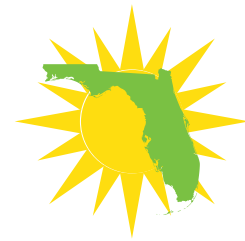


Fast Facts about Employment for People with Disabilities in Florida

Data source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration



Employment First FLORIDA

How many Floridians with disabilities are working?

There are many different ways to answer this question. Florida reports data on individuals who got behavioral health services that are funded through grants from the national **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**. Behavioral health services are ways of helping people with mental illnesses or substance use disorders.

The chart below helps us understand information from the report.

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

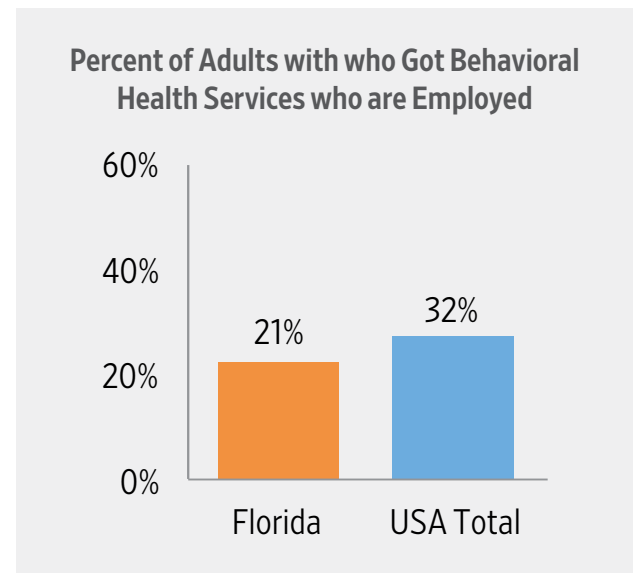
This chart shows how many people who got behavioral health services from their state were working in 2017. The orange and blue bars in the chart show the difference between Florida and the USA.

First look at the blue bar. This shows us data for the USA. We can see that out of all the people with disabilities in the USA who got behavioral health services in 2017, only 32% were working. That is about one out of three people. This means that most adults who got behavioral health services in the USA were not working.

Now look at the orange bar, showing Florida. In Florida, the percentage of people who got behavioral health services and had a job is lower. In 2017, only 21% of adults who got behavioral health services were working. That is about one out of five people.

This data shows that across the USA only a small percentage of people with disabilities work. In Florida, this percentage is lower.

Florida is an Employment First State. This means the state has a policy that employment should be the first option considered for adults with disabilities. Many groups are working together to help more people in Florida get jobs. You can learn more about Employment First Florida here: www.employmentfirstfl.org/



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“Employment First” means that working in the community should be a choice for everyone, with or without a disability.

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.



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