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Are you limited in any way due to physical, mental or emotional problems?

- Twenty percent of Pennsylvania adults indicated in 2012 that they were limited in some way due to physical, mental or emotional problems.

The following bullets describe the percentages of respondents who indicated that they were limited in some way due to physical, mental or emotional problems:

- Pennsylvania adults age 18-29 had a significantly lower percentage (11 percent, CI: 9-14) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 (24 percent, CI: 23-26) and adults age 65 and older (26 percent, CI: 24-27).
- Pennsylvania adults age 30-44 had a significantly lower percentage (16 percent, CI: 14-18) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 (24 percent, CI: 23-26) and adults age 65 and older (26 percent, CI: 24-27).
- Pennsylvania adults with a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (21 percent, CI: 20-23) compared to Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education (30 percent, CI: 26-33).
- Pennsylvania adults with some college education had a significantly lower percentage (21 percent, CI: 20-23) compared to Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education (30 percent, CI: 26-33).
- Pennsylvania adults with a college degree had a significantly lower percentage (13 percent, CI: 12-14) compared to Pennsylvania adults less than a high school education (30 percent, CI: 26-33), adults with a high school education (21 percent, CI: 20-23) and adults with some college education (21 percent, CI: 20-23).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 had a significantly lower percentage (30 percent, CI: 28-33) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (40 percent, CI: 36-43).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $25,000 to $49,999 had a significantly lower percentage (18 percent, CI: 16-20) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (40 percent, CI: 36-43) and adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (30 percent, CI: 28-33).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $50,000 to $74,999 had a significantly lower percentage (15 percent, CI: 13-17) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (40 percent, CI: 36-43) and adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (30 percent, CI: 28-33).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $75,000 or more had a significantly lower percentage (11 percent, CI: 9-12) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (40 percent, CI: 36-43), adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (30 percent, CI: 28-33), adults with household incomes of $25,000 to $49,999 (18 percent, CI: 16-20) and adults with household incomes of $50,000 to $74,999 (15 percent, CI: 13-17).

Do you have health problems requiring the use of special equipment?

- Nine percent of Pennsylvania adults indicated in 2012 that they have health problems requiring the use of special equipment.

The following bullets describe the percentages of respondents who indicated that they have health problems requiring the use of special equipment:

- Pennsylvania adults age 18-29 had a significantly lower percentage (1 percent, CI: 1-3) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 30-44 (5 percent, CI: 4-7), adults age 45-64 (9 percent, CI: 8-10) and adults age 65 and older (18 percent, CI: 17-20).
- Pennsylvania adults age 30-44 had a significantly lower percentage (5 percent, CI: 4-7) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 (9 percent, CI: 8-10) and adults age 65 and older (18 percent, CI: 17-20).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 had a significantly lower percentage (9 percent, CI: 8-10) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 65 and older (18 percent, CI: 17-20).
- Pennsylvania adults with a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (9 percent, CI: 8-10) compared to Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education (16 percent, CI: 14-20).
- Pennsylvania adults with some college education had a significantly lower percentage (8 percent, CI: 7-10) compared to Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education (16 percent, CI: 14-20).

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- Pennsylvania adults with a college degree had a significantly lower percentage (5 percent, CI: 4-5) compared to Pennsylvania adults less than a high school education (16 percent, CI: 14-20), adults with a high school education (9 percent, CI: 8-10) and adults with some college education (8 percent, CI: 7-10).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $25,000 to $49,999 had a significantly lower percentage (8 percent, CI: 7-9) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23) and adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (16 percent, CI: 14-18).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $50,000 to $74,999 had a significantly lower percentage (5 percent, CI: 4-6) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23), adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (16 percent, CI: 14-18) and adults with household incomes of $25,000 to $49,999 (8 percent, CI: 7-9).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of $75,000 or more had a significantly lower percentage (2 percent, CI: 2-3) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than $15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23), adults with household incomes of $15,000 to $24,999 (16 percent, CI: 14-18), adults with household incomes of $25,000 to $49,999 (8 percent, CI: 7-9) and adults with household incomes of $50,000 to $74,999 (5 percent, CI: 4-6).
- Pennsylvania white, non-Hispanic adults had a significantly lower percentage (8 percent, CI: 7-9) compared to Pennsylvania black, non-Hispanic adults (11 percent, CI: 10-14).
- Pennsylvania Hispanic adults had a significantly lower percentage (6 percent, CI: 4-9) compared to Pennsylvania black, non-Hispanic adults (11 percent, CI: 10-14).

