

Persons with a Disability, 2021

Current Population Survey (CPS)

Division of Labor Force Statistics

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The Current Population Survey (CPS) (1 of 2)

- Monthly survey of about 60,000 households nationwide
- Universe: civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and older
- Data on:
 - ▶ Labor force status
 - ▶ Demographic characteristics
 - ▶ Earnings
 - ▶ A number of other topics



The Current Population Survey (CPS) (2 of 2)

- Six questions to identify those with a disability added to the CPS in June 2008
- Including disability questions in the CPS is a joint effort between BLS and ODEP



The 6 Survey Questions (1 of 2)

1. Is anyone deaf or does anyone have serious difficulty hearing?
2. Is anyone blind or does anyone have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
3. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?



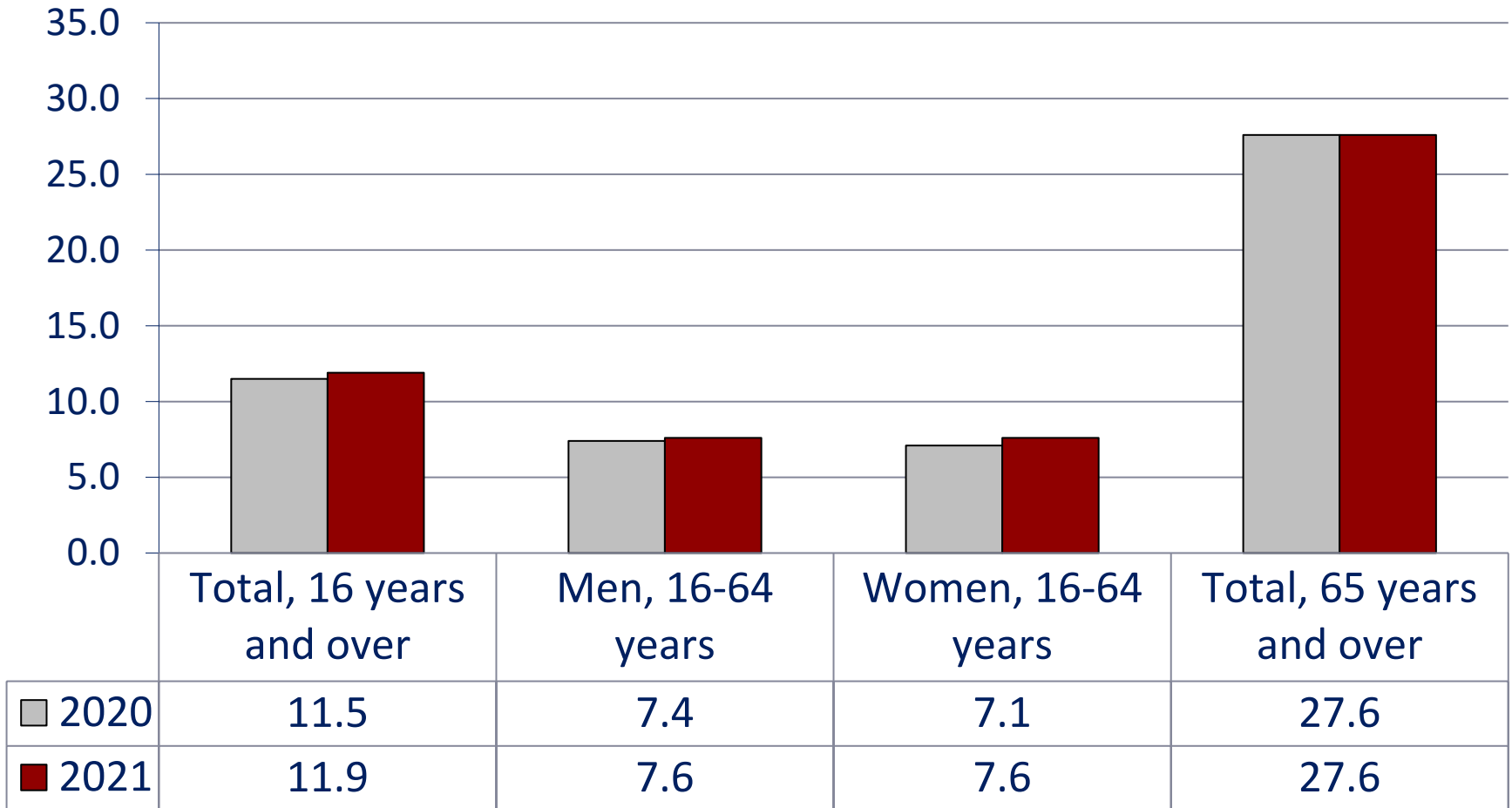
The 6 Survey Questions (2 of 2)

4. Does anyone have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
5. Does anyone have difficulty dressing or bathing?
6. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?



