

Why Taking Disability into Account is Essential To Reducing Income Poverty and Expanding Economic Inclusion

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“The relevance of disability in the understanding of deprivation in the world is often underestimated”

—*Amartya Sen, Winner of 1998 Nobel Prize in Economics, former honorary president of Oxfam*



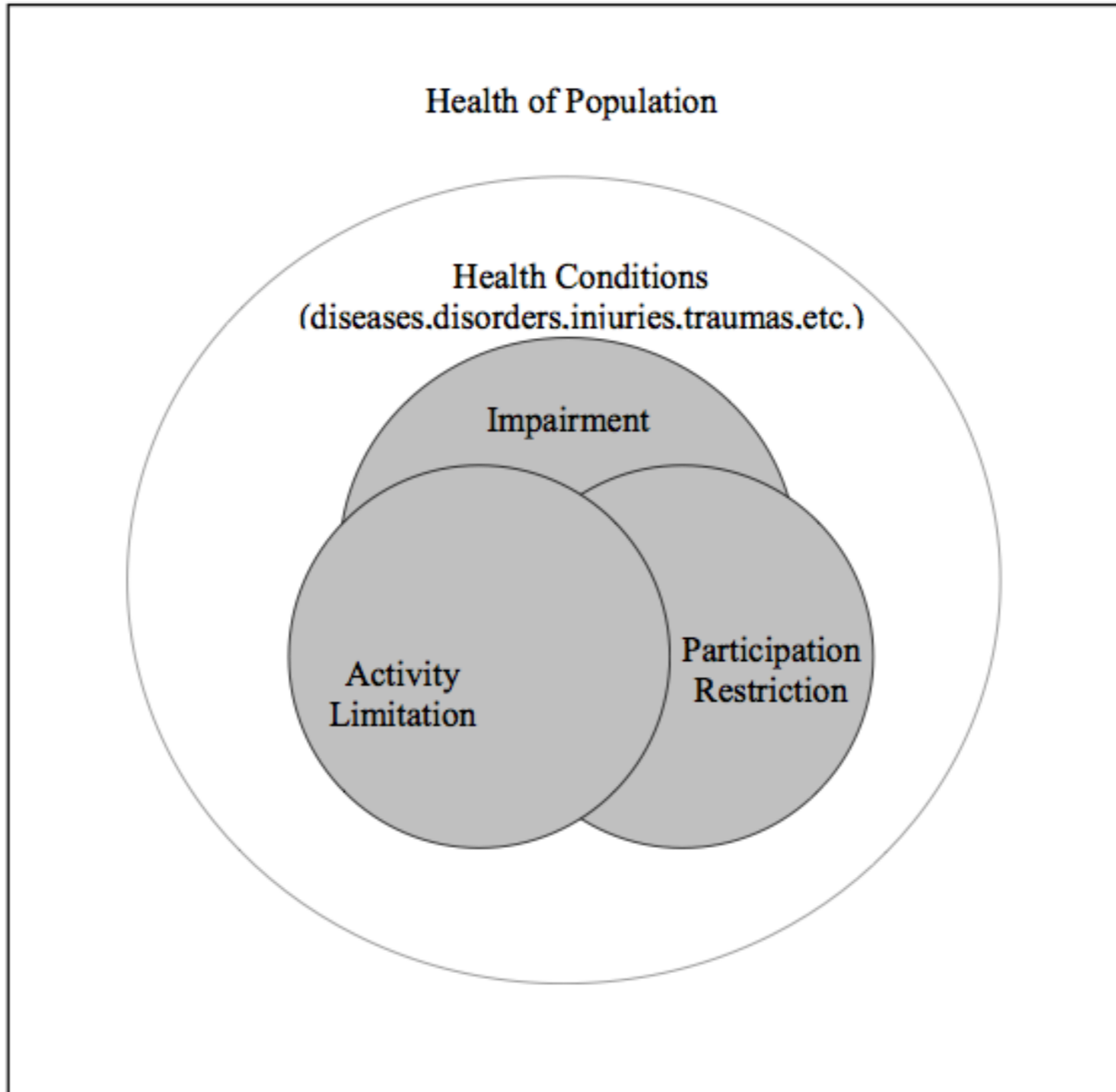
Health of Population

Health Conditions
(diseases.disorders.iniuries.traumas.etc.)

