



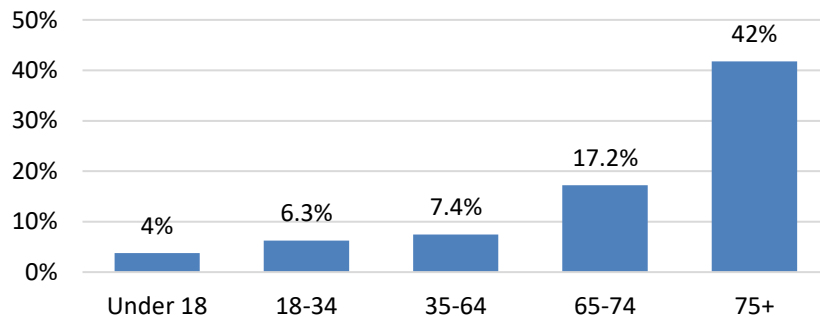
A Focus on People with Disabilities in Johnson County

People with disabilities represent an important part of the Johnson County community. Disability refers to any condition that limits a person's mental, cognitive, or physical function. It may affect a person's mobility, senses, activities, or ability to work. Disabilities can be present from birth or occur during a person's lifetime due to illness, injury or aging. People with disabilities are a diverse group who have a wide range of conditions and abilities. The term "disability" emphasizes that limitations are created by barriers in society, not by a person's condition. Removing barriers through accommodations, assistive technology, and inclusive policies allows people with disabilities to fully participate in the community. The goal is inclusion and equal opportunity for all.

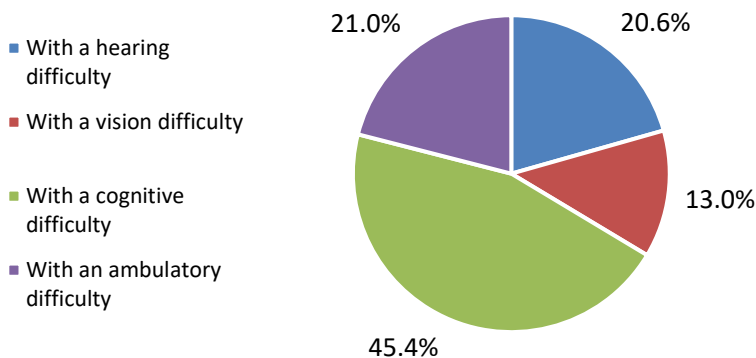
According to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, more than 57,880 Johnson County residents have a disability, representing 9% of the total population. People of all age groups experience disability, though rates of disability increase as the population ages. Seven percent of working-age adults aged 18-64 have a disability.

People with disabilities are active participants in the labor force, with 16,940 people with disabilities (representing 94% of people in the labor force with disabilities) being employed. Among Johnson County residents not in the labor force, 8,100 or 15% have a disability.

**Rate of Disability by Age Group
Johnson County, KS**



**Type of Disability among Johnson County
Residents with a Disability who are Employed**



Even though people with disabilities are active in the labor force, maintaining adequate income for the cost of living can be a particular challenge for this population.

One in four people with disabilities lives at or below the federal poverty level, compared to only 5.4% of the general population of Johnson County living in poverty. Nearly half of people with disabilities who have trouble with independent living are experiencing poverty.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2022 1-year estimates
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