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# **2007 Disability Status Report**

## **Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Disability Demographics and Statistics**

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# Why Disability Statistics?

- Statistics are valuable in many ways:
  - They may verify and support existing evidence
  - They can provide another way of characterizing an issue
  - They can help clarify complex processes
  - They sometimes reveal unknown patterns and associations
- However, finding, accessing, using, and documenting relevant current disability statistics can be challenging



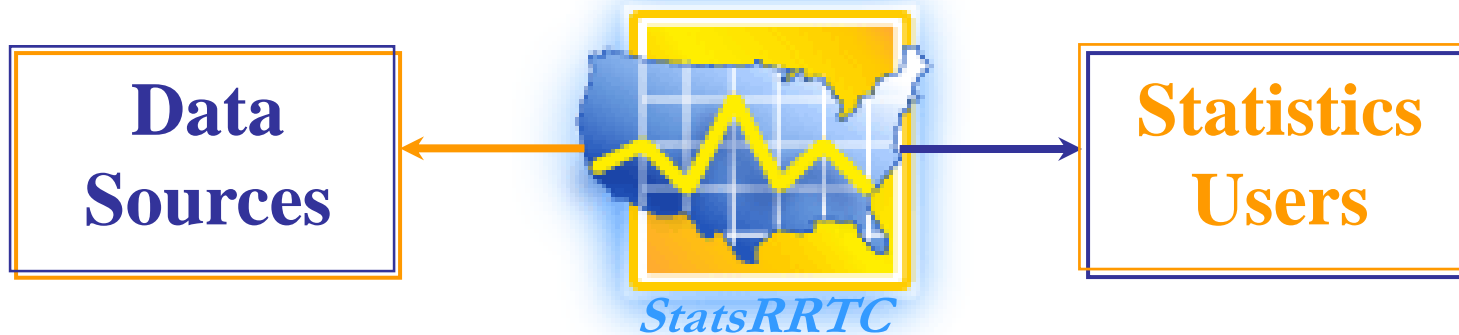
## Objective

The purpose of this webinar is to provide preliminary information on the key statistics available from the 2007 Disability Status Report.



## StatsRRTC Mission

To bridge the gap between the sources of disability data and the users of disability statistics.





## 2007 Status Reports

- Data: Based on U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).
- Population: Includes the household population and people living in non-institutional group quarters, such as dormitories and group homes, ages 5 and older.
- Sample: 2.8 million persons in the U.S., weighted to a total population of 277 million (ages 5 and older).



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# 2007 Disability Status Reports U.S., 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico



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## **2007 Status Report Topics**

Prevalence by:

- Six age groups:
  - Ages 5+, 5-15, 16-20, 21-64, 65-74, 75+
- Five race categories:
  - White, Black/African American, Native American, Asian, Other race(s)
- Gender by age groups
- Hispanic/Latino Origin by age groups



## **2007 Status Report Topics**

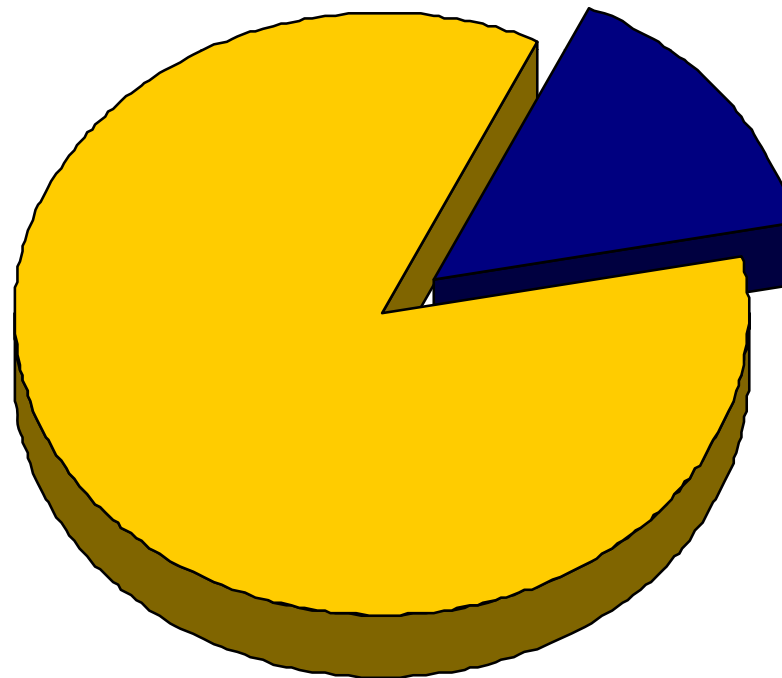
### Working-Age Population (21-64):

- Employment; Full-Time/Full-Year
- Not working, but looking for work
- Annual earnings and household income
- Poverty
- Social Security Income (SSI) receipt
- Educational attainment



## Prevalence Rate (Ages 5+)

**People  
without  
Disabilities  
(235,452,000)**



**14.9%**

**People  
with  
Disabilities  
(41,306,000)**

Does not include  
people living in  
Institutions. 11



## **Six ACS 2007 Disability Questions:**

- Do you have any of the following conditions:
  - a. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment? ... “Sensory Disability”
  - b. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying? ... “Physical Disability”

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## **ACS 2007 Disability Questions:**

- Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, do you have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:
  - a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating? ... “Mental Disability”
  - b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home? ... “Self-Care Disability”

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## **ACS 2007 Disability Questions:**

- Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, do you have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:
  - a. Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office? ... “Go-Outside-Home Disability”
  - b. Working at a job or business? ... “Employment Disability”

(Asked of persons ages 16 and older)