Impairment

**Activity
Limitation**

**Participation
Restriction**



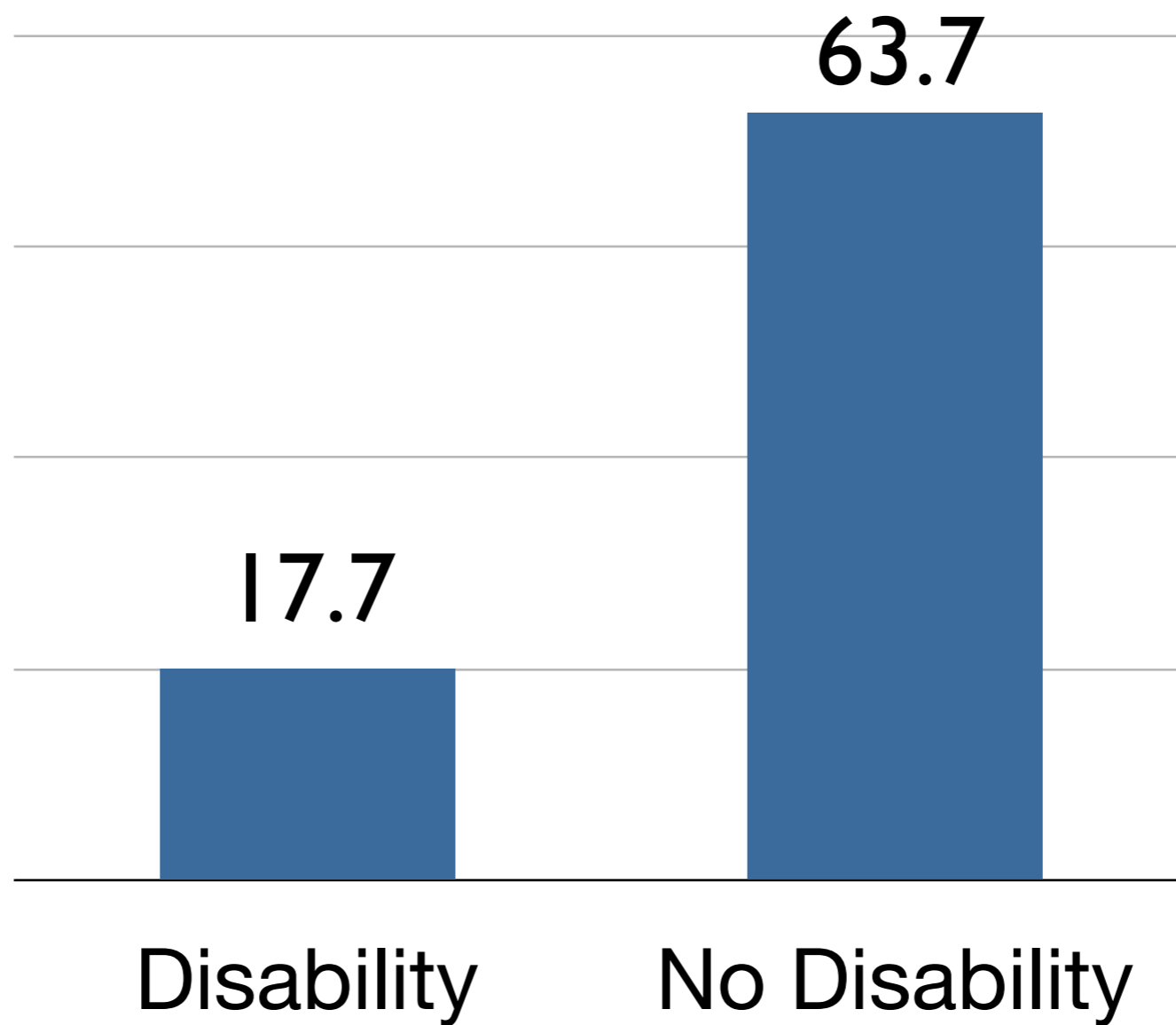
54.4 million

**Number of Americans
with a Disability**

