

On November 28th the NIDRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) released the *2012 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium* in conjunction with the Second Annual Research-to-Policy Roundtable in Washington, DC presented by Kessler Foundation in partnership with the Institute on Disability/UCED at the University of New Hampshire.

What is the Annual Disability Statistics Compendium?

The *Annual Disability Statistics Compendium* is a publication as well as a web-based tool (<http://disabilitycompendium.org/home>) of statistics on people with disabilities and related government programs modeled after the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. The StatsRRTC annually examines large quantities of survey data and administrative records from various sources related to people with disabilities. These are compiled into a *Compendium* which serves as reference guide for the government, policymakers, researchers, administrators, advocates, and other relevant stakeholders; and provides accessible, valid statistics to support policy improvements, program administration, service delivery, Dr. Andrew Houtenville, Association Professor at the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability provided an overview of the 2012 *Compendium*.

Topics included in this year's Compendium are:

- Population size
- Prevalence of disability
- Labor force participation
- Unemployment/Employment
- Poverty
- Earnings from work
- Enrollment in education/education attainment
- Self-reported health status
- Health behaviors
- Health care coverage
- Supplemental Security Income
- Social Security Disability Insurance
- Special Education
- Veterans
- Vocational Rehabilitation

New to this year's *Compendium* are statistics detailed by disability type (Section 15) that are based on the Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). Additionally, new tables with detailed disability type in Section 9 are derived from Social Security Administration reports. StatsRRTC redesigned the Compendium website adding features to make searching, sorting, manipulation of the columns (i.e. show/hide feature), printing to PDF, and easy exporting of data. Dr. Houtenville discussed potential expansion of the Compendium to include the addition of more time trends by data type, additional data sources such as Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) statistics, and non-disability programs that support people with disabilities.

PDF of 2012 Compendium <http://ioddevelopment.unh.edu/docs/default-source/2012-compendium/disabilitycompendium2012.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

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