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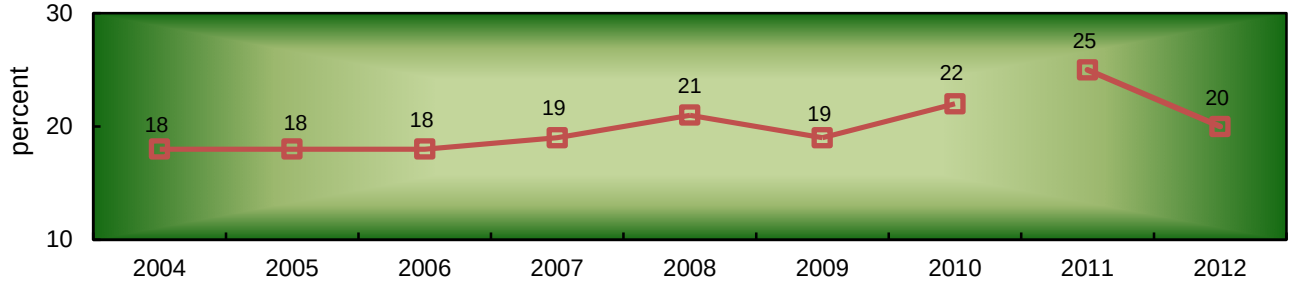
Figure 12A: Percent Limited Due to Health Problems, Pennsylvania Adults, 2004-2012*



*A change in the survey methodology created a discontinuity for 2011. Please refer to the technical notes for more information.

Table 12: Disability, Pennsylvania Adults, 2012 (with 95% confidence intervals)

	Activities Limited in Any Way Due to Health Problems*		Health Problem Requires the Use of Special Equipment*	
	%	CI	%	CI
All Adults	20	19-21	9	8-9
Gender:				
Male	19	18-21	8	7-9
Female	21	20-22	9	8-10
Age:				
18-29	11	9-14	1	1-3
30-44	16	14-18	5	4-7
45-64	24	23-26	9	8-10
65+	26	24-27	18	17-20
Education:				
<High School	30	26-33	16	14-20
High School	21	20-23	9	8-10
Some College	21	20-23	8	7-10
College Degree	13	12-14	5	4-5
Household Income:				
<$15,000	40	36-43	20	17-23
$15,000 to $24,999	30	28-33	16	14-18
$25,000 to $49,999	18	16-20	8	7-9
$50,000 to $74,999	15	13-17	5	4-6
$75,000+	11	9-12	2	2-3
Race:				
White, non-Hispanic	20	19-21	8	7-9
Black, non-Hispanic	21	18-24	11	10-14
Hispanic	25	20-30	6	4-9

* Excludes missing, don't know, and refused

Note: When comparing demographic estimates, confidence intervals that do not overlap indicate a significant difference.

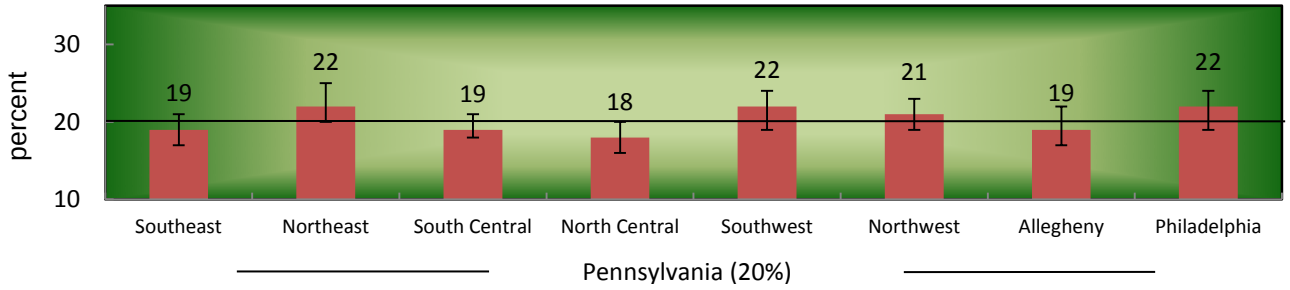



Figure 12B: Percent Limited Due to Health Problems, Pa. Health Districts vs. Pennsylvania, 2012