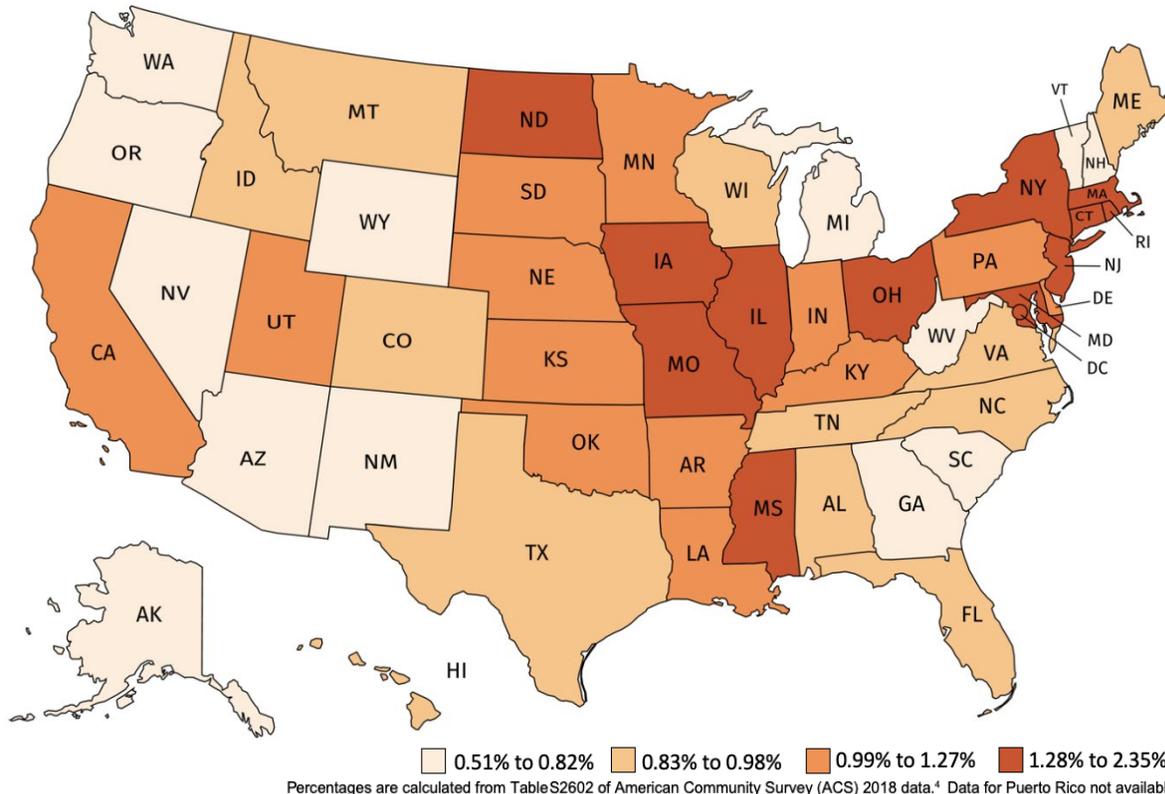


The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates the right to live in the community with supports instead of living in a nursing home. This right was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark Olmstead decision in 1999.<sup>1</sup>

Despite this right to live in the community, some states are doing worse on overall nursing home rates, and some are doing better to support people with disabilities to live in the community. The map and table below display state percentages for working-age people with disabilities (ages 18-64) residing in nursing homes. Higher percentages (represented by a darker color) mean more people with disabilities (PWD) are living in nursing homes, while lower percentages (light colors) mean more PWD are living in the community.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the failure of states to meet their legal obligations for community living as long-term care residents represent 33-75% of related deaths by state despite being less than 2% of the total population.<sup>2,3</sup>



Percent of People with Disabilities (PWD) Age 18-64 Residing in Nursing Homes by State (Quartiles)

| State          | Percent | PWD   |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Alaska         | 0.51%   | 343   |
| New Mexico     | 0.54%   | 887   |
| Vermont        | 0.63%   | 344   |
| Washington     | 0.65%   | 3,294 |
| Nevada         | 0.66%   | 1,352 |
| New Hampshire  | 0.67%   | 608   |
| South Carolina | 0.67%   | 2,651 |
| West Virginia  | 0.68%   | 1,355 |
| Wyoming        | 0.75%   | 313   |
| Oregon         | 0.76%   | 2,413 |
| Michigan       | 0.77%   | 6,255 |
| Georgia        | 0.78%   | 6,114 |
| Arizona        | 0.82%   | 3,823 |

| State          | Percent | PWD    |
|----------------|---------|--------|
| Idaho          | 0.83%   | 1,008  |
| Maine          | 0.84%   | 1,117  |
| Florida        | 0.84%   | 1,1365 |
| Hawaii         | 0.87%   | 683    |
| Tennessee      | 0.88%   | 5,225  |
| Alabama        | 0.91%   | 4,043  |
| Virginia       | 0.92%   | 5,036  |
| Wisconsin      | 0.93%   | 3,544  |
| Texas          | 0.93%   | 17,018 |
| North Carolina | 0.94%   | 7,194  |
| Montana        | 0.96%   | 733    |
| Colorado       | 0.98%   | 3,478  |

| State        | Percent | PWD    |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| Kentucky     | 0.99%   | 4,476  |
| Minnesota    | 1.01%   | 3,239  |
| Arkansas     | 1.04%   | 3,069  |
| Delaware     | 1.07%   | 696    |
| California   | 1.08%   | 23,893 |
| South Dakota | 1.10%   | 584    |
| Nebraska     | 1.16%   | 1,340  |
| Louisiana    | 1.17%   | 4,817  |
| Pennsylvania | 1.19%   | 11,335 |
| Utah         | 1.20%   | 1,935  |
| Kansas       | 1.20%   | 2,523  |
| Oklahoma     | 1.25%   | 4,413  |
| Indiana      | 1.27%   | 6,636  |

| State         | Percent | PWD    |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| Massachusetts | 1.28%   | 5,516  |
| Maryland      | 1.30%   | 4,657  |
| Mississippi   | 1.41%   | 3,915  |
| DC            | 1.42%   | 703    |
| North Dakota  | 1.43%   | 633    |
| Iowa          | 1.46%   | 2,715  |
| Rhode Island  | 1.47%   | 1,183  |
| Connecticut   | 1.53%   | 3,100  |
| New York      | 1.56%   | 18,850 |
| Missouri      | 1.57%   | 8,271  |
| Ohio          | 1.69%   | 16,066 |
| New Jersey    | 1.75%   | 7,918  |
| Illinois      | 2.35%   | 19,069 |

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