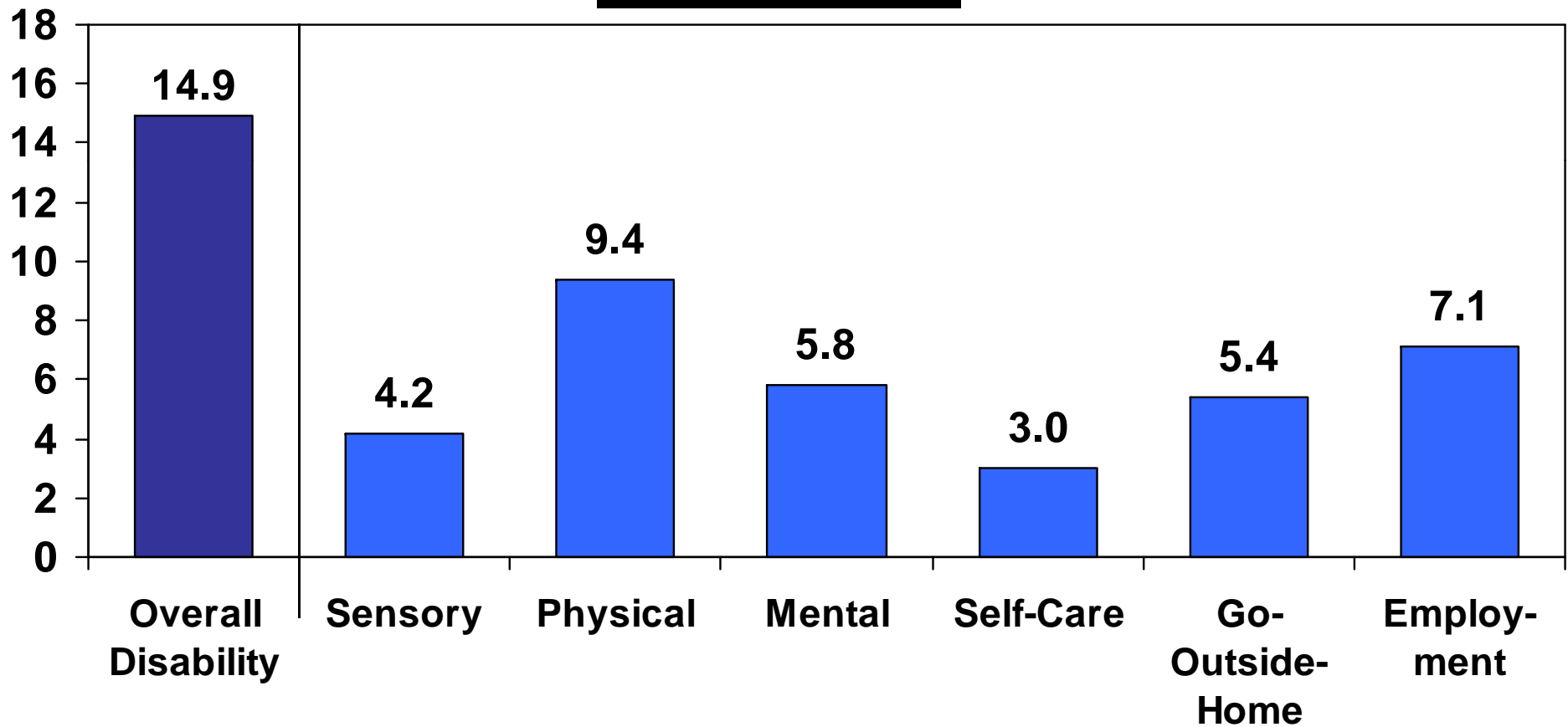
## Overall Disability

Reporting ***one or more*** of the six disability types:

