

Fast Facts about Employment for People with Disabilities in Florida

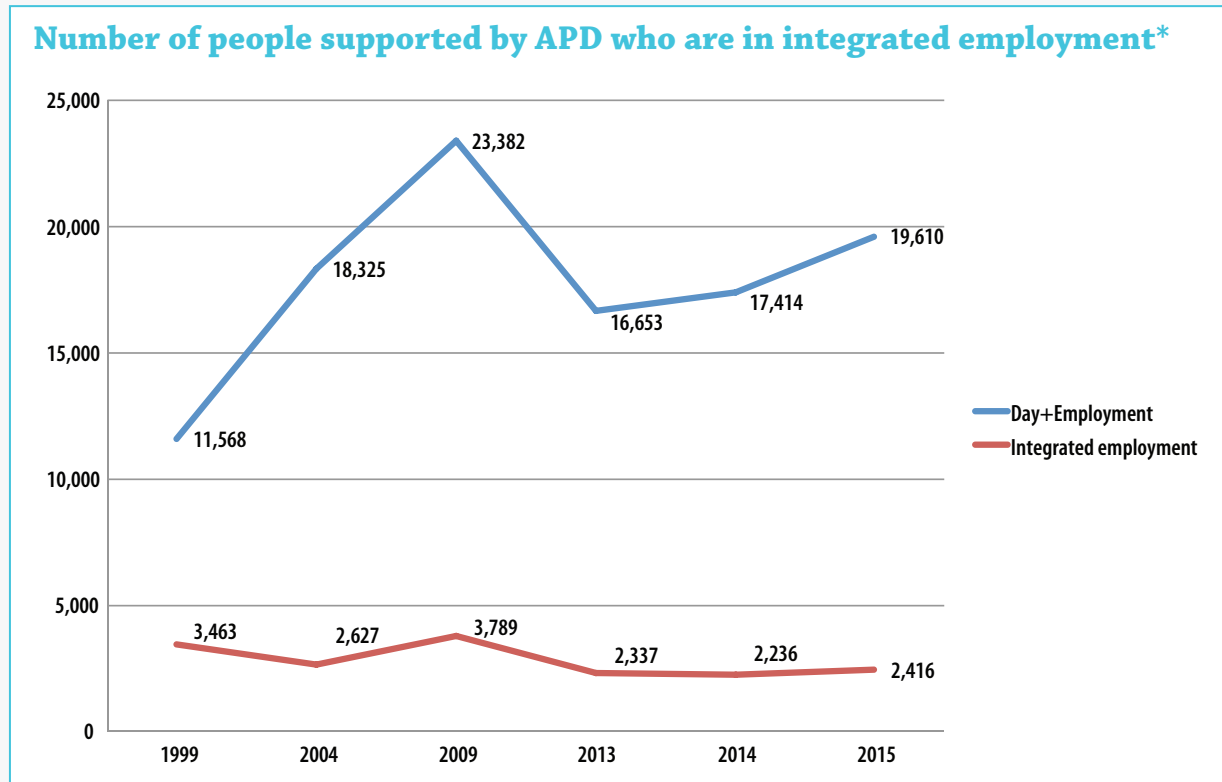
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How many Floridians with disabilities are working?

There are many different ways to answer this question. One way is to look at data from Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). APD supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, learn, and work in their neighborhoods and communities.

Number of people supported by APD who are in integrated employment*



*Being in "integrated employment" does not always mean that a person is working in the community. You also may be counted in this category if you are looking for a job.

What does this data tell us, and why is it important?

From 1999 to 2009, APD gave services to more people each year. Between 2009 and 2013, the number of people served by APD got smaller, but since 2013, that number has been slowly getting bigger.

Services from APD included integrated supported employment services and ADT (Adult Day Training) services. ADT services could include day habilitation programs or sheltered workshops.

This is the blue line in the graph.

In 2015, APD supported 2,416 people in integrated employment. Being in the "integrated employment" category means that you have a job in the community, or you are getting services to look for a job.

This is the red line in the graph.

The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston is working with the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and other state agencies to make "Employment First" happen in Florida.

"Employment First" means that "real jobs with real wages" should be the first choice for all people with disabilities.



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