

Incidence of Disability in the United States

- 30% of all families in the U.S. have a family member with a disability.
- 85% of disability occurs through accident or illness.
- 1.9 million People incur a traumatic brain injury each year.
- The incidence of rate of autism as dramatically increased to 1 in 59 children. (1 in 37 boys and 1 in 151 girls).
- 6 million people share a label of “developmentally disabled”.
- Prevalence of Mental Illness
 - Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. – 43.8 million or 18.5% - experience mental illness in a given year.
 - Approximately 1 in 25 adults in the U.S. – 9.8 million or 4.0% - experiences a serious mental illness in a given year that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.
 - Approximately 1 in 5 youth ages 13-18 (21.4%) experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life. For children ages 8-15, the estimate is 13%.
 - 1.1% of adults in the U.S. live with schizophrenia.
 - 2.6% of adults in the U.S. live with bipolar disorder.
 - 6.98% of adults in the U.S. – 16 million – had at least one major depressive episode in the past year.
 - 18.1% of adults in the U.S. experienced an anxiety disorder such as posttraumatic stress disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and specific phobias.