- Sensory
- Physical
- Mental
- Self-Care
- Go-Outside-Home
- Employment

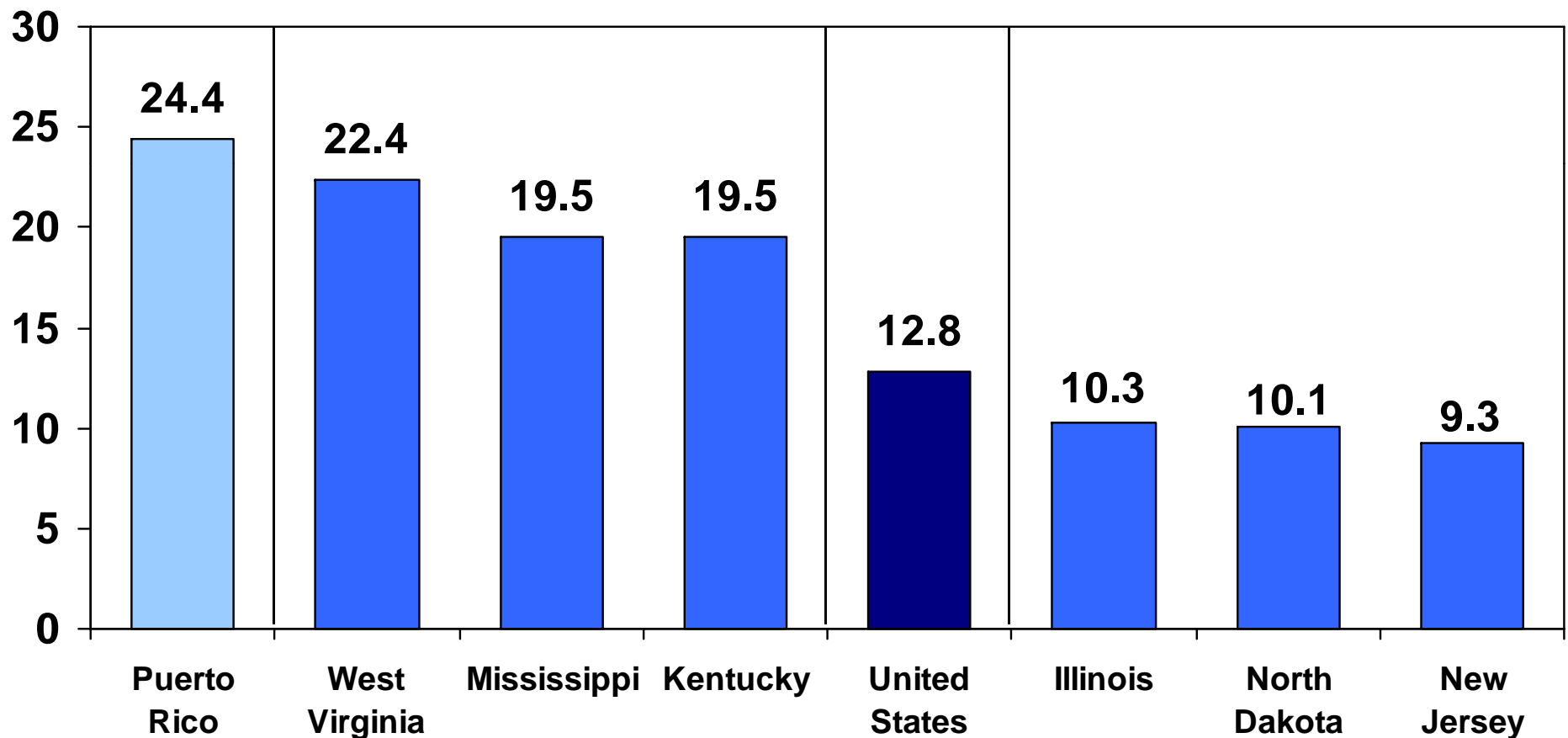


# Prevalence Rate, by Disability (Ages 5+)