Older persons are more likely to have a disability

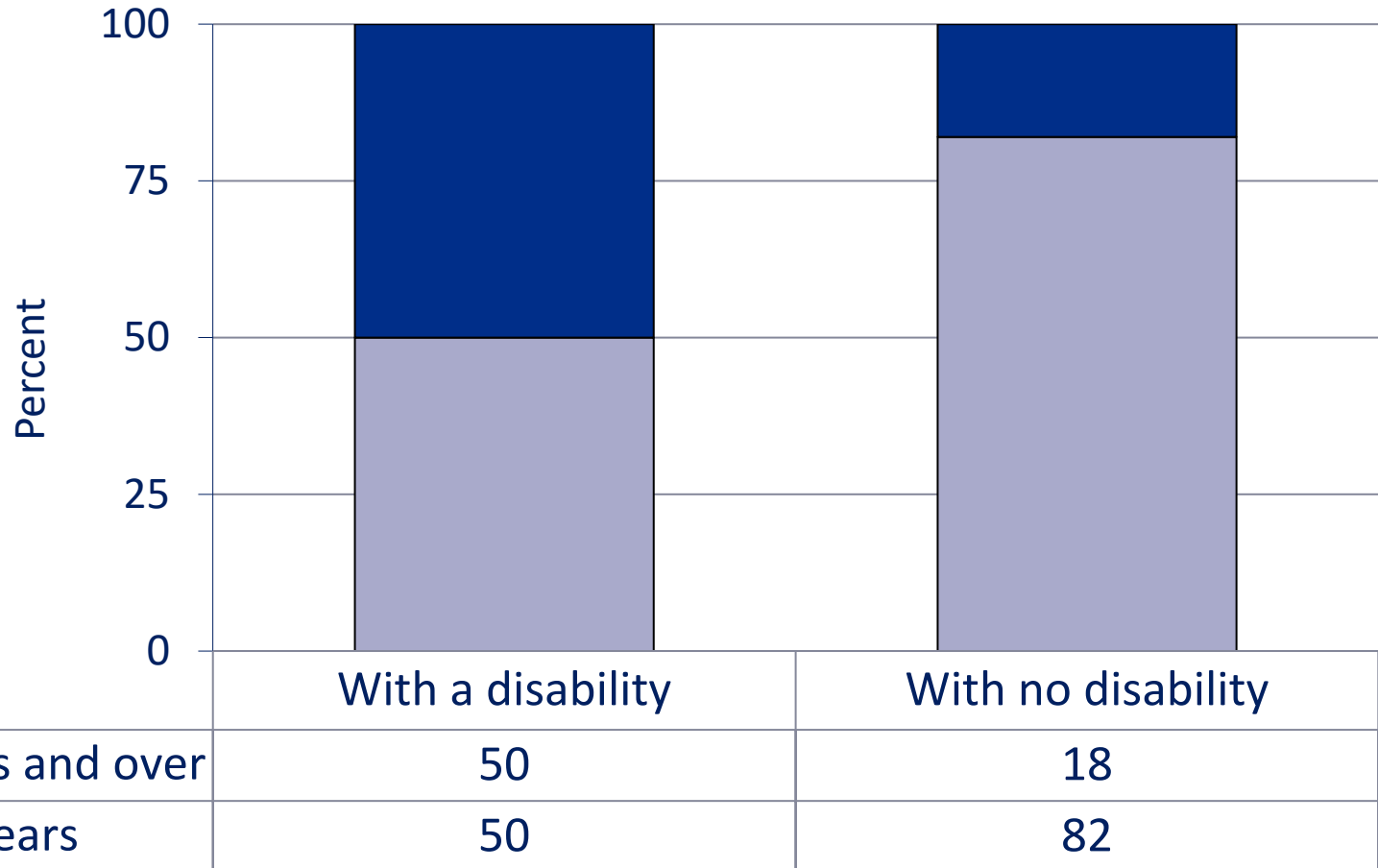
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SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2020-2021 annual averages



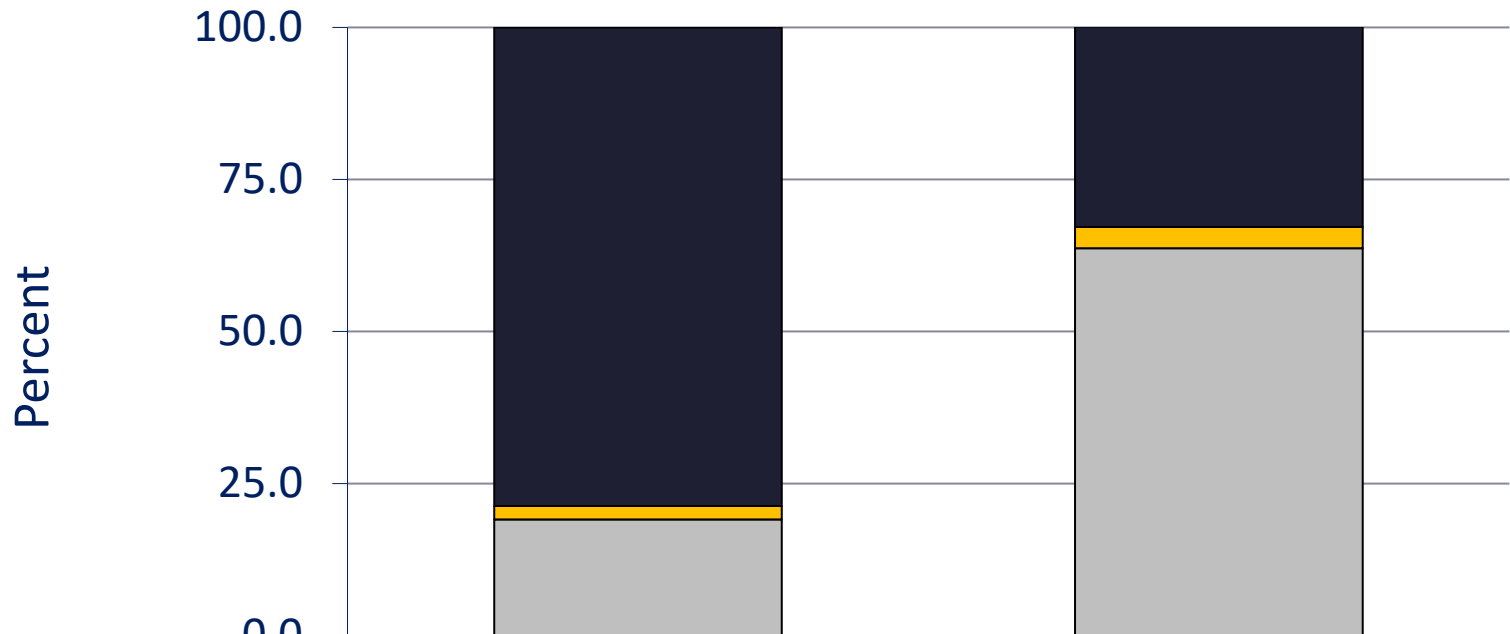
A greater proportion of persons with a disability are age 65 and over



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Persons with a disability are less likely to be in the labor force



