

PUERTO RICANS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, 2021

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report compiles publicly available data on Puerto Ricans living with disabilities in the state of Connecticut. The report compares this data with the same data for Latino/as and the Total Population of people living with disabilities in Connecticut.

OVERVIEW

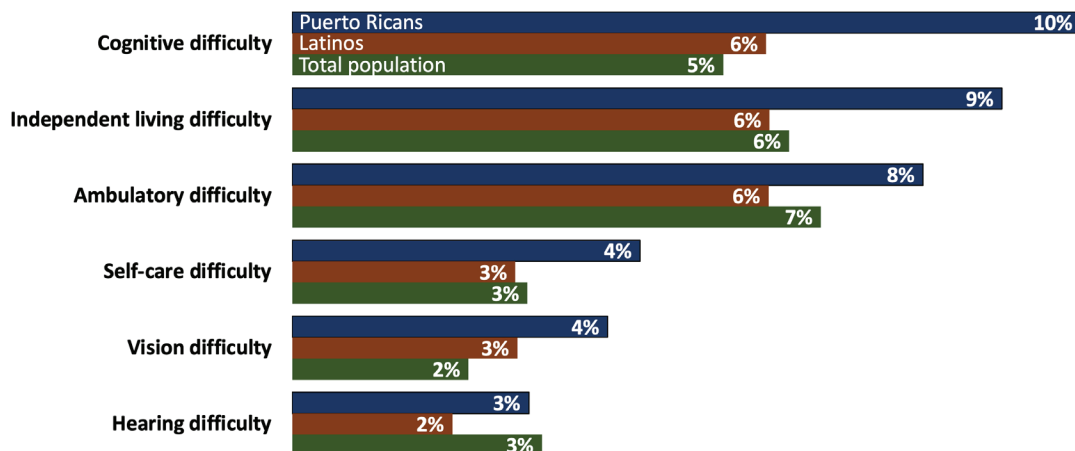
U.S. Census data does not provide a numbers of persons with disabilities. Based on our analysis, however, we estimate that in 2021, 19% of Puerto Ricans lived with a disability compared to 14% of Latino/as and 13% of the Total population of Connecticut.

Puerto Ricans were more likely than Latino/as and the Total population to have a disability.

As Figure 1 suggests, cognitive difficulty (10%), followed by independent living and ambulatory difficulty were among the highest types of disabilities reported among Puerto Ricans in the state of Connecticut.

Almost twice as many Puerto Ricans (10%) lived with a cognitive disability compared to Latino/as (6%) and the Total population (5%).

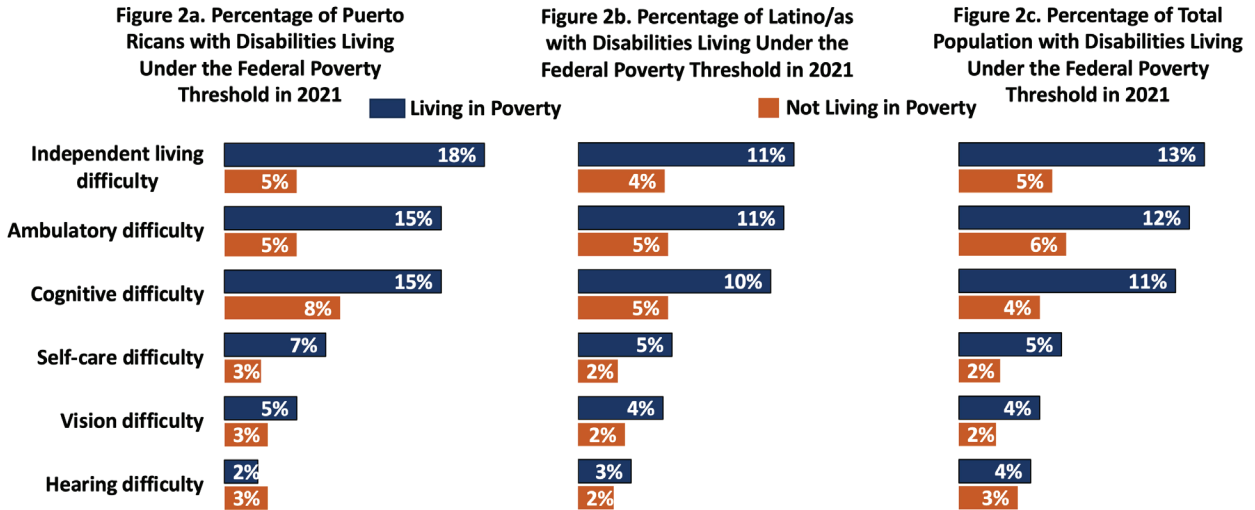
Figure 1. Puerto Ricans with Disabilities, Compared to Latinos and Total Population