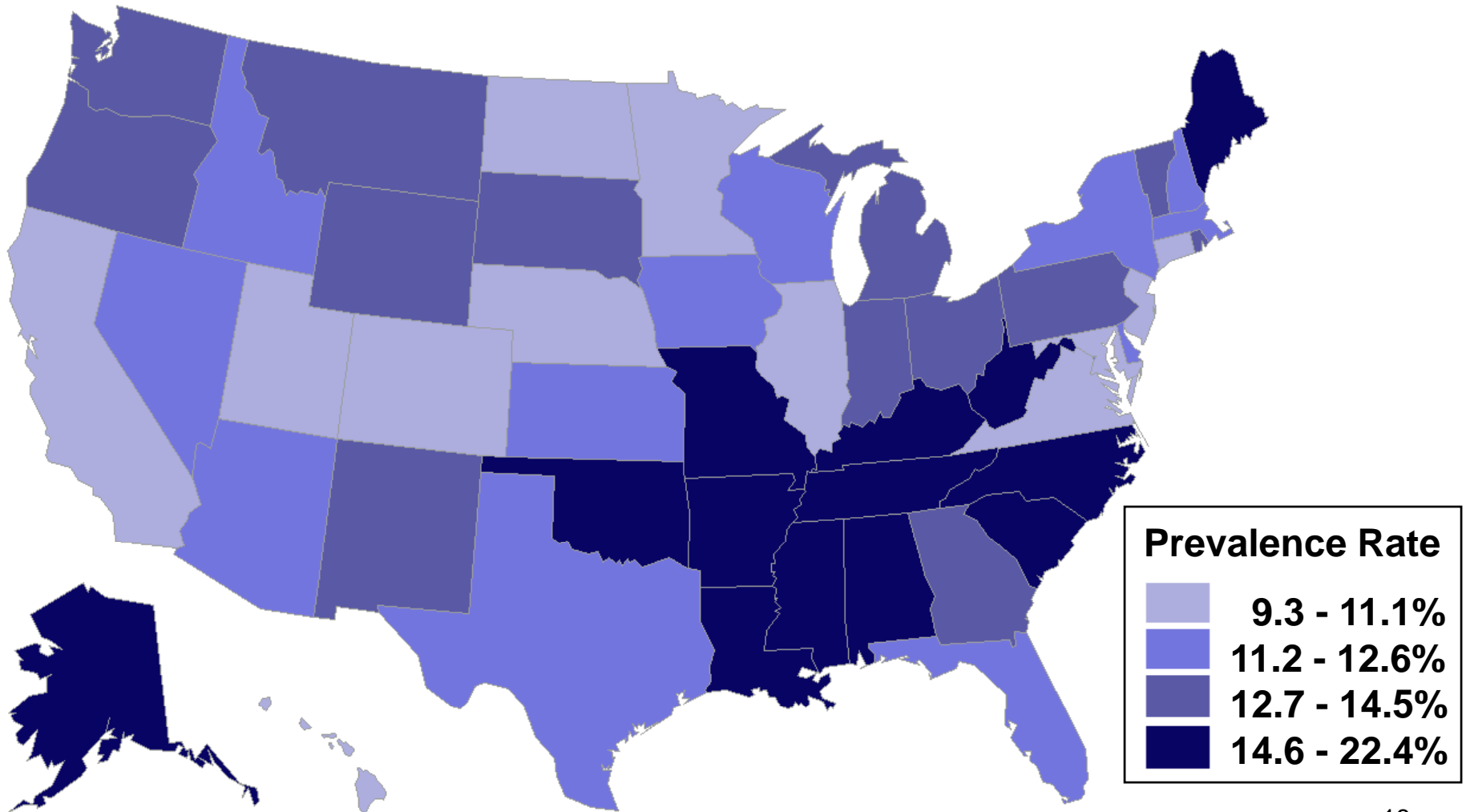


## Prevalence Rate, by Selected "States" (Ages 21-64)



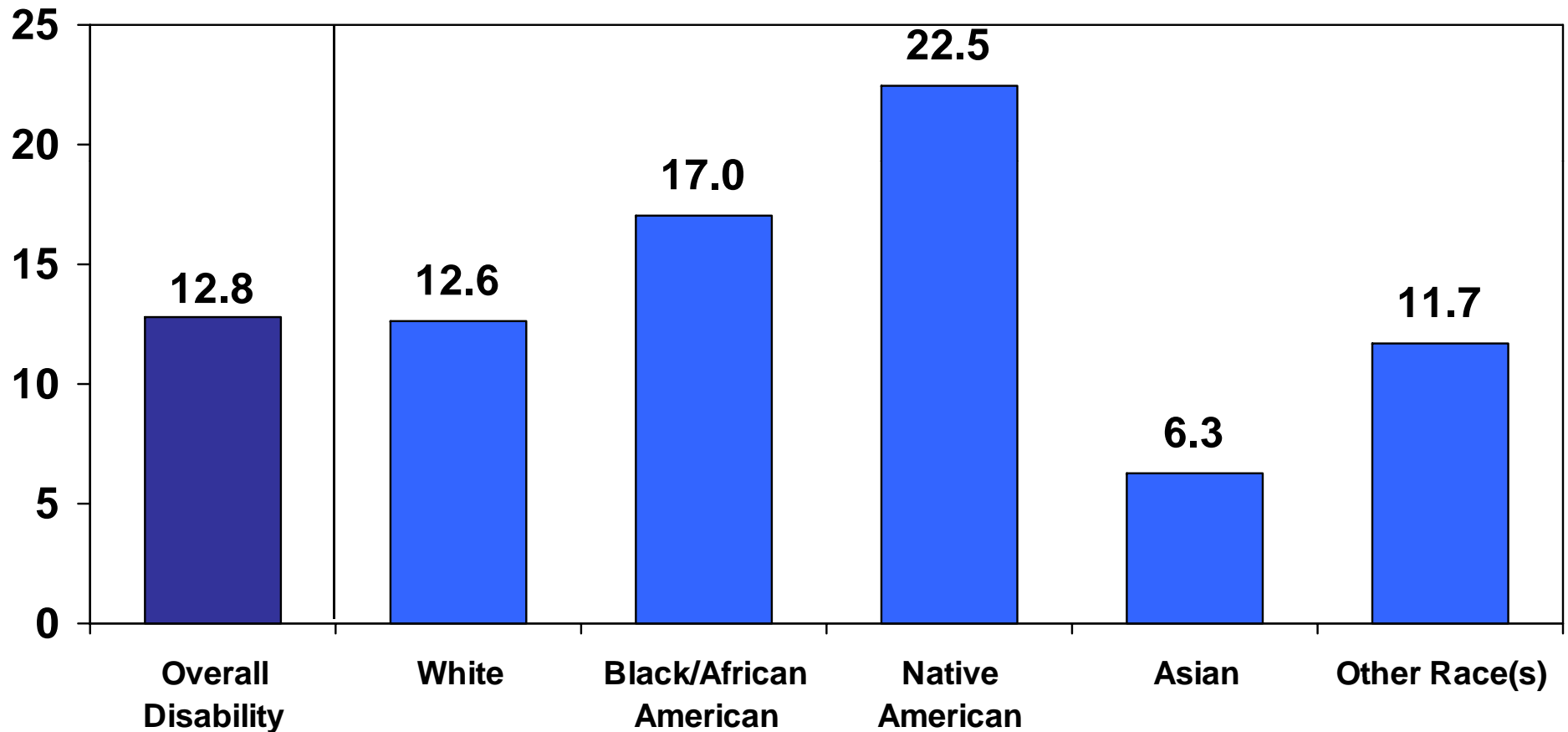


## Prevalence Rate (Ages 21-64)