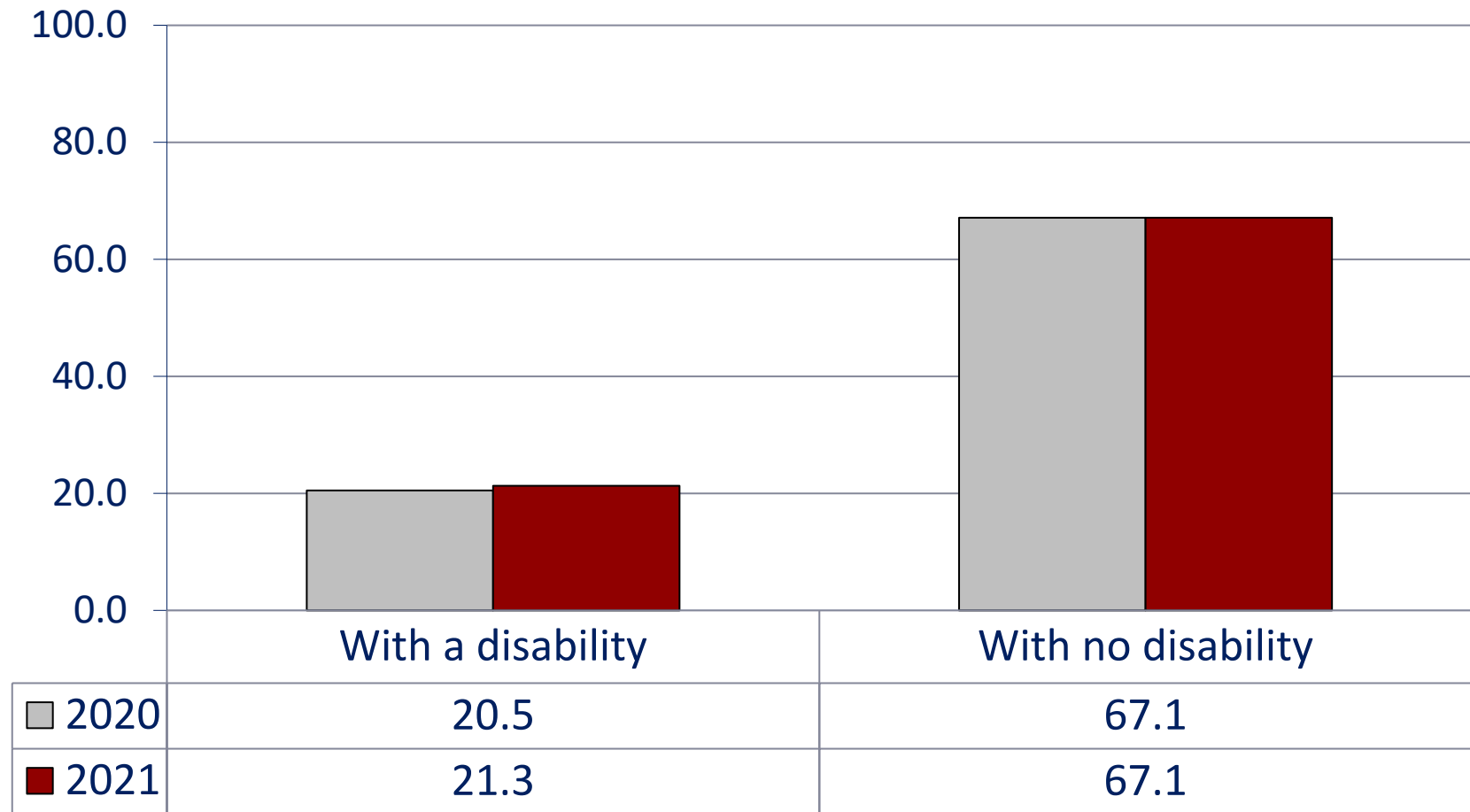
	With a disability	With no disability
■ Not in the labor force	78.7	32.9
■ Unemployed	2.2	3.5
■ Employed	19.1	63.7

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Labor force participation rate for those with a disability increased in 2021

Percent



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2020-2021 annual averages



Employment-population ratio for those with and without a disability increased 2021

Percent

100.0

80.0

60.0

40.0

20.0

0.0

With a disability

With no disability

■ 2020

17.9

61.8

■ 2021

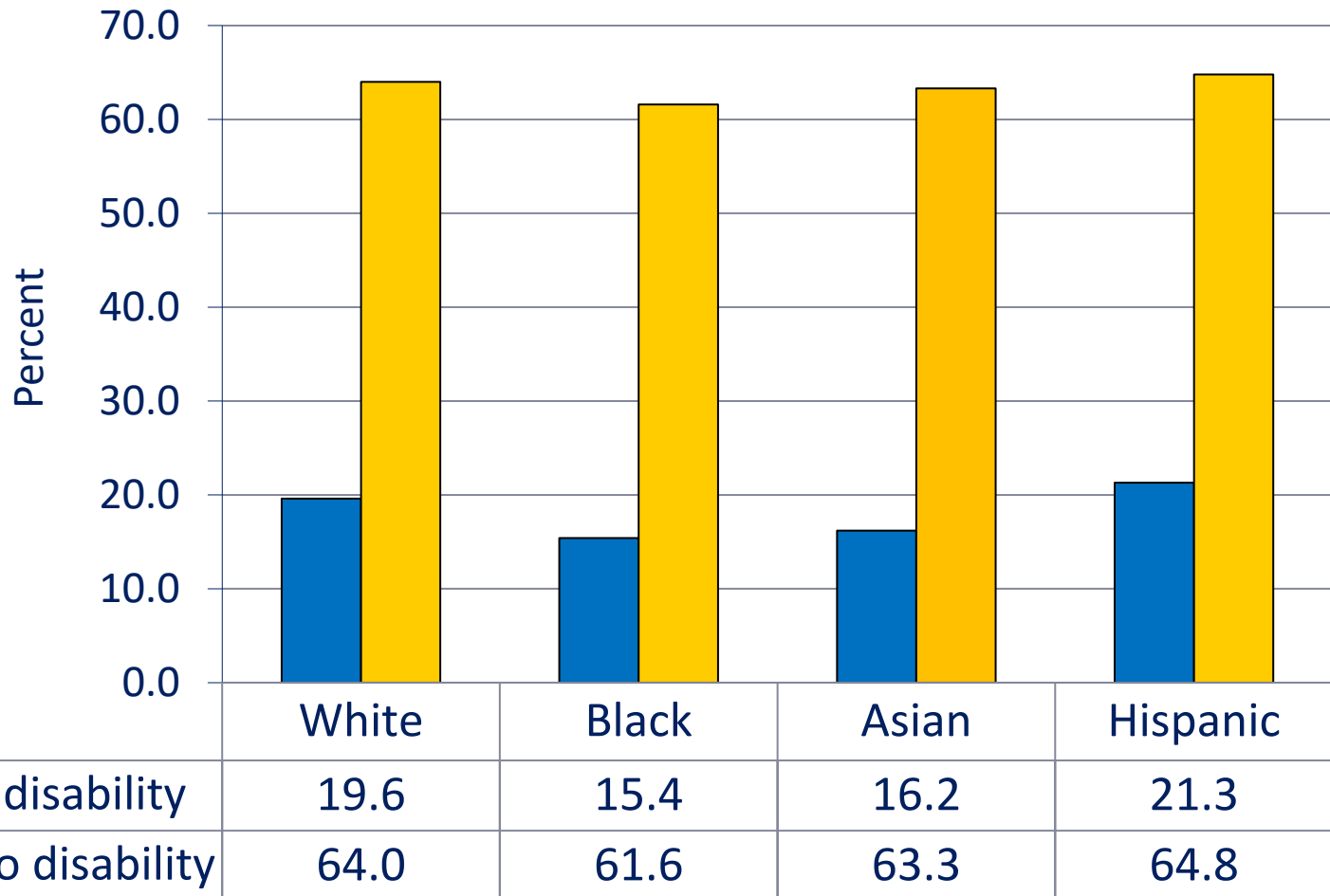
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SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2020-2021 annual averages