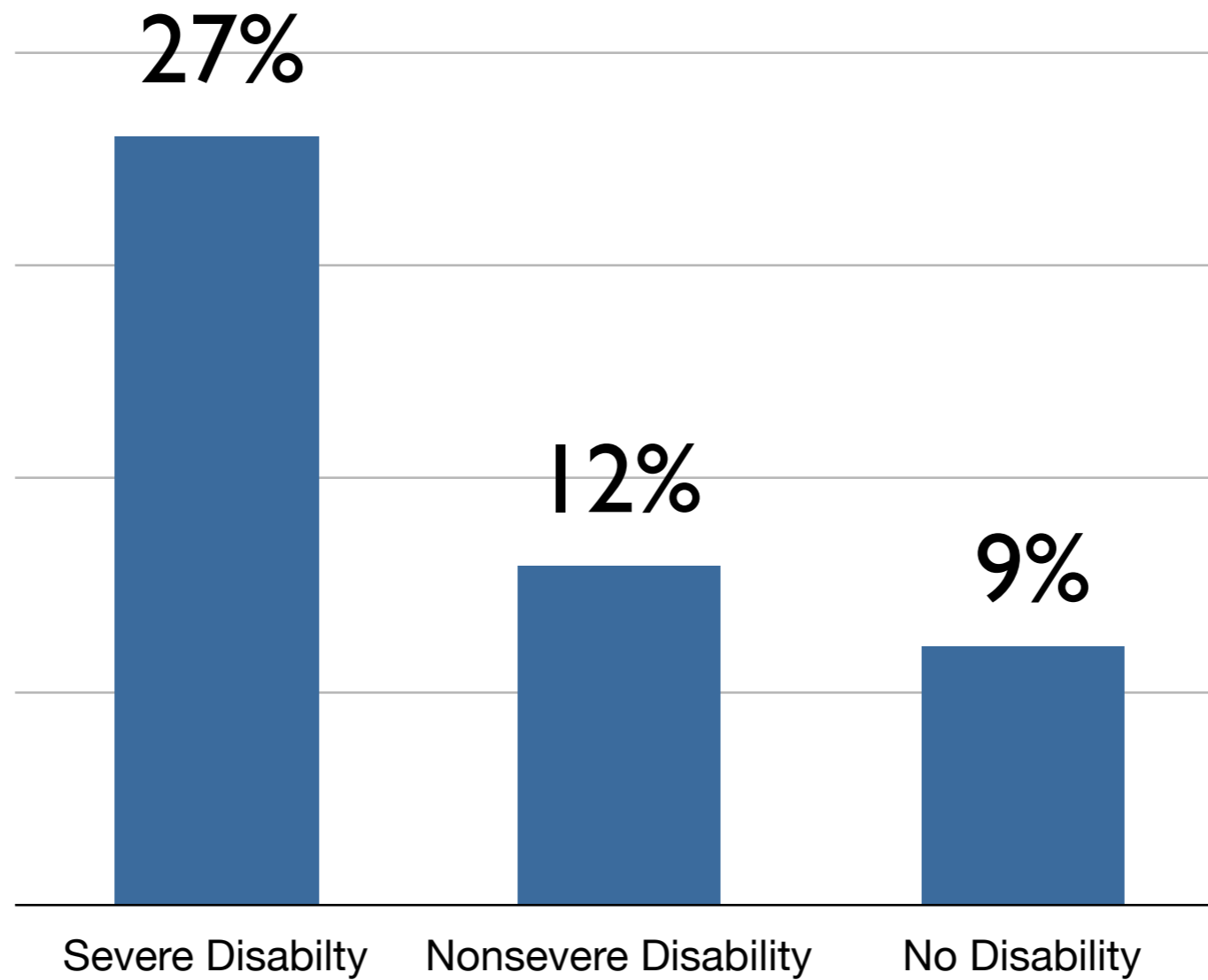
28.1 million

**Working-Age Americans
(21-64) with a Disability**

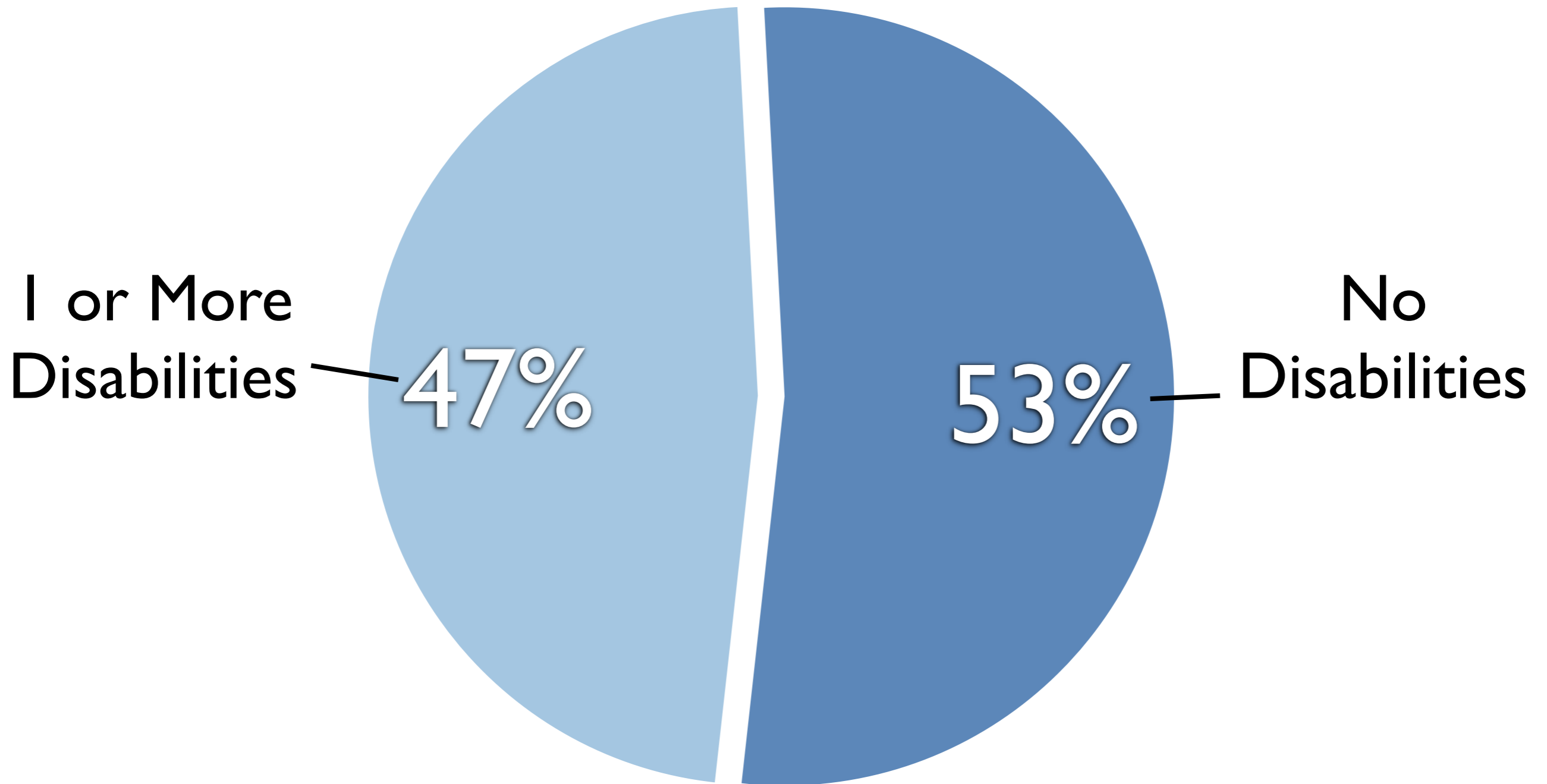
Employment-to-Population Ratio: April 2011



