

The Unemployment Rate for People with Visual Impairment: Debunking the Myth

Myth vs Reality

Myth: 70% unemployed.

Reality: 8.1% unemployed.

Understanding the Numbers

There were 4.28 million working-age adults with visual impairments in 2023.

In Labor Force

2.43 million people with visual impairments were in the labor force. 52.3% were employed (currently working), and 8.1% were unemployed (not working but actively seeking work).

Not in Labor Force

1.84 million people with visual impairments (43.1%) were not in the labor force (not working and not currently seeking work).

Want to learn about the calculations behind the statistics? Scan to learn more:

Source: Data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 1-year estimates, people with visual impairments (ages 18–64) in the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.



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