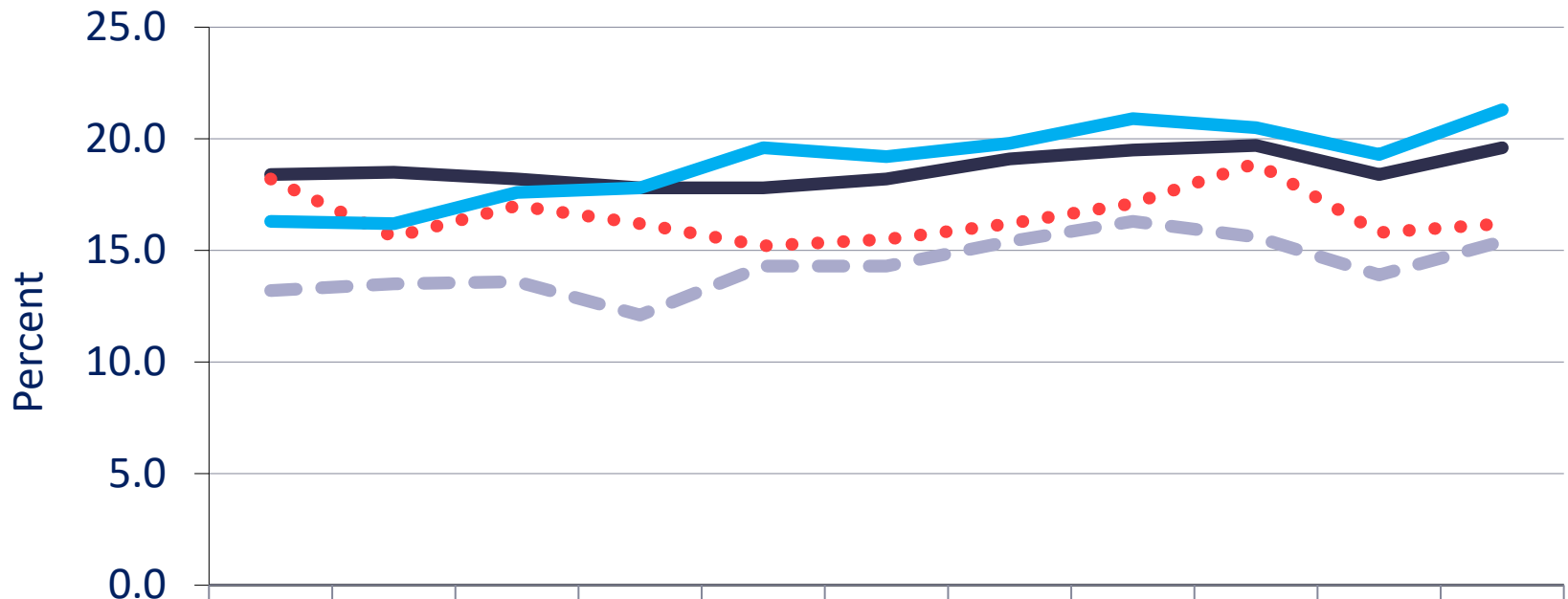
Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status



NOTE: Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race.
 SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Employment-population ratio for persons with a disability by race and ethnicity, 2011-2021