Poverty Rates by Disability Status, Ages 25-64: 2005

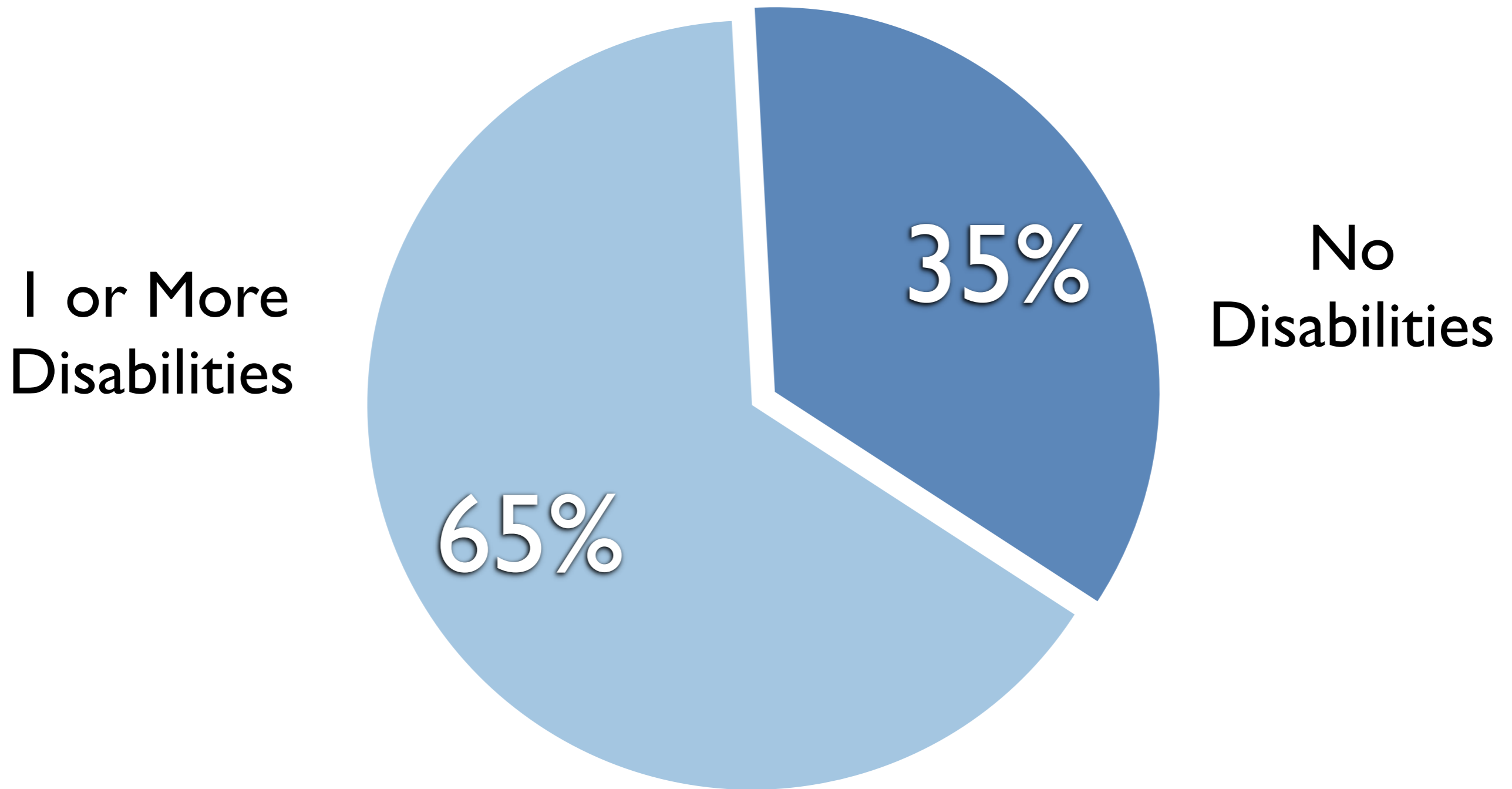


Working Age People (25-61) with Income Below the Poverty Line By Disability Status



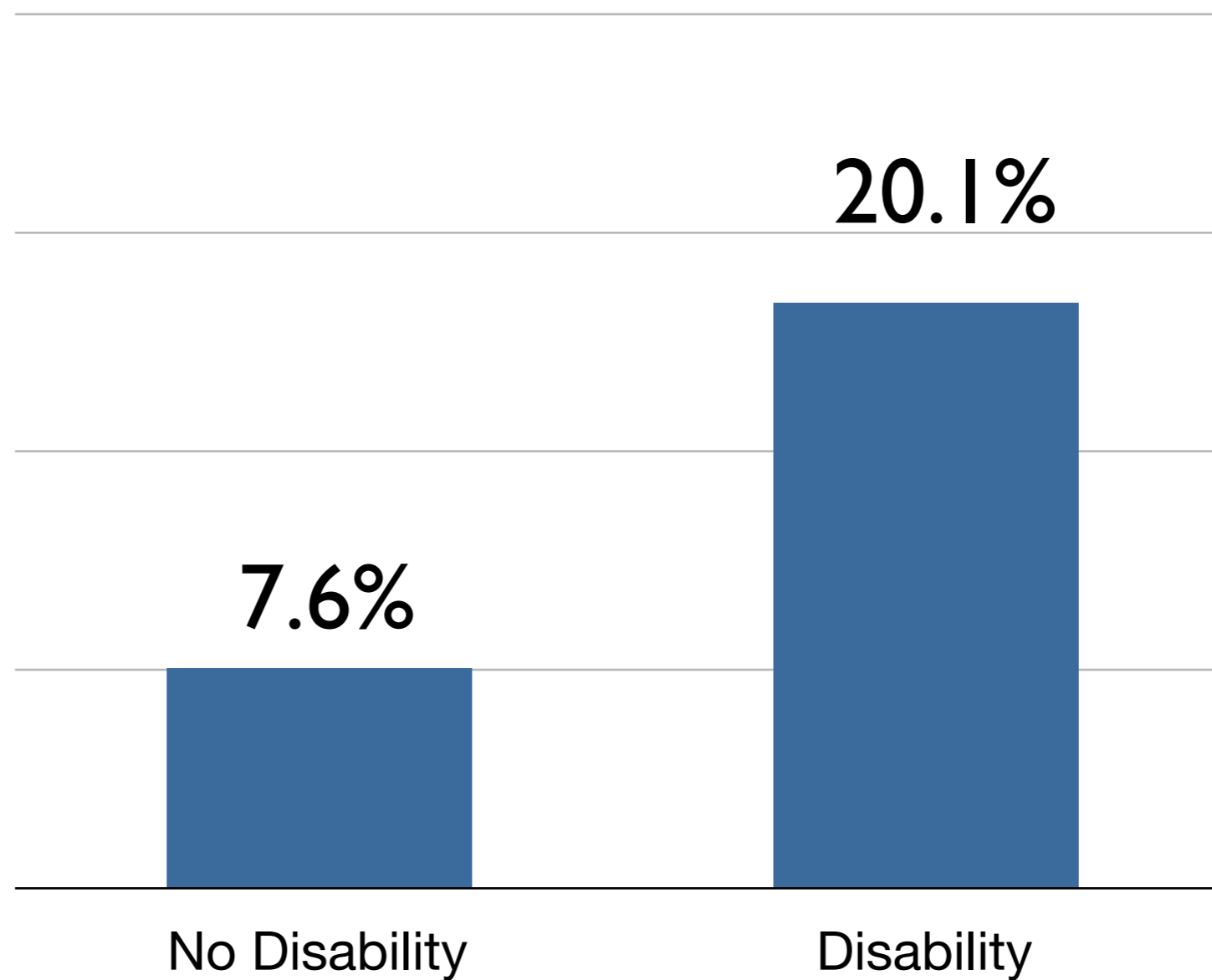
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Working Age People (25-61) Experiencing **Long-Term Income Poverty** (more than 36 months over a 4 year period) by Disability Status



