

Santa Cruz County 2003 Health Almanac

Disability and Secondary Conditions

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Agencies and Information Sources

Santa Cruz County (SCC) Health Services Agency - <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/>

The Health Services Agency (HSA) exists to protect and improve the health of the people in Santa Cruz County. The Agency provides programs in Environmental Health, Public Health, Medical Care, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and Mental Health.

California Department of Health Services - <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/default.htm>

To Protect and Improve the Health of All Californians

California Health Interview Survey - <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/index.html>

The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state health survey conducted in the United States. Every two years, CHIS plans to collect information on the health and health care needs of California's diverse population.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <http://www.cdc.gov/default.htm>

CDC's Mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability.

Santa Cruz County Network of Care - <http://santacruz.networkofcare.org/aging/>

Network of Care was created with a California Department of Aging innovation grant. The project is part of a broad effort by our county to improve and better coordinate long-term care services locally. This comprehensive, Internet-based resource is for the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as their caregivers and service providers

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Disabilities

(All figures are for U.S.)

Approximately 7.4 million Americans use Assistive Technology Devices (ATDs) to accommodate mobility impairments (1994)

Approximately 4.6 million Americans use ATDs to accommodate orthopedic impairments (1994)

Approximately 4.5 million Americans use ATDs to accommodate hearing impairments (1994)

Nearly 3 million Americans are color blind (1996)

Over 700,000 Americans have Cataracts (1996)

Nearly 3 million Americans have Glaucoma (1996)

Almost 2.7 million Americans have speech impairments (1996)

Over 68 Million Americans have Activity Limitations (1997)

Over 19 million Americans have visual impairments (1997)

Over 34 million Americans are hearing-impaired (1997)

Source: Vital and Health Statistics Series 10, No. 205

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/disable.htm>

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CA Disability Centers

See: http://www.dds.cahwnet.gov/rc/RCsvs_home.cfm

Services Available For Individuals With Developmental Disabilities

The State of California has a commitment to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout their lifetime. These services and supports are provided through a combination of federal, state, county and local government services, private businesses, support groups and volunteers.

The Department of Developmental Services provides leadership and funding for these services and supports through state-operated developmental centers and contracts with twenty-one agencies called regional centers. The regional centers have offices throughout California to provide a local resource to help find and access the many services available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

What services do regional centers provide?
What do regional center services cost?
What can the regional center do for you?
How do I know what services will be provided?
Where do I get more information?
Information About Programs and Services

Chronic Disease Overview see: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/overview.htm>

The profile of diseases contributing most heavily to death, illness, and disability among Americans changed dramatically during the last century. Today, chronic diseases—such as cardiovascular disease (primarily heart disease and stroke), cancer, and diabetes—are among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable of all health problems. Seven of every 10 Americans who die each year, or more than 1.7 million people, die of a chronic disease. The prolonged course of illness and disability from such chronic diseases as diabetes and arthritis results in extended pain and suffering and decreased quality of life for millions of Americans. Chronic, disabling conditions cause major limitations in activity for more than one of every 10 Americans, or 25 million people.

National Disability Data

US Census Bureau 2000 Data <http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/c2kbr-17.pdf>

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Disability by Total (Adults) and Gender CHIS 2001

	Disability	
	Yes	No
California--Total (Adults)	20.6	79.4
Santa Cruz--Total (Adults)	19.8	80.2
California--Male	17.1	82.9
Santa Cruz --Male	16.0	84.0
California--Female	24.0	76.0
Santa Cruz --Female	23.2	78.8

Disability by Race/Ethnicity (Adults) CHIS 2001

	Disability	
	Yes	No
California--White	22.8	77.2
Santa Cruz--White	20.5	79.5
California--Black	24.6	75.4
Santa Cruz--Black	.	100.0
California--Latino	17.2	82.8
Santa Cruz--Latino	19.6	80.4
California--Asian	14.7	85.3
Santa Cruz--Asian	*13.7	88.3
California--Am. Ind.	32.2	67.8
Santa Cruz--Am. Ind.	.	.
California--Other	20.9	79.1
Santa Cruz--Other	*15.8	84.2

Statistically unstable

Disability by Poverty Level (Adults) CHIS 2001

	Disability	
	Yes	No
California--0 - 99%	26.7	73.3
Santa Cruz--0 - 99%	30.7	69.3
California--100 - 199%	24.0	76.0
Santa Cruz--100 - 199%	24.1	75.9
California--200 - 299%	20.7	79.3
Santa Cruz--200 - 299%	18.1	81.9
California--300%+	17.7	82.3
Santa Cruz --300%+	16.0	84.0