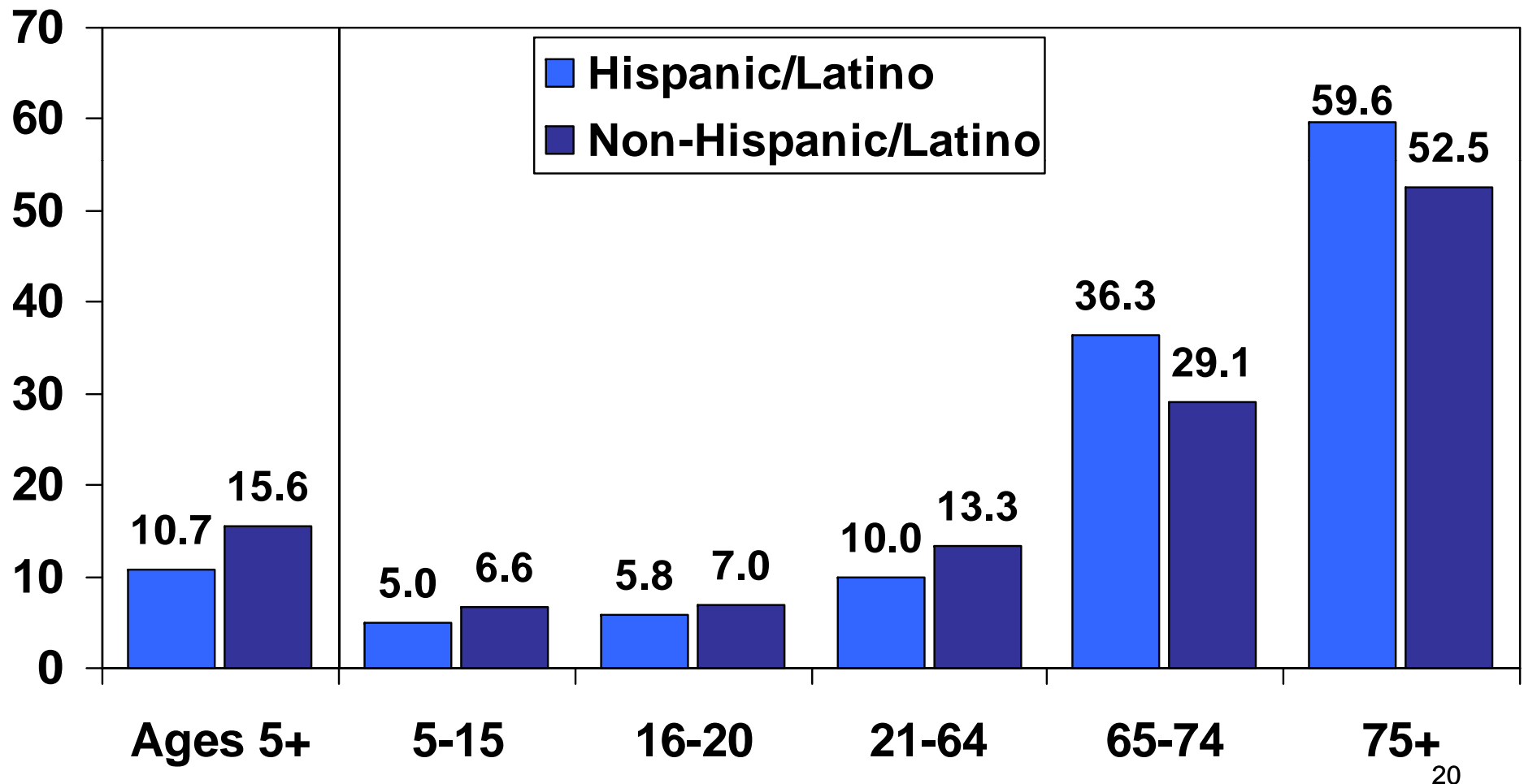


## Prevalence Rate, by Race (Ages 21-64)



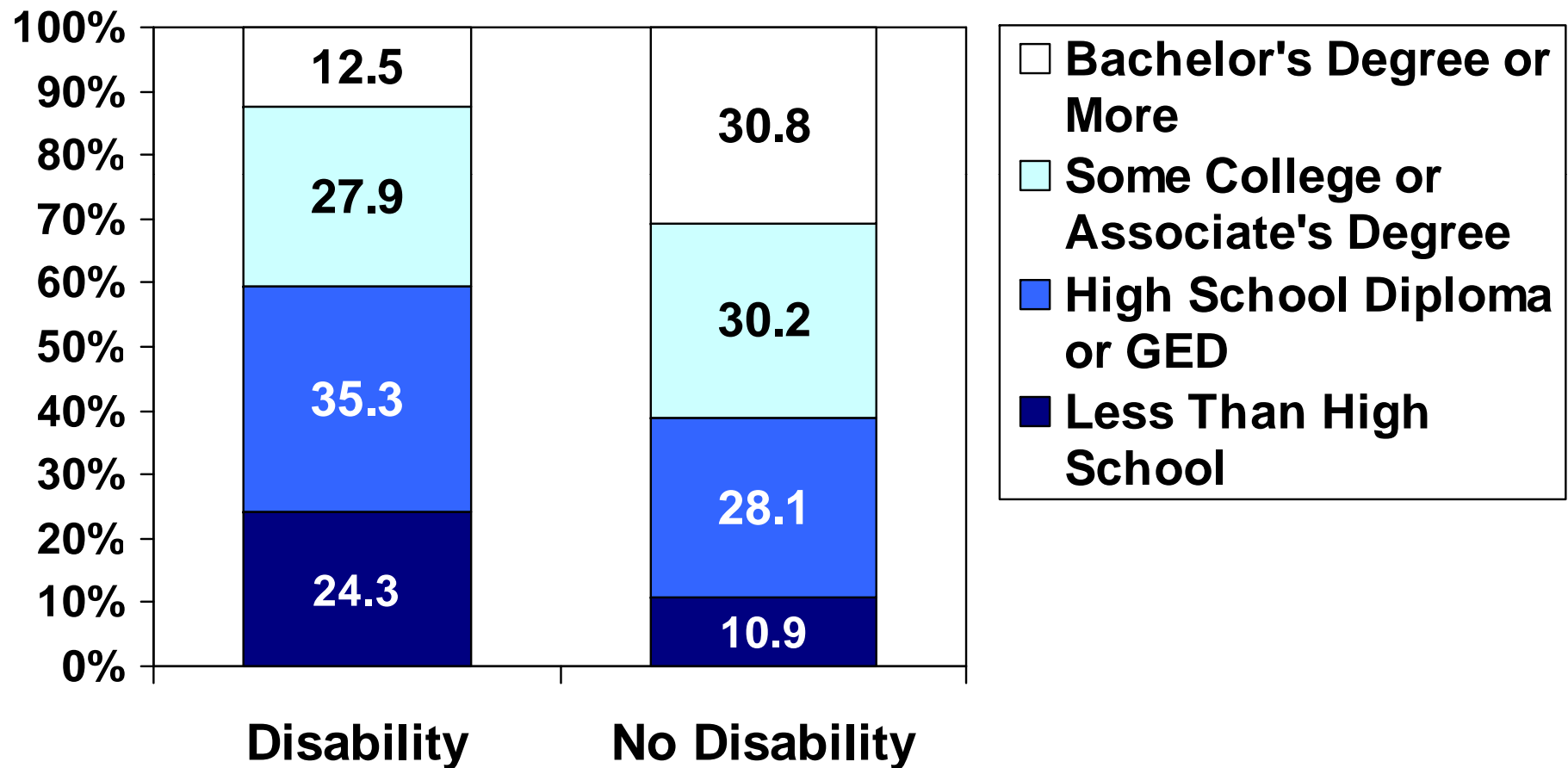


# Prevalence Rate, by Hispanic/Latino Origin and