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Prevalence of Hunger Among Working-Age Adults Living Below Poverty Line



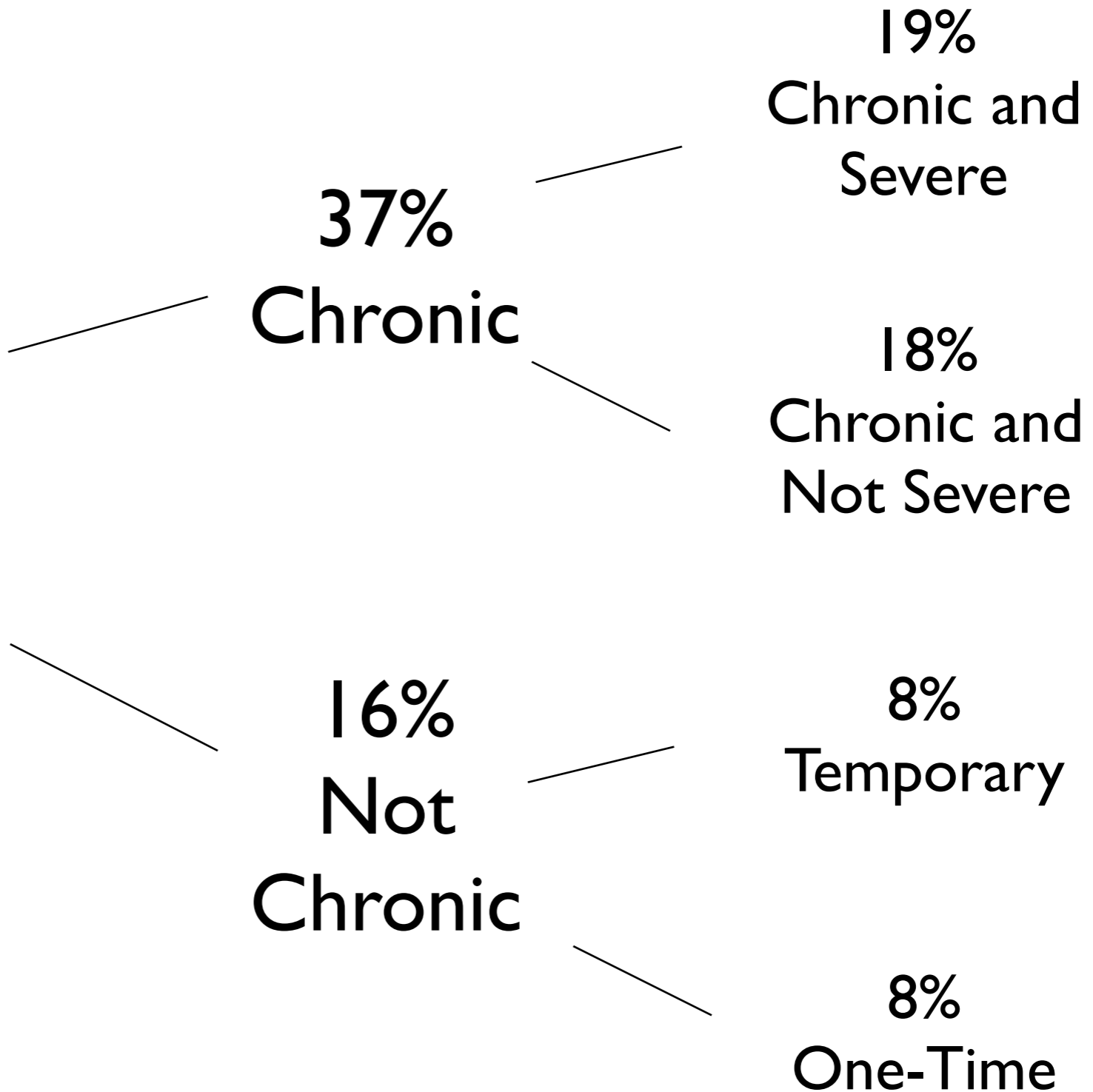
53%

Chance of Male Household Head
Experiencing a Period of
