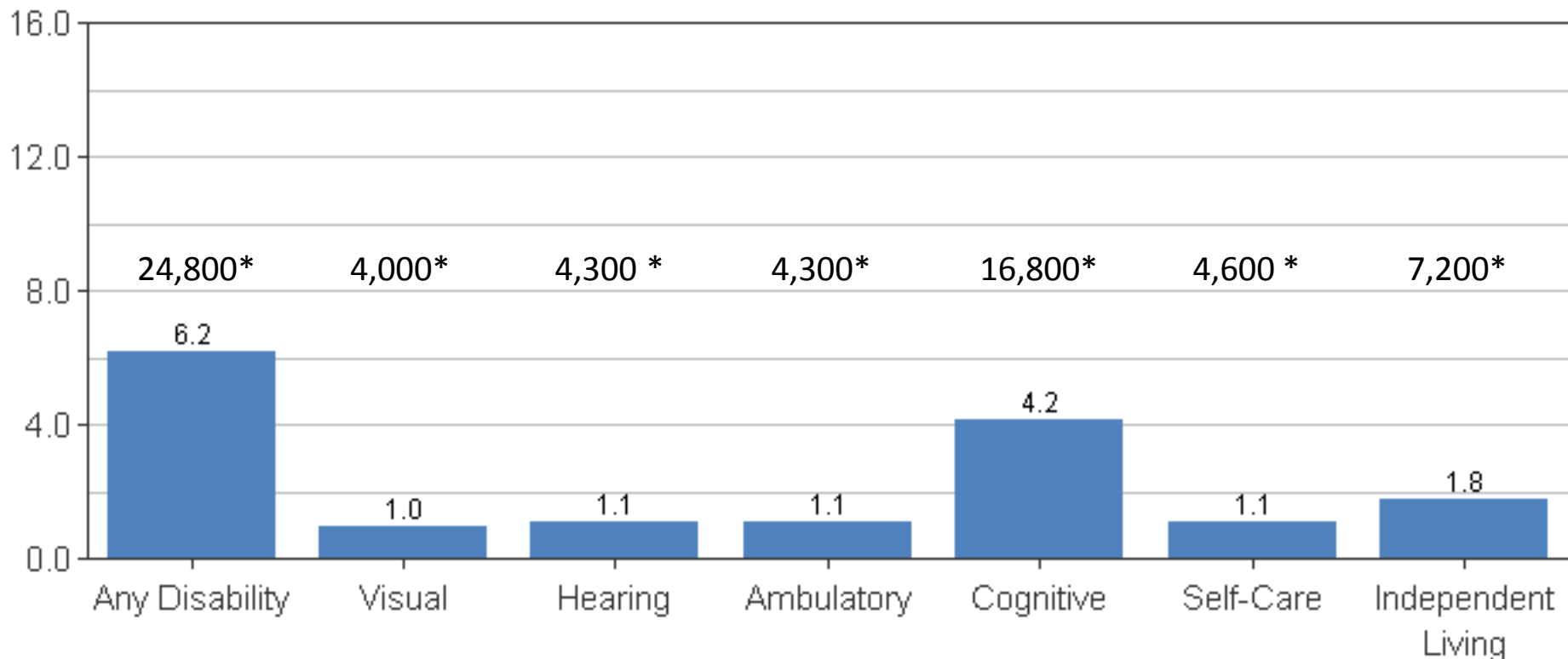
# Ages 6 to 21 IEPs by Category WI

	2011	2012
<b>All Disabilities</b>	<b>107,719</b>	<b>106,962</b>
Specific Learning Disability	34,721	33,162
Speech or Language Impairment	21,923	21,647
Intellectual Disability	8,871	8,603
Emotional Disturbance	12,656	12,427
Multiple Disability	-----	0
Hearing Impairment	1,492	1,498
Orthopedic Impairment	841	819
Other Health Impairment	18,226	19,137
Visual Impairment	412	420
Autism	8,154	8,812
Deaf Blindness	-----	3
Traumatic Brain Injury	359	364
Developmental Delay	-----	70