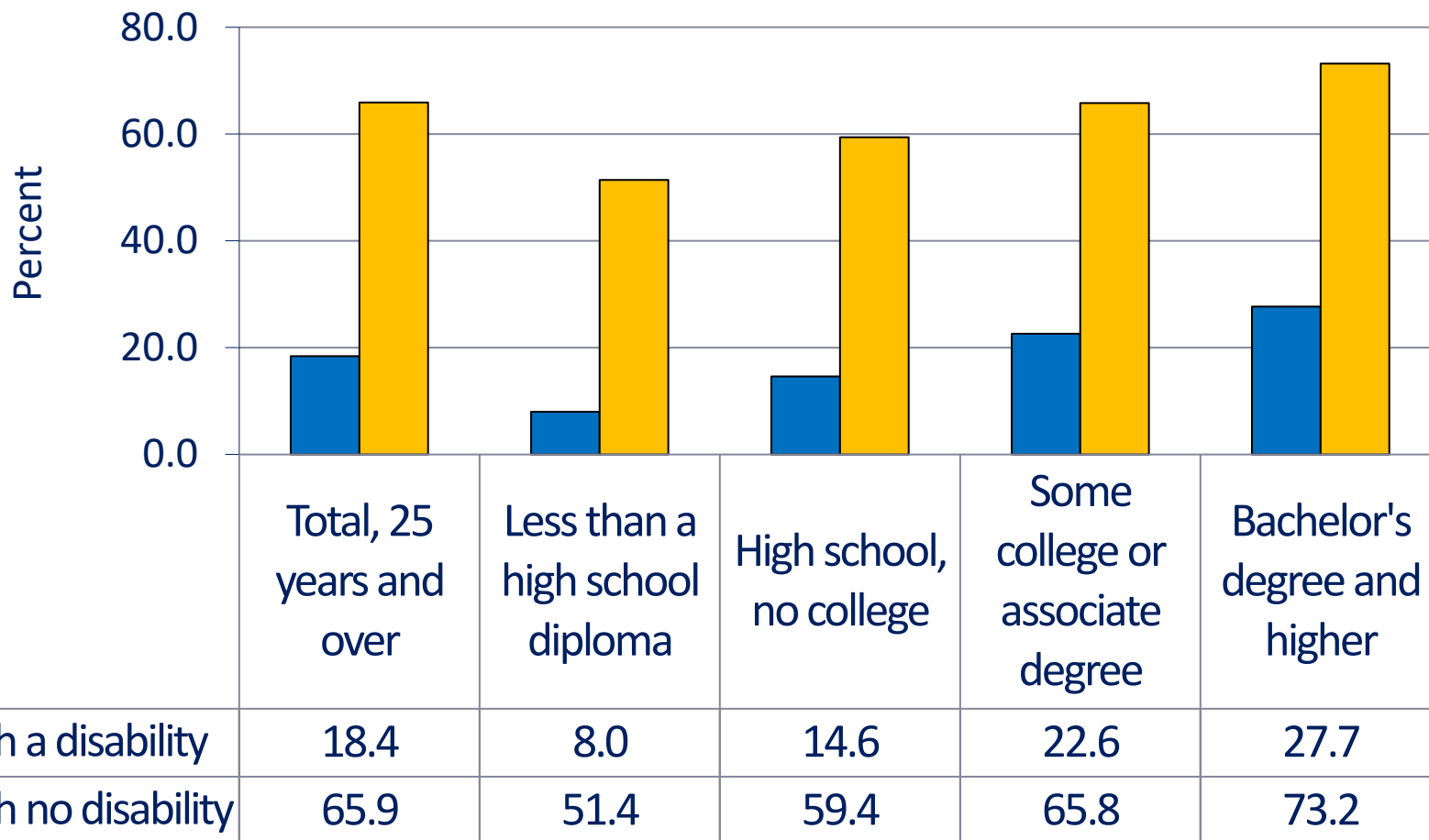


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
— White	18.4	18.5	18.2	17.8	17.8	18.2	19.1	19.5	19.7	18.4	19.6
- - Black	13.2	13.5	13.6	12.1	14.3	14.3	15.4	16.3	15.6	13.9	15.4
••• Asian	18.2	15.6	17.0	16.2	15.2	15.5	16.2	17.1	18.9	15.8	16.2
— Hispanic	16.3	16.2	17.6	17.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	20.9	20.5	19.3	21.3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2011-2021 annual averages



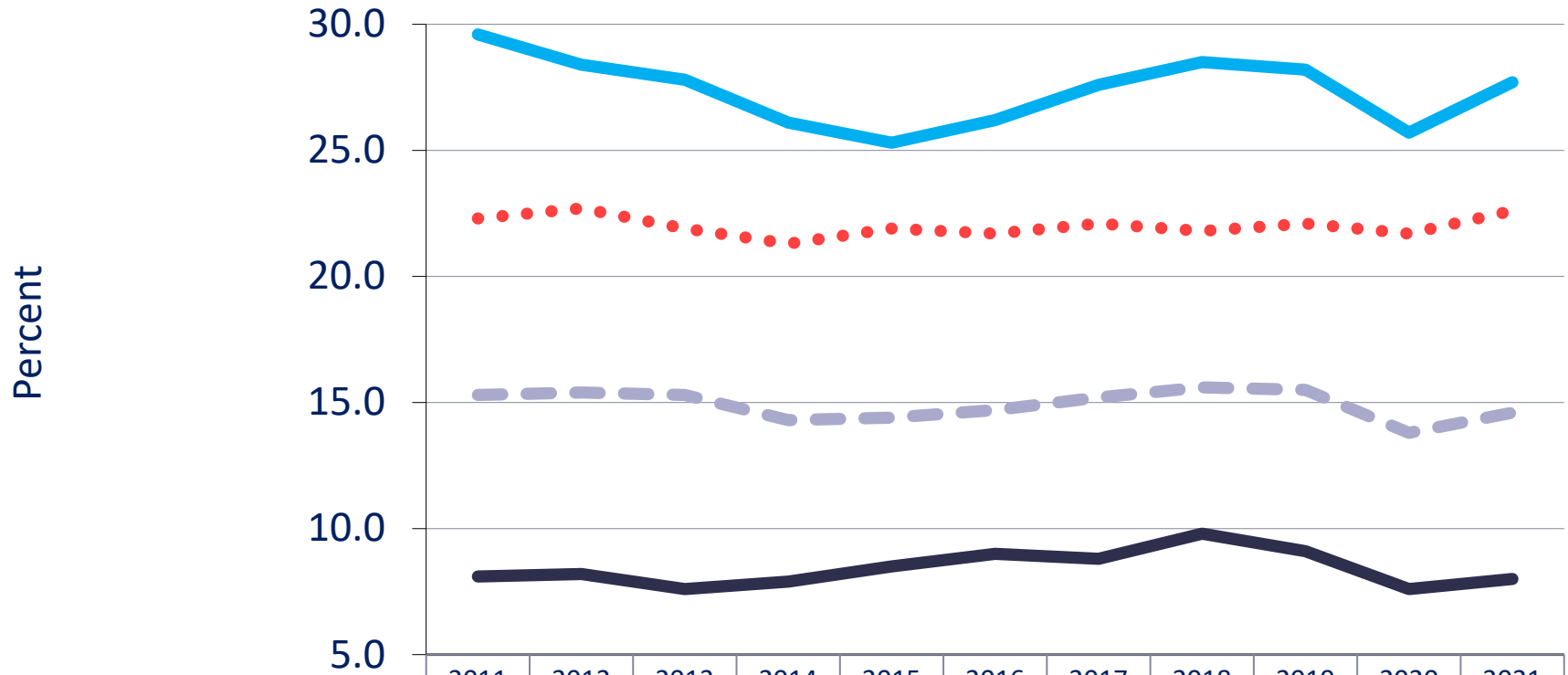
Employment-population ratios by educational attainment and disability status



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Employment-population ratio for persons with a disability by educational attainment, 2011-2021