Age Group





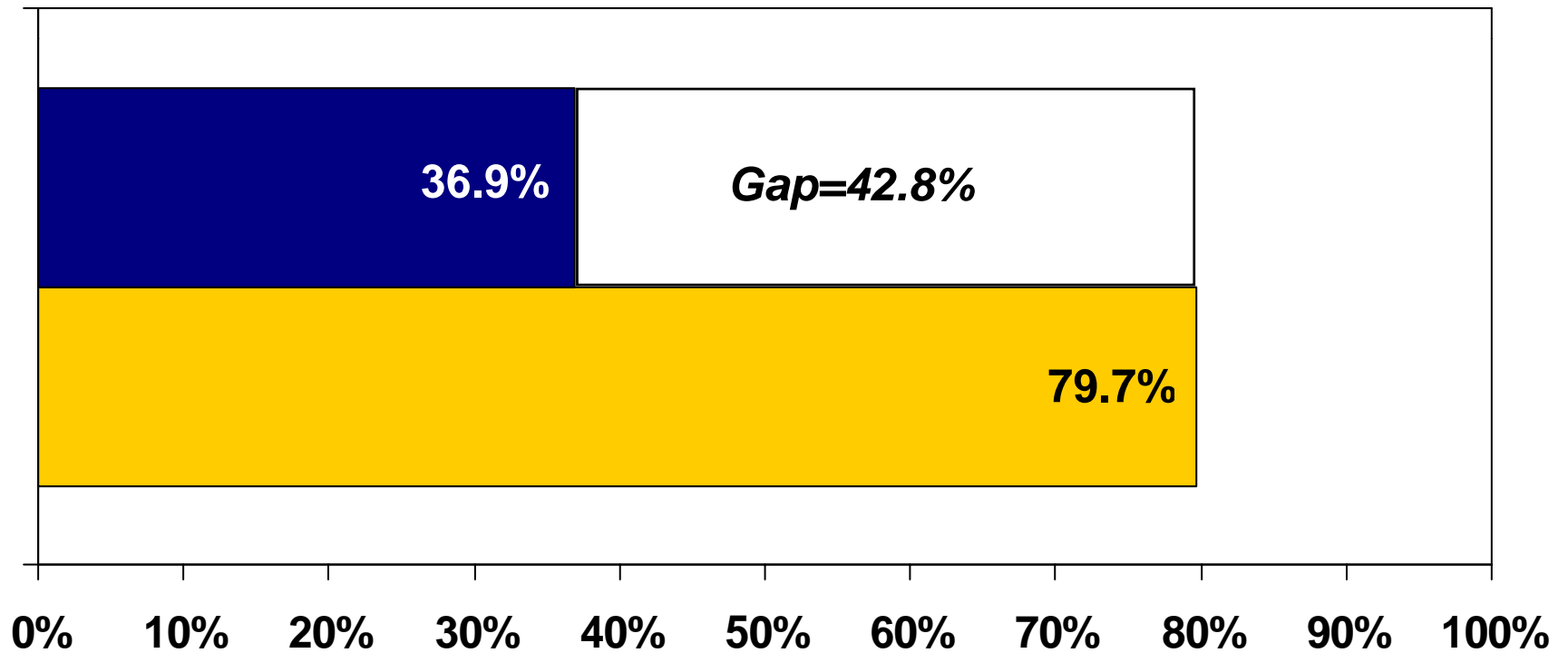
## Educational Attainment (Ages 21-64)





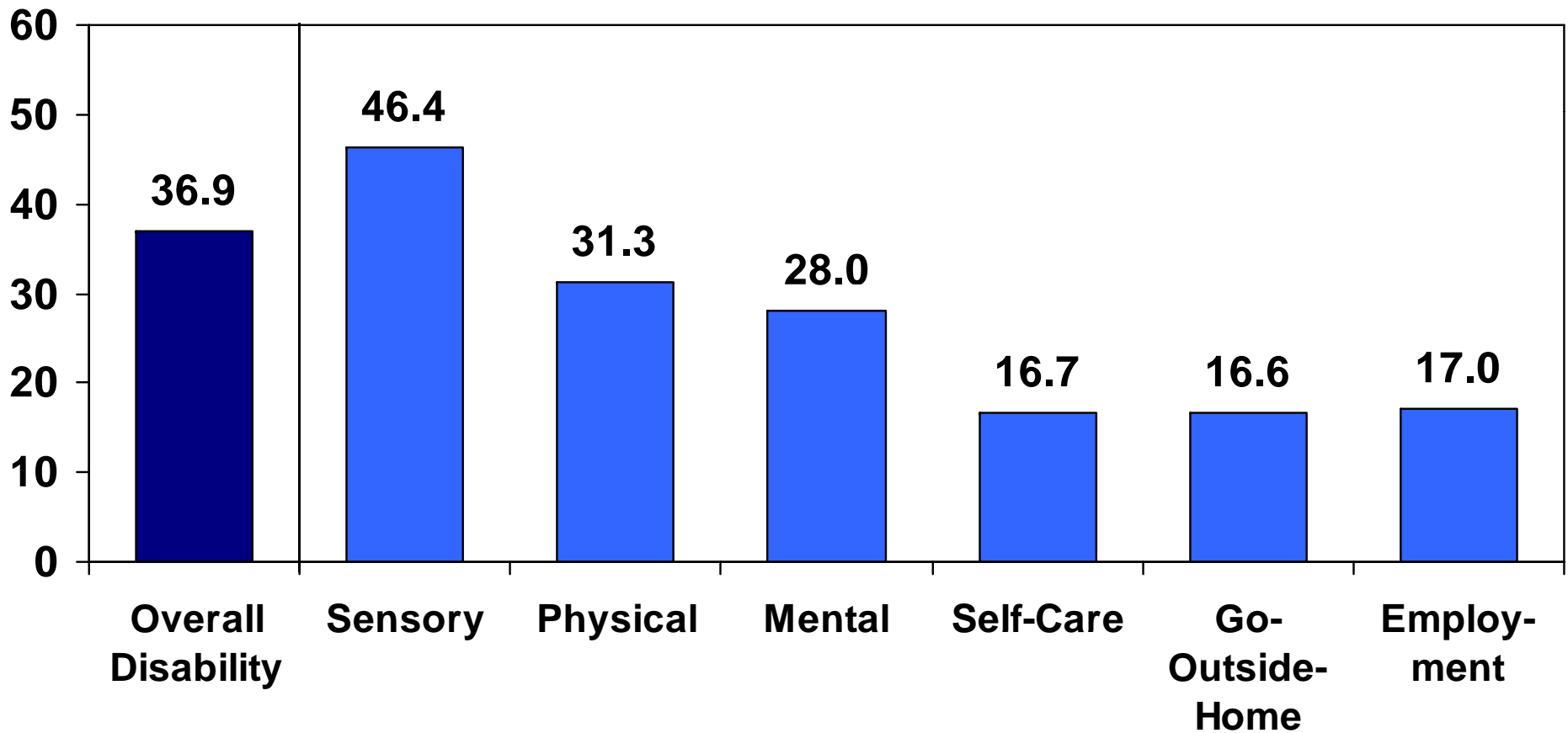
## Employment Gap (Ages 21-64)

