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A Snapshot of Disability in Louisiana

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- be inactive
- have high blood pressure
- smoke
- be obese

Percentage of adults with select functional disability types:

- MOBILITY: Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs.
- COGNITION: Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions.
- INDEPENDENT LIVING: Difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor’s office or shopping.
- VISION: Blind or serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses.
- SELF-CARE: Difficulty dressing or bathing.

Types and Occurrence of Disabilities Comparing U.S. with LA

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* Currently, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) may not be accessible to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and use electronic telephone devices (TDD/TTY). Therefore data on the number of people who have hearing difficulties was not collected.