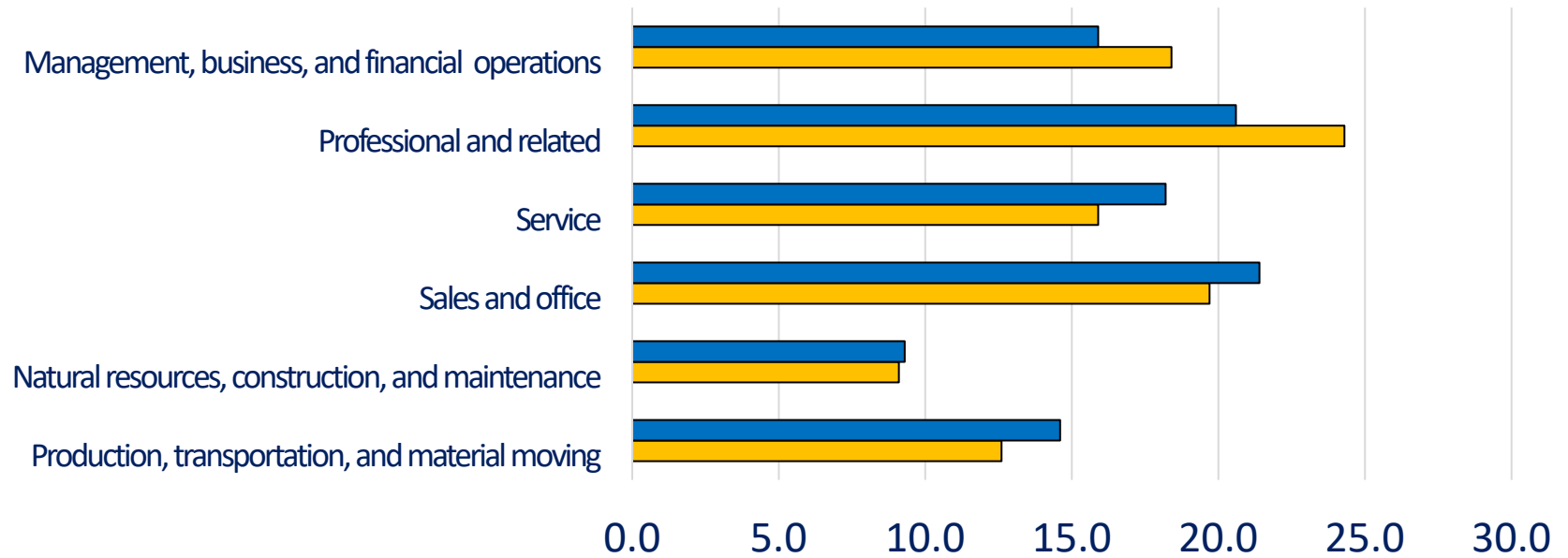


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
— Less than high school diploma	8.1	8.2	7.6	7.9	8.5	9.0	8.8	9.8	9.1	7.6	8.0
— High school, no college	15.3	15.4	15.3	14.3	14.4	14.7	15.2	15.6	15.5	13.8	14.6
••• Some college or associate degree	22.3	22.7	21.9	21.3	21.9	21.7	22.1	21.8	22.1	21.7	22.6
— Bachelor's degree and higher	29.6	28.4	27.8	26.1	25.3	26.2	27.6	28.5	28.2	25.7	27.7

