Disability in San Francisco

One in ten San Franciscans reports a disability (96,000 people). Almost half of people with disabilities are under age 65.¹ Investing in this community is important for the future of our City.

San Francisco Residents Report Many Types of Disability

Some report multiple disabilities.1

Mobility (Difficulty walking or climbing stairs)



Disability Rates Vary by Ethnicity

African-Americans are twice as likely to experience disability.¹



Challenges and Priorities

City living can be challenging for people with disabilities but also provides great opportunity for culture, connection, and enrichment. Working with and on behalf of people with disabilities to support engaged and fulfilling community living is a shared responsibility for us all.

Income, Poverty, and Employment

1 in 4 people with disabilities live in poverty.¹

Even adults with disabilities who are employed are more than twice as likely to experience poverty.¹

Housing

60% of adults with disabilities are renters.¹

The majority of San Francisco's housing (82%) pre-dates state and federal requirements for accessibility.²

Home Care



26,000 people live in their communities with help through Medi-Cal's In-Home Supportive Services program.⁴

Transportation

22% of people with disabilities ride public transportation daily.⁴

Safety



1 in 3 people with disabilities feel unsafe traveling alone in their neighborhood at night.³



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- 1. Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- 2.1982 updates to California Code of Regulations (Title 24) pertaining to large multi-unit buildings and 1988 amendments to the federal Fair Housing Act
- 3. Source: 2019 City Survey
- 4. Source: San Francisco In-Home Supportive Services (2020)

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