Source: [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

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

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

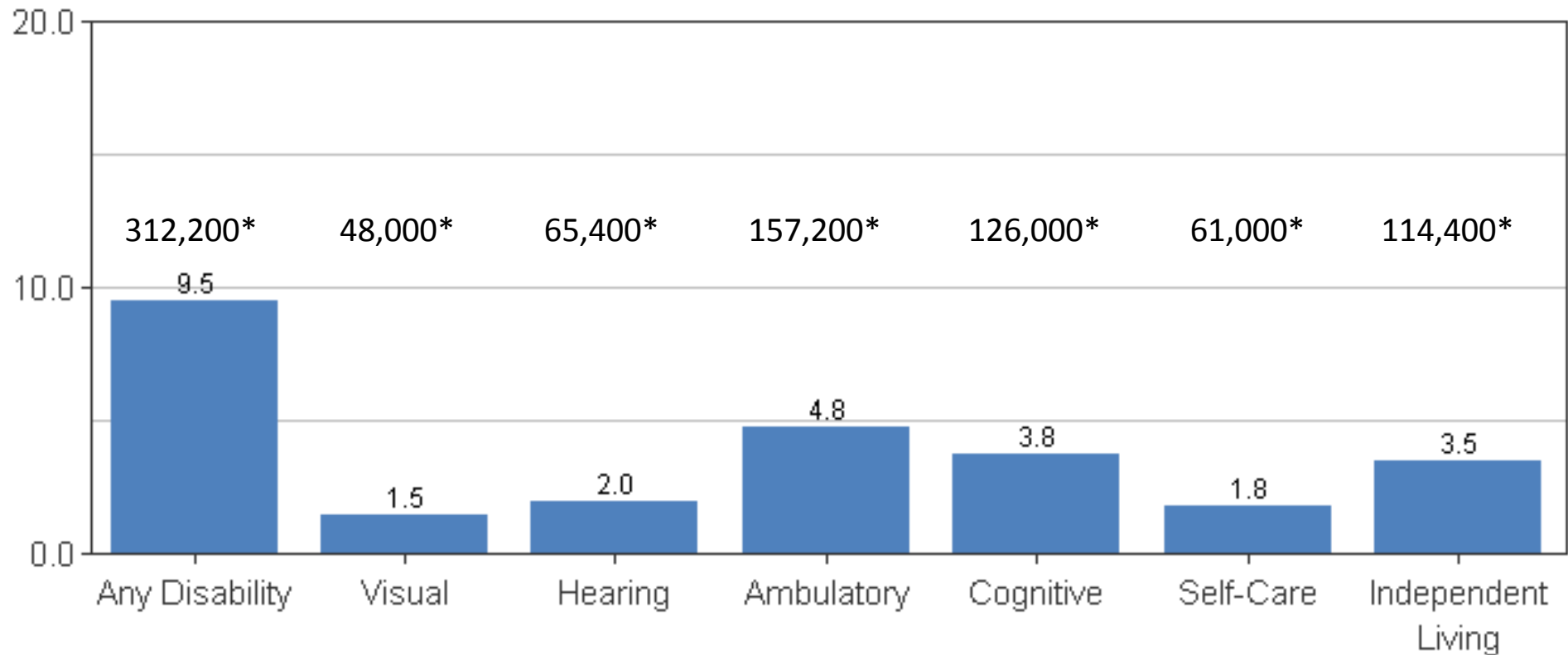


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Source: [Cornell University](#)

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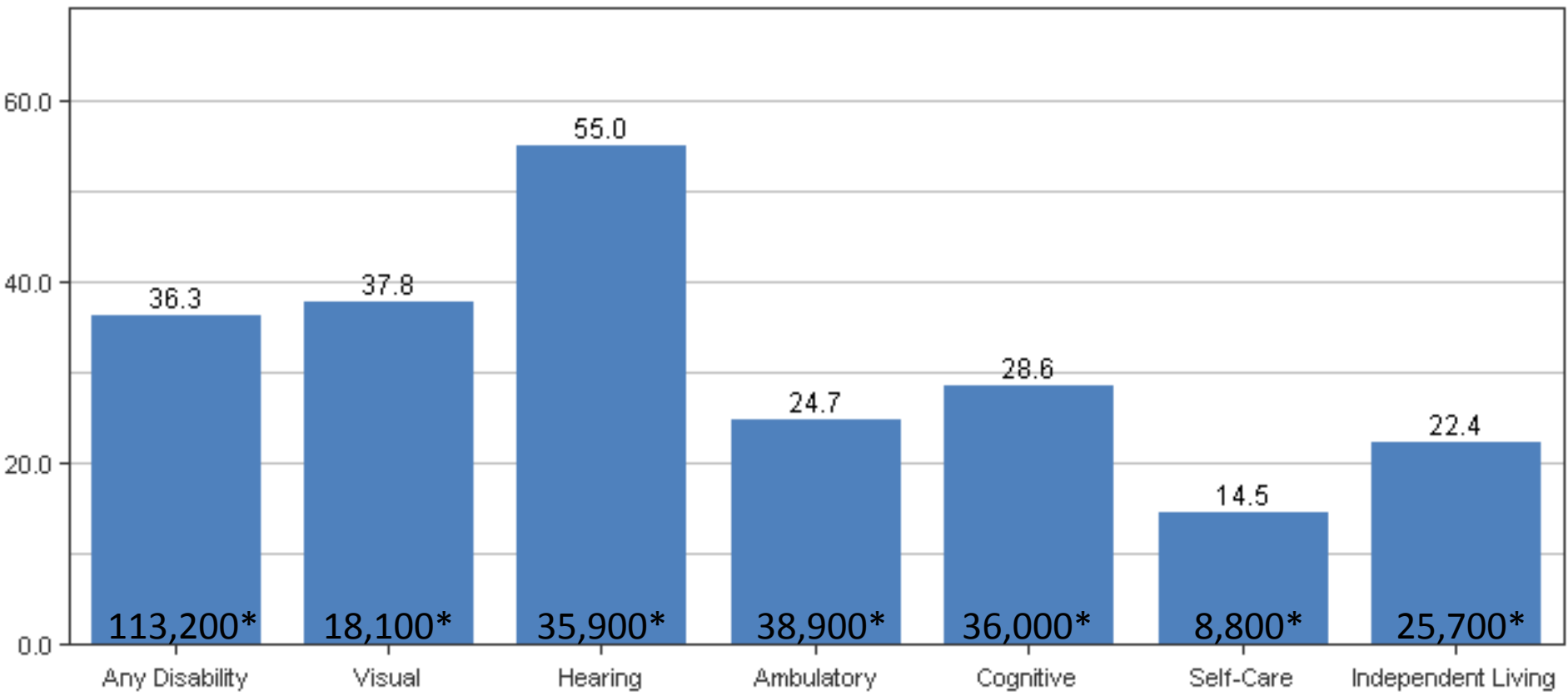