- People with Disabilities
- People without Disabilities



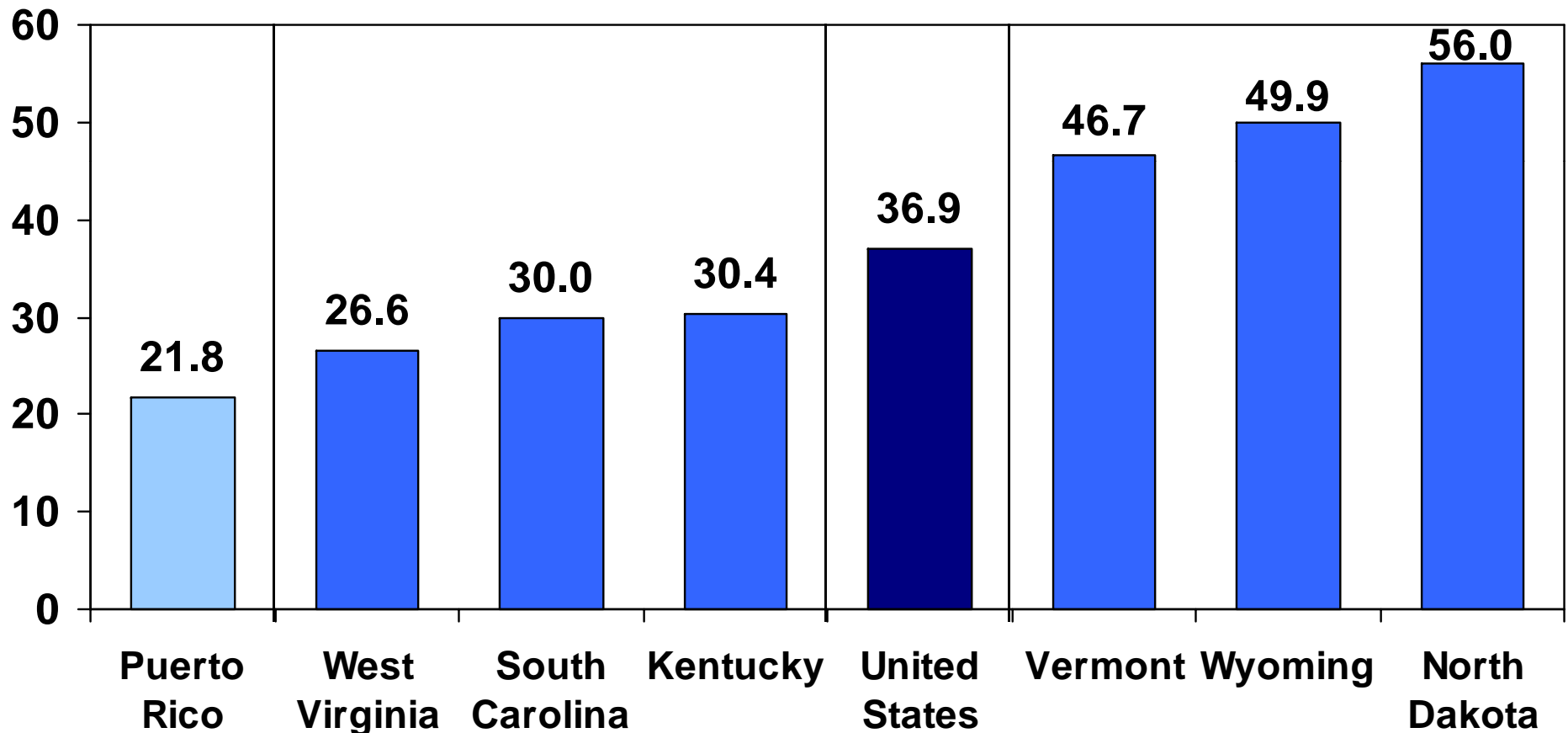


## Employment Rate, by Disability Type (Ages 21-64)



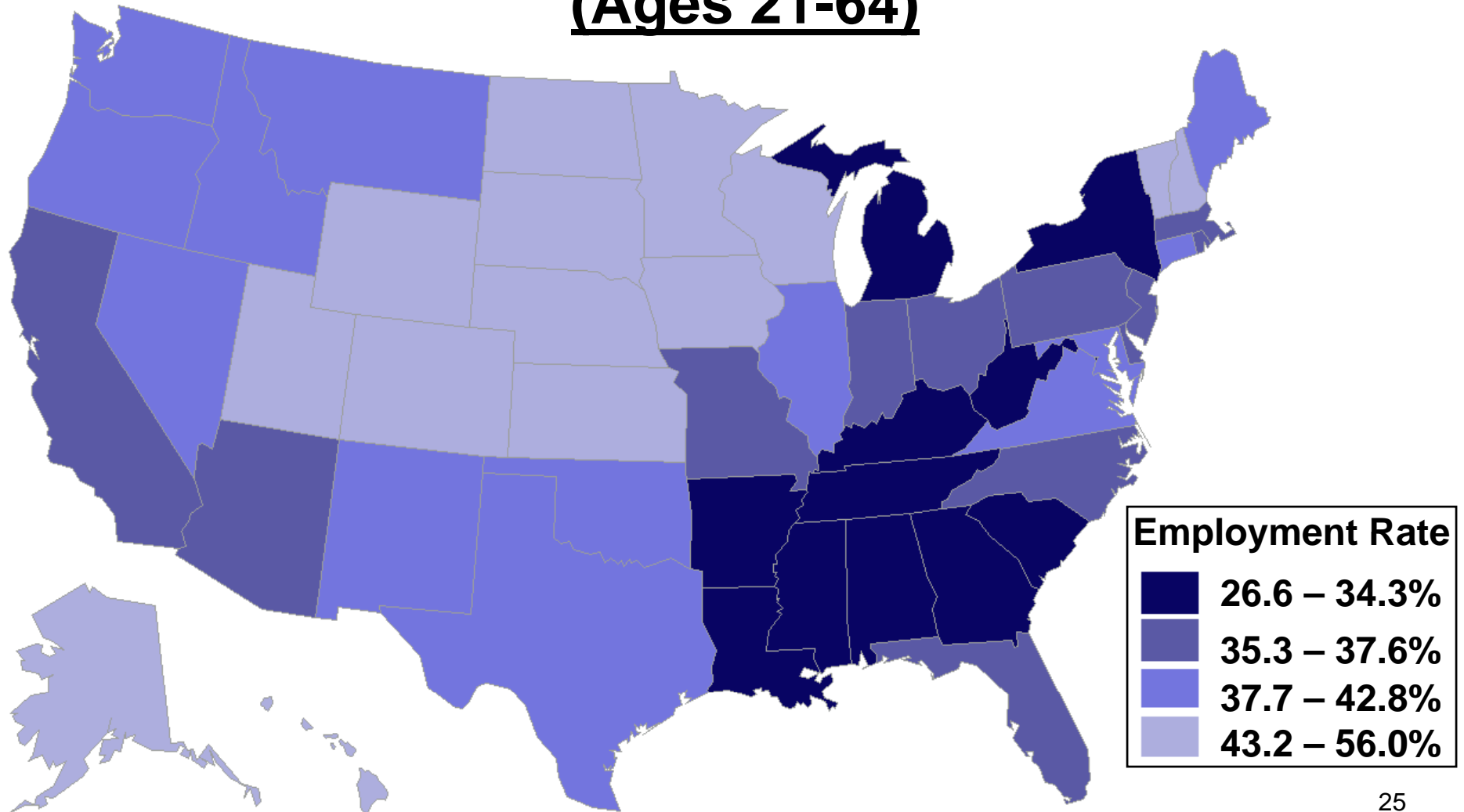


## Employment Rate of Persons with Disabilities, by Selected "States" (Ages 21-64)





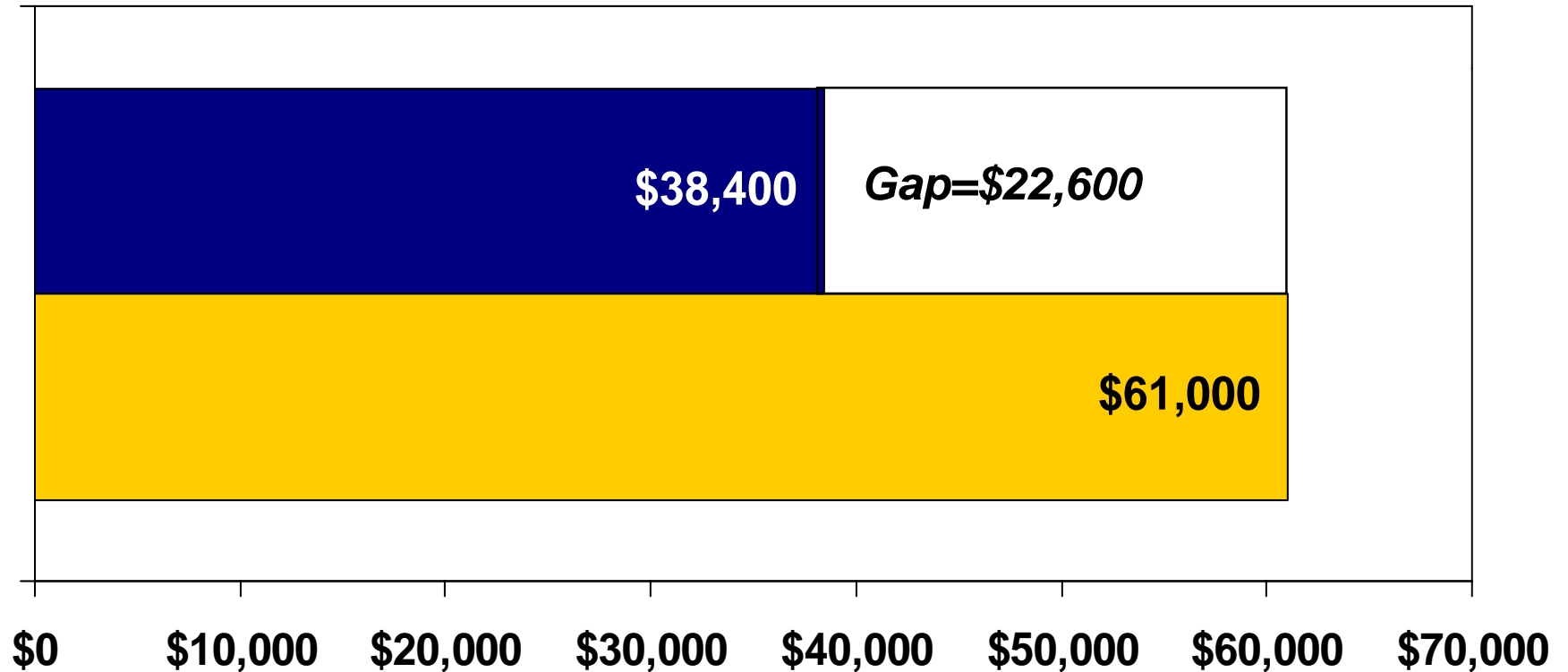
# Employment Rate of Persons with Disabilities (Ages 21-64)