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2011-2021 annual averages



Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status

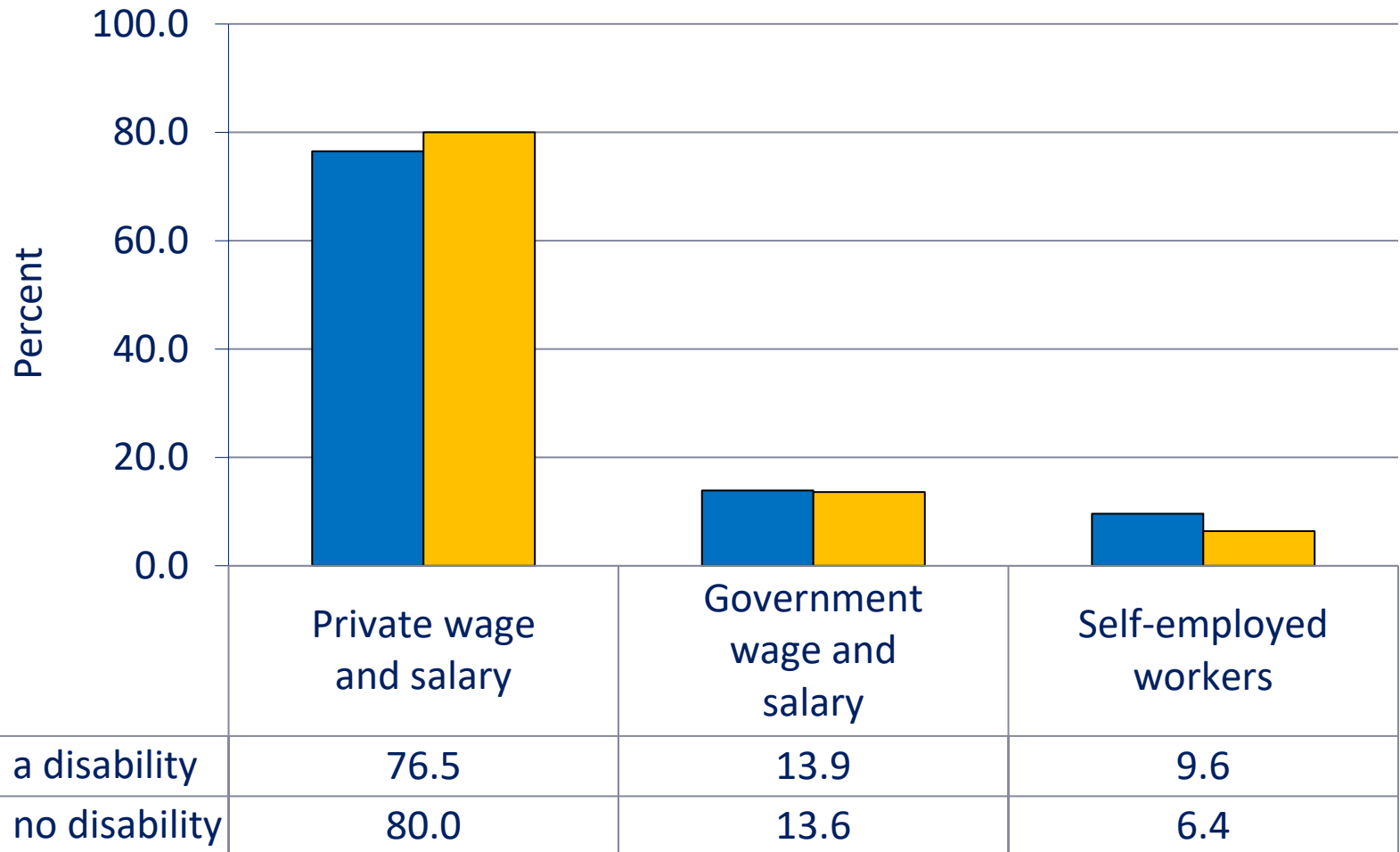


	Production, transportation, and material moving	Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	Sales and office	Service	Professional and related	Management, business, and financial operations
■ With a disability	14.6	9.3	21.4	18.2	20.6	15.9
■ With no disability	12.6	9.1	19.7	15.9	24.3	18.4

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



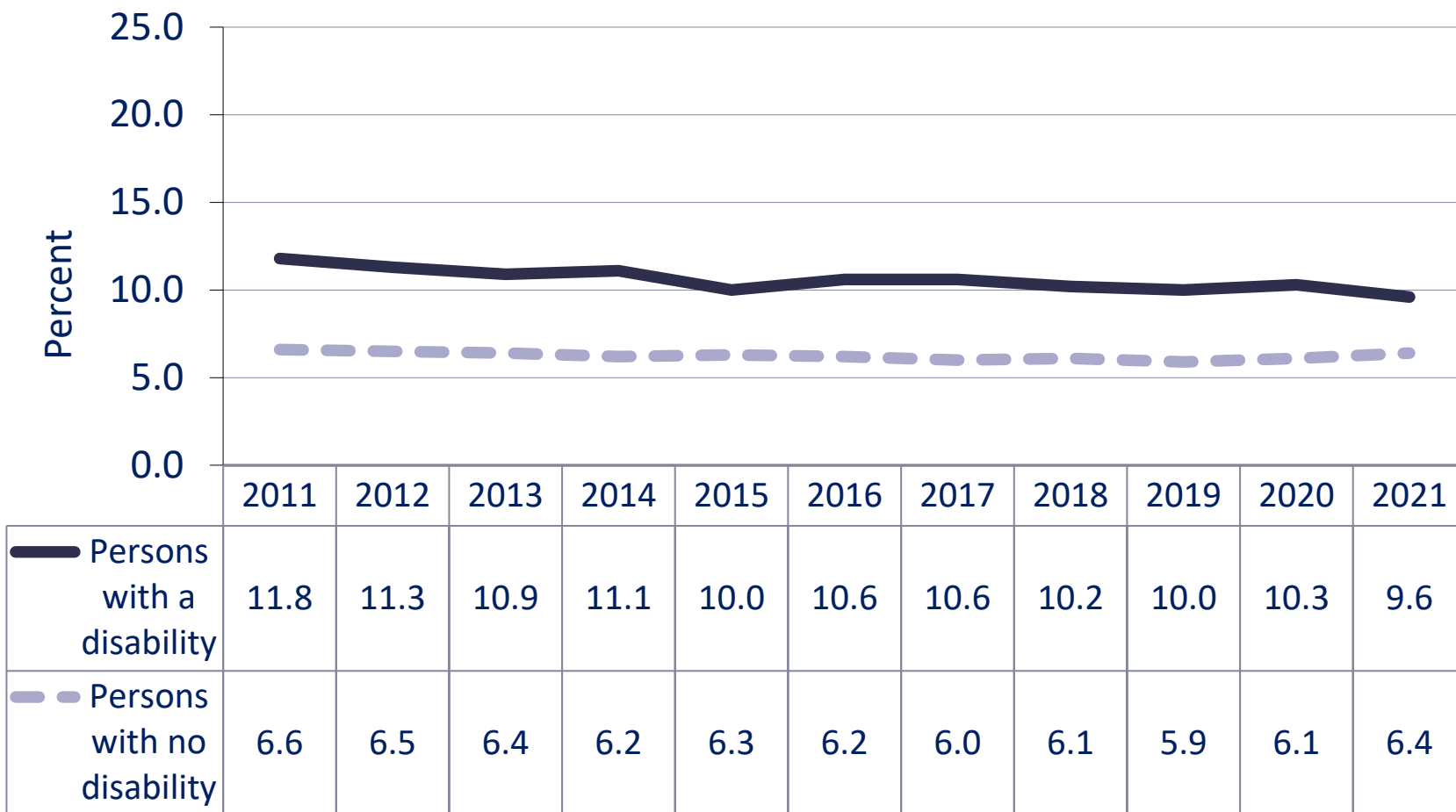
Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



