

By the Numbers: National Disability Employment Awareness Month

There are more than 55 million people with disabilities in the United States.

Nearly 30 million people with disabilities are of working age.

More than 29% of Missourians with disabilities live below the poverty line.

Missourians with intellectual disabilities are 3 times more likely to live in poverty than those without disability.

The unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities is nearly twice that of those without disabilities.

51% of Missourians with intellectual disabilities have expressed a desire to work in their communities, but nearly 80% of those individuals are not given the opportunity to do so.

Data from Office of Disability Employment Programs- Dept. of Labor and the National Core Indicators.