Disability by Age 56.
(Excludes those with onset of
disability under age 18).

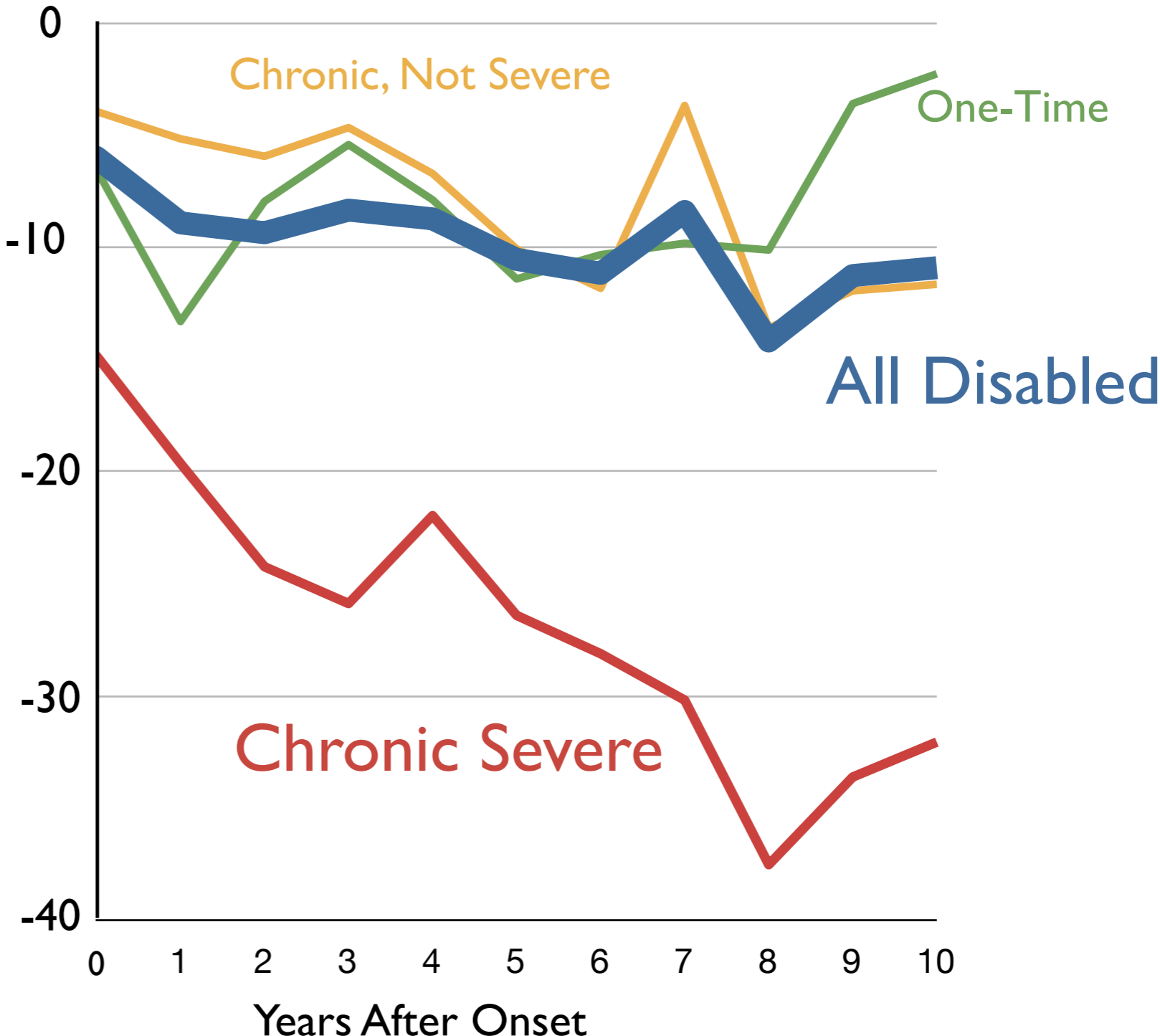
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Change in Income Before and After Disability Onset