DISABILITIES AND POVERTY

About 18% percent of Puerto Ricans who live in poverty reported experiencing some type of independent living difficulty compared to 11% of Latino/as and 13% of the Total population.

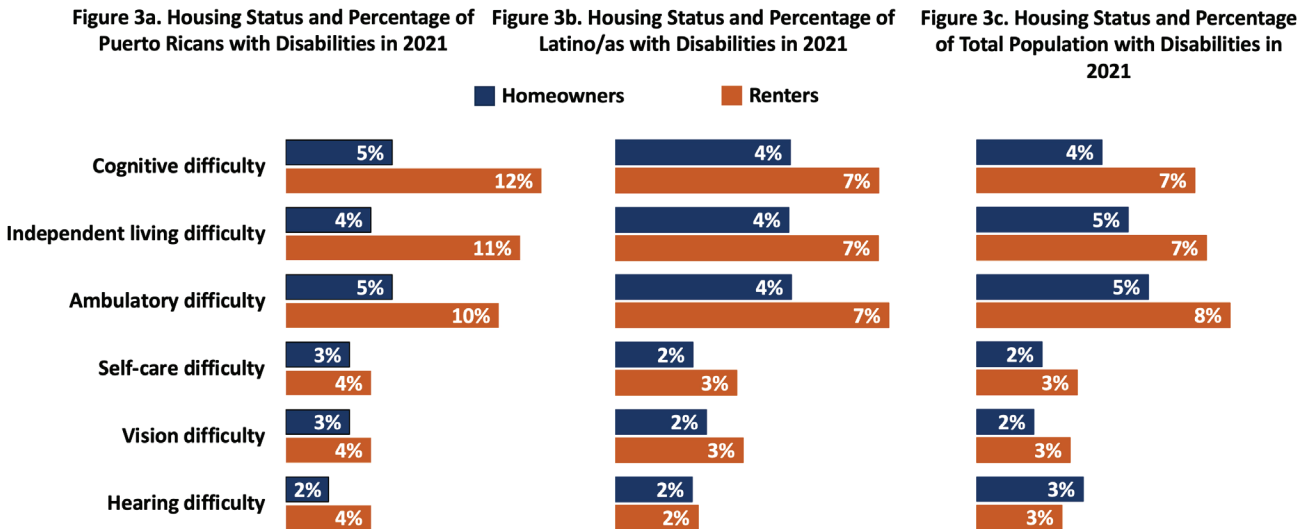
Puerto Ricans living with ambulatory and cognitive disabilities reported were more likely to live in poverty in 2021.



DISABILITIES AND HOUSING STATUS

Puerto Ricans living with disabilities were more likely to live in rental units.

Puerto Ricans living with Cognitive, Independent living, and ambulatory difficulties were twice as likely to rent than own their own homes.



DISABILITIES AND LANGUAGE

The majority of Puerto Ricans living with a disability in 2021 were more likely to speak English less than very well.

Puerto Ricans are twice as likely as Latino/as and the Total Population to speak English less than very well.

