#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE**

#### INTRODUCTION

The survey data in this summary represent the population of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) receiving at least one service in addition to case management/ service coordination from their state developmental disability service system. For details, visit:

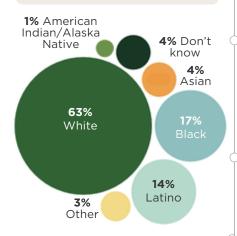
#### SAMPLE SIZE

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## 25,424 total respondents

# 40 years old (average) 40% Female 60% Male

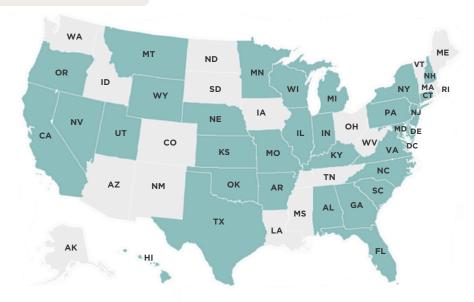
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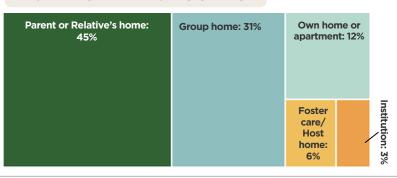
#### RECEIVES MEDICARE

47%

#### STATES INCLUDED\*



#### **RESIDENCE TYPE & LOCATION**





**82%** Metropolitan

10% Micropolitan

5% Small town

2% Rural

#### LEVEL OF GUARDIANSHIP

**51%** No guardian

11% Has guardian but level unknown

**26%** Full guardianship 10% Limited guardianship **3%** —Don't know

NASDDDS

#### DIAGNOSIS

84%	Intellectual disability	
31%		Autism Spectrum Disorder
25%	Sei	zure disorder
16%	Cerebral palsy	
6% Down Syndrome		

22%

Moves self with aids or uses wheelchair, while **77%** move without use of aids



Note: Diagnoses are not mutually exclusive

**OUTCOMES\*** 

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Employment is an important outcome** for many services users, and a key signal of how well systems support people to have full access to their communities.

Nationally, **just 17% of respondents have a paid job** in the community. This ranges both across states *and* settings, with people who live on their own working in paid community jobs at **3 times higher** the rate of those who live in group homes. Those who work in paid community jobs spend, on average, **less than 15 hours per week** in those jobs.

Among those who do not have a paid community job, **almost** half want a job. However, just 25% of *all* respondents have a goal for employment in their service plan. These data show systems can make lots of improvements to support service users in obtaining employment and ensuring person-centered plans reflect people's goals.

44%
do not have a community job, but want one



#### \$10.42 to \$12.68:

average hourly wages (depending on setting)

#### CHOICE AND DECISION-MAKING

Someone Person Person had Who chose... chose some input else chose Your regular 46% **37%** 17% day activities The place 46% 24% 31% you live The people 23% **57%** 20% you live with



**18%** of respondents chose their staff, and **41%** had their staff assigned but can request a change

#### RIGHTS AND RESPECT

80%

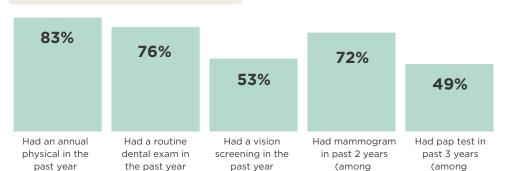
Report that others ask before coming in their bedroom

44%



Report they can stay home if others go out (for those not living in own home or apartment)

#### ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE



#### SATISFACTION

**81%** 

Like how they usually spend their time during the day

**57%** 

Have used telehealth and like using it



The average respondent says they are satisfied with their level of participation in at least 3 out of 5 community activities (e.g., go shopping, go out for entertainment).

women 50+)

women 21+)

<sup>\*</sup> Note: NCI includes data on a variety of outcomes of service users. Data from key outcomes are presented here.

**OUTCOMES\*** 

#### INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO COMMUNITY



80%

are able to get places when they want to do something fun outside the home



71%

get to do things they like to do in the community as often as they want



68%

has friends (may be staff or family) and can meet with their friends in person when they want



37%

want to be a part of more groups in their community

Access to the community is considered a key feature of home and community-based services. It is also connected to inclusion and belonging for people who use services.