## Median Annual Household Income

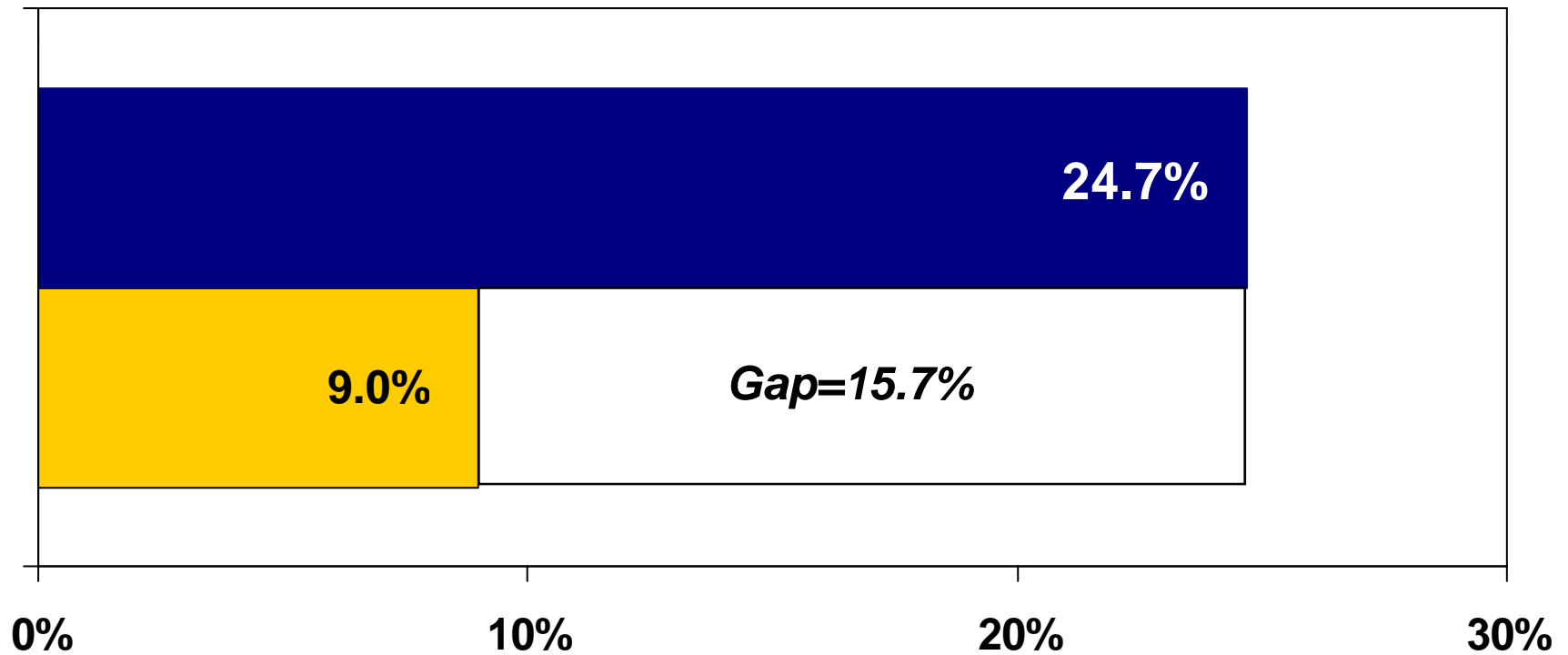
- HHs with People with Disabilities
- HHs without People with Disabilities





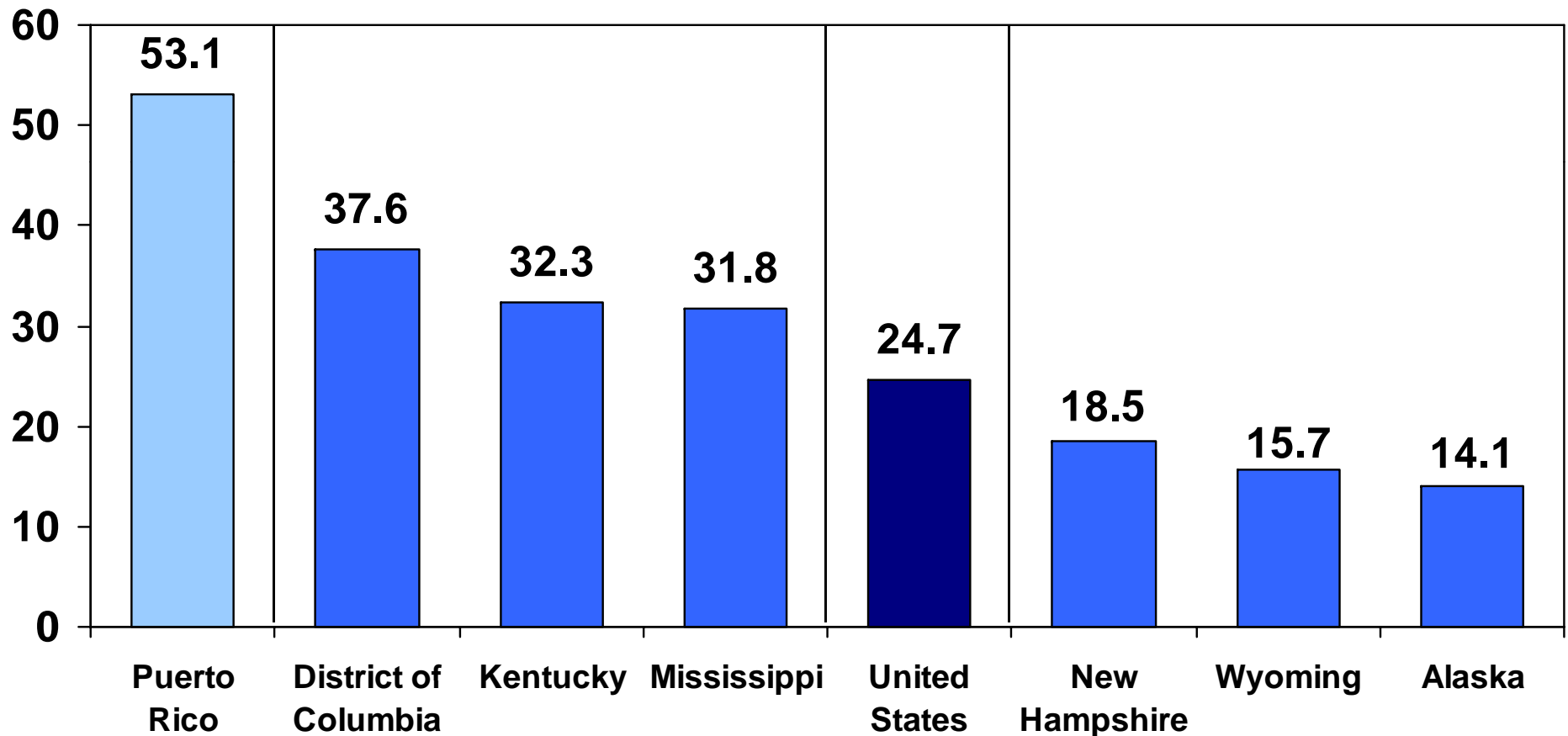
## Poverty Gap (Ages 21-64)

- People with Disabilities
- People without Disabilities





## Poverty Rate of Persons with Disabilities, by Selected "States" (Ages 21-64)





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  - ▶ Access comprehensive, up-to-date U.S. disability statistics from the [Current Population Survey, Census 2000](#), and the [American Community Survey](#).
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

The following are important questions to consider when using disability statistics:

- ▶ [What data source should I use?](#)
- ▶ [What are the Annual Disability Status Reports?](#)
- ▶ [Where can I get more information about disability data sources?](#)
- ▶ [What is the definition of disability?](#)
- ▶ [Why do the ACS numbers on this web site differ from the Census Bureau?](#)
- ▶ [Why do I find different estimates of the number or percentage of people with disabilities on this](#)


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**November 12, 2008**  
**12:00 - 1:00 pm EST**  
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## In Summary

- The purpose of this webinar has been to provide preliminary information on key statistics available from the 2007 Disability Status Report
- Current national and state-specific statistics for people with disabilities are useful for
  - Program planning and needs assessment
  - Evaluating program outcomes and impact



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