Smoking and Disability Status

Adults with a disability in Delaware smoke cigarettes at more than twice the rate of adults without a disability.

Age Distributions

Disability prevalence increases with age; two out of three residents with a disability in Delaware are over the age of 65.

Medication and Bullying

One in four fifth graders who take medication to help them concentrate at school also reports being bullied at school in the past month.

Disability* Prevalence (%)

Approximately 30% of middle school students surveyed by the YRBS in Delaware reported a disability, and 34% of high school students reported the same.

Parental Connectedness and Disabilities (%)

High school students with disabilities report that their parents are always proud of them, take an interest in them, and listen to them at lower rates than their peers without reported disabilities. These indicators are important protective factors for positive health outcomes.

*Disability here refers to difficulty seeing, hearing, walking, or climbing stairs, or having a serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions because of a physical, mental or emotional disability, and includes both self-identified and medical-professional identified.