Looking at NCI-IDD outcomes related to access to community and broader feelings of inclusion, more than **2 out of every 3 respondents** say they have transportation, can do things in the community as often as they want, and have friends they can meet with. However, there are **large differences between states** in these measures. For example, there are states in which fewer than 1 out of every 2 people can do things they like in the community as often as they want. Further, there often **differences in access to community and inclusion outcomes by residence type**.

These data suggest that there is still room to **improve community engagement**. It is important for LTSS systems to identify barriers to community access and participation.

## SERVICE COORDINATION & SELF-DIRECTION

People who use Medicaid funded HCBS have a right to a **person-centered service plan.** Several NCI-IDD outcomes examine person-centered planning and service coordination. These data highlight areas of opportunity to **strengthen methods for person-centered planning and enhancing opportunities for self-direction.** 

93%

say their service plan includes things that are important to the person

75%

say they helped make their service plan

86%

say staff do things the way the person wants them done

40%



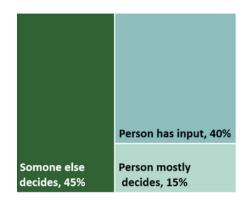
say their staff change too often

17%



use a self-directed supports option

Who makes decisions about the services that are self-directed?



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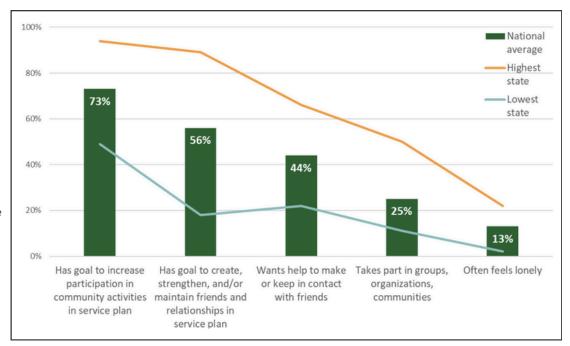
#### **OUTCOMES: MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONNECTION**

#### SOCIAL CONNECTION

While the HCBS Settings Final Rule may specify rules around access to community, the long-term goal is to ensure that all people have social connections that are rewarding and meaningful to them.

Several NCI-IDD measures can be used to explore the **goals for social connection** among people who use services, and to what extent those **goals are met.** 

The graph at right shows the national average and the spread between states in several NCI-IDD measures of social connection:



- 3 out of every 4 participants have a goal to increase participation in their community, but just 1 out of every 4 participants take part in groups, organizations or communities.
- Just over half of participants (56%) have a goal related to relationships, and nearly half of participants (44%)
  want help making or keeping in contact with friends.

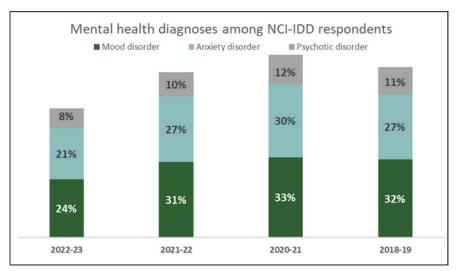
Most notably, among those who want to be a part of more groups in their community, just 2 out of 3 have a goal in their service plan to increase community participation. These data emphasize the importance of **ensuring that service plans reflect** the goals related to social connection among people who use services, and that services are provided to support meaningful social connections.

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Social connection has strong ties to mental health. NCI-IDD data confirms research that finds high rates of co-occurring mental health conditions among people with IDD. The graph to the right shows the rates of mood disorder, anxiety disorder, and psychotic disorder among NCI-IDD respondents.

The data show there may be a slight trend in decreasing rates of co-occurring mental health conditions since 2018-2019. Of note, the percent of respondents **taking at least one medication** for mood, anxiety, and/or psychotic disorders has remained relatively consistent at around **50% of all NCI-IDD participants since 2018-2019.** 

Altogether, these data highlight the need for better supports for people with IDD and co-occurring mental health conditions.



Since 2022, the LINK Center has been working to bridge IDD and Mental Health Systems. To learn more, go to: https://acl.gov/TheLinkCenter