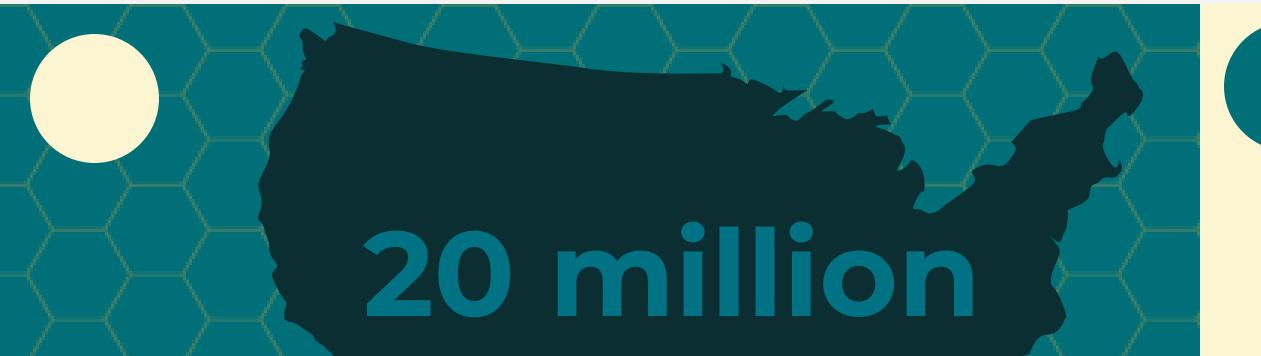
THE EXTRA COSTS (5) OF DISABILITY Resetting the Policy Table

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A U.S. household containing an adult with a disability must spend an estimated **28% more income** to obtain the same standard of living as

20 million workingage adults in the United States live with some type of disability. a household with no disability.



Adjusting poverty measures to account for the extra costs of disability could result in the expansion of access to critical programs and services for **2.2 million more** people with disabilities.

This translates to a person with a disability needing an additional **\$17,690 a year** at the median household income.





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Subtract disability-related costs from the income calculations used to determine eligibility for programs like Medicaid and SNAP.

Increase opportunities for people with disabilities to deduct extra cost items from their taxes.

Expand upon existing policies to help people with disabilities meet the additional financial burden of living with a disability.

To read more about the extra costs of disability, including a full research report and policy brief on this topic, please visit <u>www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org</u>. For questions about this research, please contact Dr. Zachary Morris at zachary.morris@stonybrook.edu.

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