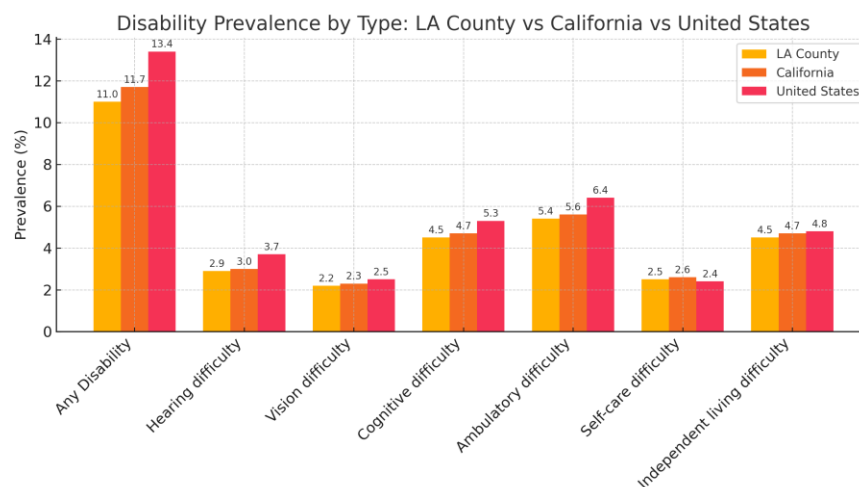


Disability in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County is home to about 10 million people (2020 Census). Based on the latest American Community Survey (ACS) data, about one in nine to one in ten of these residents live with a disability, approximately 1.0–1.2 million individuals. Approximately 6.9% of Los Angeles County residents under age 65 have a disability. The overall percentage including older adults is higher, around 10–12%, comparable to California (11–12%) and slightly below the national rate (13.4%).

Disability by Type in Los Angeles County

The following estimated prevalence rates by disability type reflect similar patterns at state and national levels (Data labels show percentage values):



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2022 1-Year Estimates; U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts; California Department of Housing and Community Development; Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Mobility or ambulatory disabilities are the most common, affecting about half a million residents in LA County.

Comparisons and Demographic Disparities

Los Angeles County's disability prevalence (~11%) is slightly lower than the national average, influenced by its younger and urban demographics. Disability prevalence rises sharply with age; over 40% of residents aged 65+ have disabilities. Socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities also exist, with higher rates among lower-income communities and communities of color, contributing to employment, housing, and healthcare challenges.