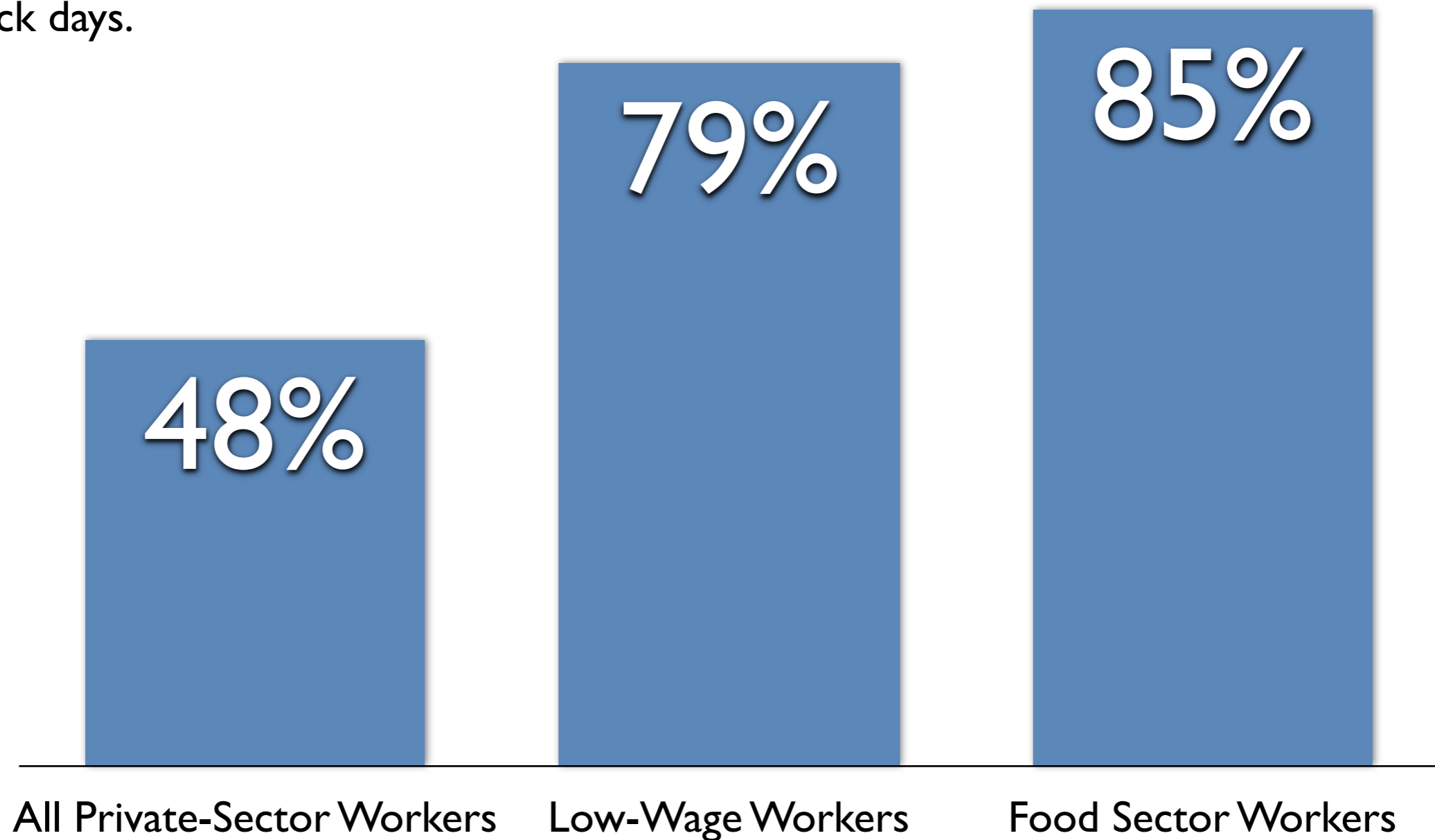


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- Accommodations within “mainstream” programs not just separate programs
- Preserving and expanding health care reform
- Paid sick days as a basic guarantee for all workers
- Improving the Earned Income Tax Credit

Percentage of Workers without Paid Sick Days

Nearly half of all private sector workers are provided with no paid sick days by their employer. Almost 80 percent of low-wage workers are provided with no paid sick days.



\$457

\$3,053

Worker with No
Children

Worker with One
Child

Maximum EITC Benefits, 2009

47%

Percent of working-age adults with incomes below annual poverty line who report a disability.

Source: She and Livermore (2009).

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