LA and Jobs for PwDs

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- 75.5% of persons without disabilities aged 18 to 64 are employed.³
- 31.8% of PwDs aged 18 to 64 are employed.³
- 22,900 persons aged 16 to 20 have a disability.¹
- 366,600 persons aged 21 to 64 have a disability.¹
- 679,446 civilians with disabilities live in LA.³
- The Employment gap between PwDs and people without disabilities in LA increased 2.9% from 2010-2011.³
- 74,100 PwDs aged 18 to 64 receive benefits.³
- 182,724 people ages 18-64 received SSDI or SSI benefits in LA in 2012.³
- In 2012, the total expenditure on SSDI benefits for PwDs was $2,274,948,000.³
- Voc. Rehab. obtained 2,012 jobs for PwDs (out of 7,416 total applicants) in LA in 2012.³

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3. Annual Disability Statistics Compendium
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1. *Annual Disability Statistics Compendium.* Pg 53, 54, 72, 73, 29
## Ages 6 to 21 IEPs by Category in LA

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Source: [Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](https://www.annualdisabilitystatistics.com)
Prevalence of Disability Among Non-Institutionalized People Ages 16 to 20 in Louisiana in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 16 to 20 years (%)

- Any Disability: 7.1%
- Visual: 1.3%
- Hearing: 0.9%
- Ambulatory: 0.8%
- Cognitive: 5.0%
- Self-Care: 0.9%
- Independent Living: 2.7%

*Total numbers reported

Source: Cornell University
Prevalence of Disability Among Non-Institutionalized People Ages 21 to 64 in Louisiana in 2012

Prevalence Rates: Age 21 to 64 years (%)

- Any Disability: 14.0%
- Visual: 3.0%
- Hearing: 2.9%
- Ambulatory: 7.4%
- Cognitive: 5.6%
- Self-Care: 2.5%
- Independent Living: 4.7%

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Source: Cornell University
Employment of Non-Institutionalized Working-Age People (Ages 21 to 64) by Disability Status in Louisiana 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.
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)
Contact Erin Riehle at Erin.Riehle@cchmc.org
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

- Complete federal lists of 2006-2013 → Federal Procurement Data System website

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

- Click for your state Workforce Development plan
Resources

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

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