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Source: [Cornell University](#)

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

Employment Rates (%)



\*Total numbers reported

Source: [Cornell University](http://www.cornell.edu)

# Governor Scott Walker (WI, R)

- ❖ **Governor Scott Walker (WI)** quickly improved policies and practices and made it a key point in his [State of the State address](#). He has expanded Project SEARCH , which will help young people with disabilities go straight into jobs instead of a life of dependency. He has become a role model for the [expansion of opportunities](#) for people with disabilities.
- ❖ Wisconsin PROMISE to improve services for youth SSI recipients and families (Department of Workforce Development).



Gov. Walker with Lisa Derox (VP, Best Buddies) and Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi (President, RespectAbility)





# SCOTT WALKER

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## GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER PROCLAIMS 2014 AS YEAR OF “A BETTER BOTTOM LINE”

AGENCY-WIDE EFFORT FOCUSES ON IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

As part of the *Blueprint For Prosperity* outlined in Governor Walker’s State of the State speech, he announced plans to expand Project SEARCH, which is a program that helps young people with disabilities transition from high school to the workplace. The expansion would increase the number of participating business by 20 from seven over the next three years.

Governor Walker recently signed legislation to increase the number of people served by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation by 6,000. This will allow the state to reduce or eliminate the waiting list of persons with disabilities, who are seeking assistance with jobs skills training and advocacy, so they can enter the workforce.

During the Year of A Better Bottom Line, Governor Walker is directing state agencies to focus on building, recognizing, and promoting public and private programs and organizations, improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities including veterans and students.

Priorities for the Year of A Better Bottom Line include overcoming barriers to employment for people with disabilities which may include: transportation issues, employer participation, adaptable workplace challenges, costs relating to the launch of opportunities within a company, retention, and general awareness and knowledge of advantages.

The Year of A Better Bottom Line is inspired by the 2012-13 National Governor’s Association initiative promoted by former NGA Chair, Delaware Governor Jack Markell.

# WI Project SEARCH Sites

- ❖ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- ❖ Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield
- ❖ ProHealth Care Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Waukesha
- ❖ St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton
- ❖ University of WI-Madison Waisman Center/Wm S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison
- ❖ WalMart Distribution Center, Menomonie

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:

- Oshkosh Corp.
- General Electric Company
- Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp.
- National Presto Industries Inc.
- Didion Inc.

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

- 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>

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

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

# Jobs in Wisconsin

- ❖ Wisconsin's Governor has launched a new campaign "Wisconsin, Open for Business" to make clear that Wisconsin is committed to business expansion. Wisconsin's skilled workforce and strong work ethic are keys to that effort.
- ❖ Manufacturing has a strong presence in the state and it is expected for that sector to continue to be a major part of the economy.
- ❖ Through CWI efforts, Wisconsin is finding new ways for business and industry to work with government to improve the state's position in the global economy.

Source: [Workforce Investment Works](http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=WI)

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- ❖ Click for Your [Workforce Development Board](http://workforceinvestmentworks.com/workforce_board_info.asp?st=WI)

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- ❖ Click for Wisconsin [Workforce Strategic Plan](https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwdwia/PDF/state_plan_integrated_090414.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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