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

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70%
Unemployed

8.1%

Unemployed



Understanding the Numbers

4.28 MILLION

Working-age adults with visual impairments in 2023

In Labor Force

2.43 MILLION

people with visual impairments



52.3%

Employed

Currently
working

8.1%

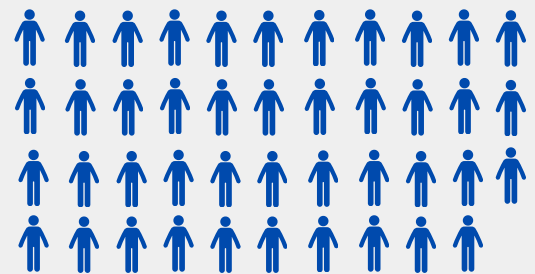
Unemployed

Not working but
actively seeking work

Not in Labor Force

1.84 MILLION

people with visual impairments



43.1%

Not in labor force

Not working and
not 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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