

THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE VR SERVICES VARIES GREATLY ACROSS STATES

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Receiving vocational rehabilitation (VR) services is a key step toward employment. In fiscal year 2020, a total of 33,144 job seekers with intellectual disabilities received VR services across the 50 states and DC. This represents 80% of the total people who exited the VR program in that year.

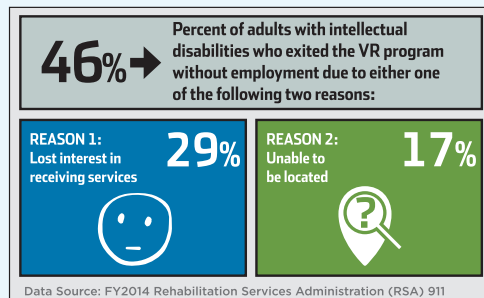
However, this figure varied substantially across states. For example, in Vermont 93% of people with intellectual disabilities received services, the highest percentage across states. In contrast, Nebraska reported only 34% of people with intellectual disabilities receiving services, the lowest figure. Table 1 shows the figures for all states and DC sorted from highest to lowest. Although the causes of these differences across states are not fully understood, they are likely to be related to the socioeconomic characteristics of states and differences in how state VR agencies engage with their constituencies.

Table 1. Job seekers with intellectual disabilities receiving vocational rehabilitation services

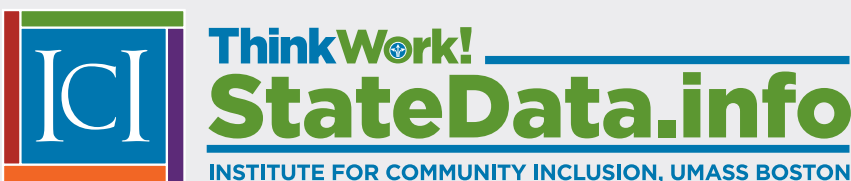
	Exited VR		Received services
	N	%	N
Vermont	149	93%	138
Iowa	764	89%	682
DC	196	89%	174
California	2,172	87%	1,890
Illinois	1,190	87%	1,035
South Dakota	240	87%	208
North Dakota	161	86%	138
Wyoming	112	86%	96
Texas	1,887	85%	1,607
Alabama	1,105	85%	942
Minnesota	939	85%	801
Indiana	1,146	84%	967
Maryland	724	84%	605
Kansas	440	84%	371
Massachusetts	320	84%	268
Maine	318	84%	267
Ohio	3,138	83%	2,600
Wisconsin	1,215	83%	1,011
South Carolina	504	83%	418
Georgia	1,437	82%	1,176
Alaska	79	82%	65
Florida	2,072	81%	1,686
Arizona	460	81%	371
Rhode Island	128	81%	104
North Carolina	3,519	80%	2,817
Nevada	210	80%	168
Tennessee	922	79%	726
Oklahoma	559	79%	440
Missouri	1,522	78%	1,194
Virginia	1,201	78%	936
Oregon	1,051	78%	819
Utah	566	78%	441
Idaho	296	78%	232
Delaware	233	78%	181
Michigan	1,357	76%	1,036
Arkansas	353	76%	267
Connecticut	189	75%	142
New York	1,575	74%	1,170
Kentucky	881	74%	655
West Virginia	332	74%	247
Pennsylvania	2,394	73%	1,756
Washington	784	72%	564
New Mexico	225	72%	162
New Hampshire	95	72%	68
Colorado	653	71%	461
Mississippi	419	66%	277
Louisiana	304	64%	196
New Jersey	580	63%	367
Hawaii	27	59%	16
Montana	126	45%	57
Nebraska	375	34%	129
US	41,644	80%	33,144
Min	27	34%	16
Max	3,519	93%	2,817

Learn about why adults with intellectual disabilities might exit VR before getting a job:

Data Note 59
Reasons for Exiting VR Services without Employment.



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