Figure 4. Command of English Language Among Puerto Ricans with Disabilities in 2021

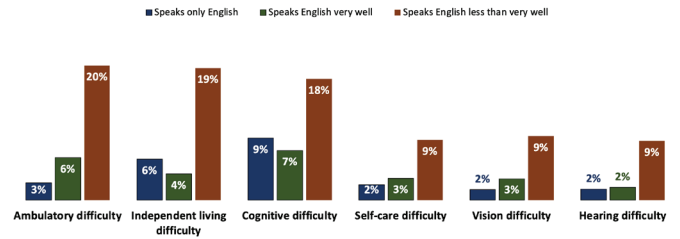


Figure 5b. Command of English Language Among Latinos with Disabilities

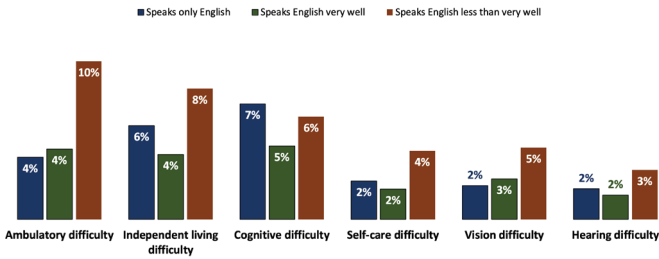
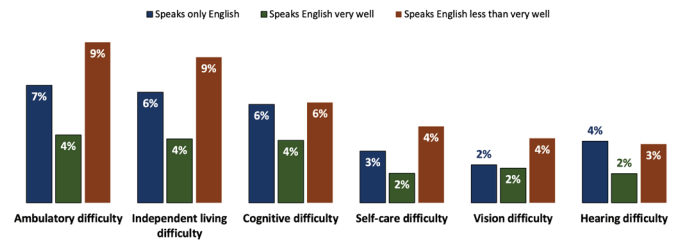


Figure 5c. Command of English Language Among Total Population with Disabilities in 2021



DISABILITIES AND BROADBAND ACCESS

Overall, Puerto Ricans, Latinos and the Total Population with disabilities are less likely to have broadband internet access.

Puerto Ricans living with disabilities are less likely than Latino/as and the Total Population to have broadband internet access.

Figure 6a. Access to Broadband Among Puerto Ricans with Disabilities in 2021

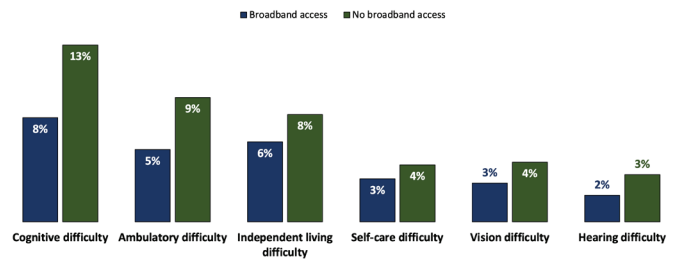


Figure 6b. Access to Broadband Among Latinos with Disabilities in 2021

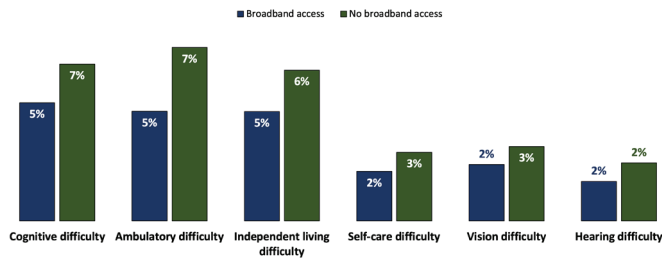
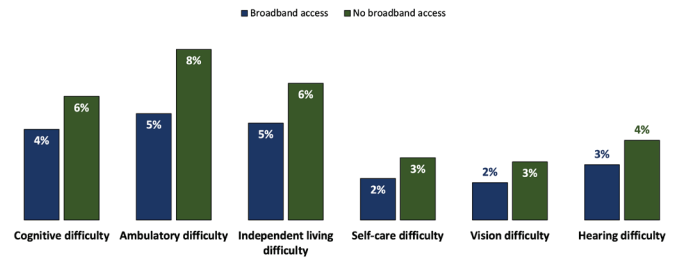


Figure 6c. Access to Broadband Among Total Population with Disabilities in 2021



WHERE DID WE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM?

The data for this report was gathered from annual American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

HOW TO CITE THIS BRIEF

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