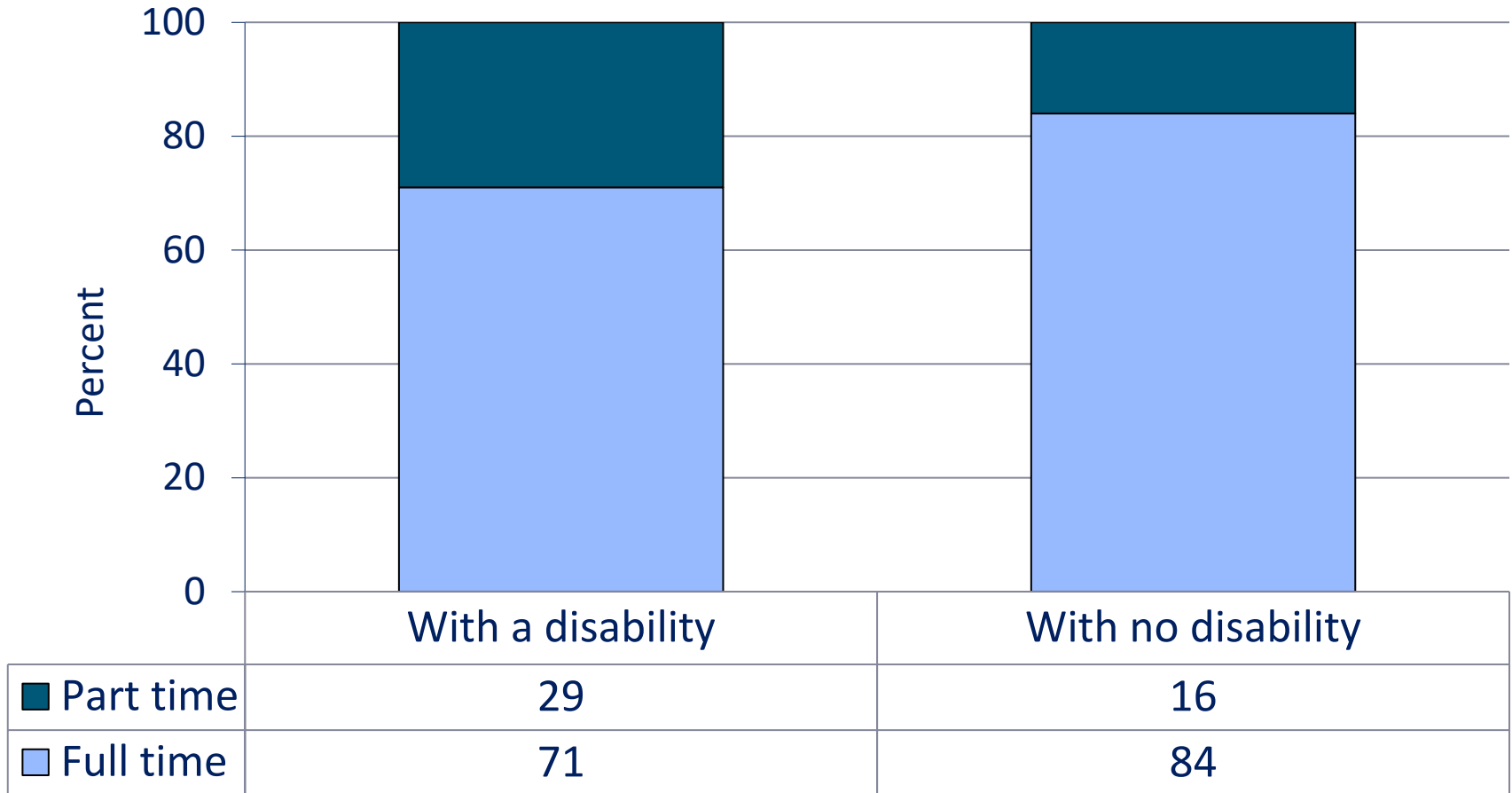
Percent of self-employed workers among employed persons with a disability, 2011-2021



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2011-2021 annual averages



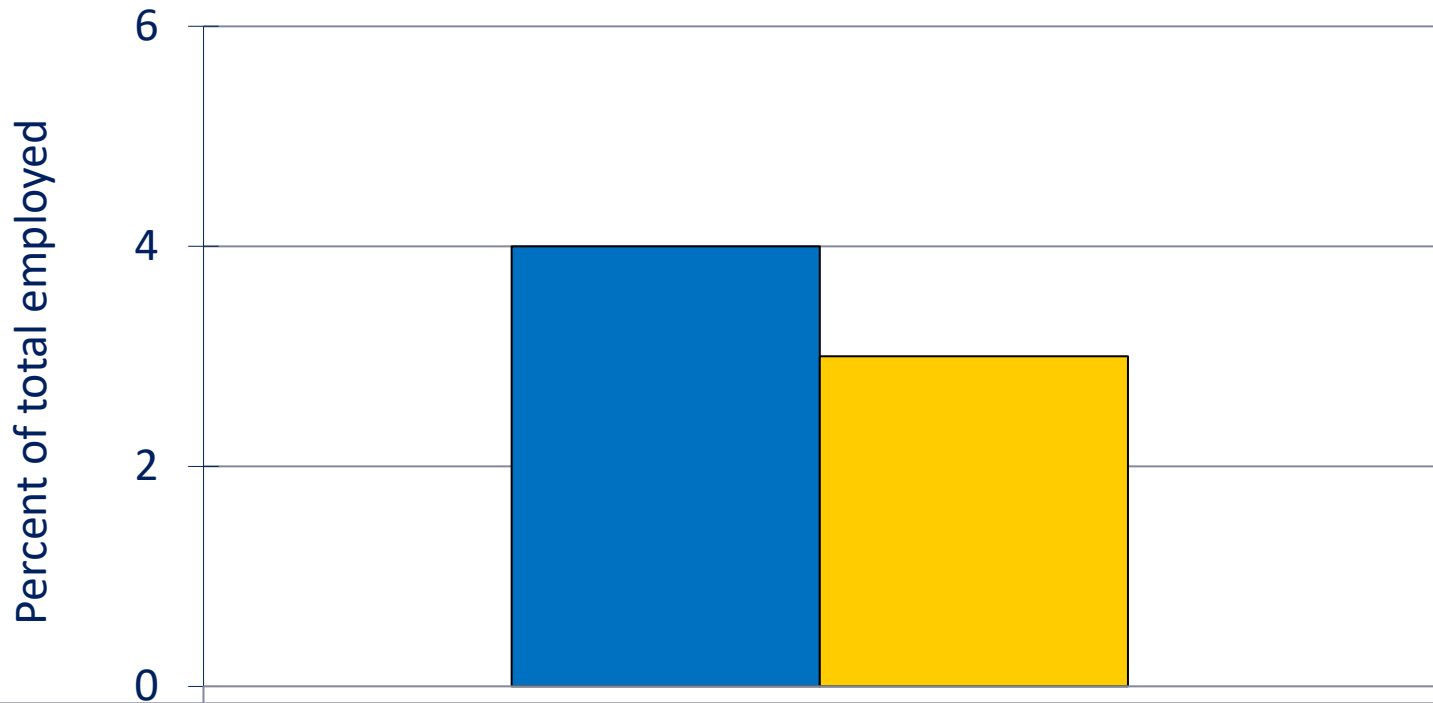
Persons with a disability are more likely to work part time



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Persons employed part time for economic reasons by disability status



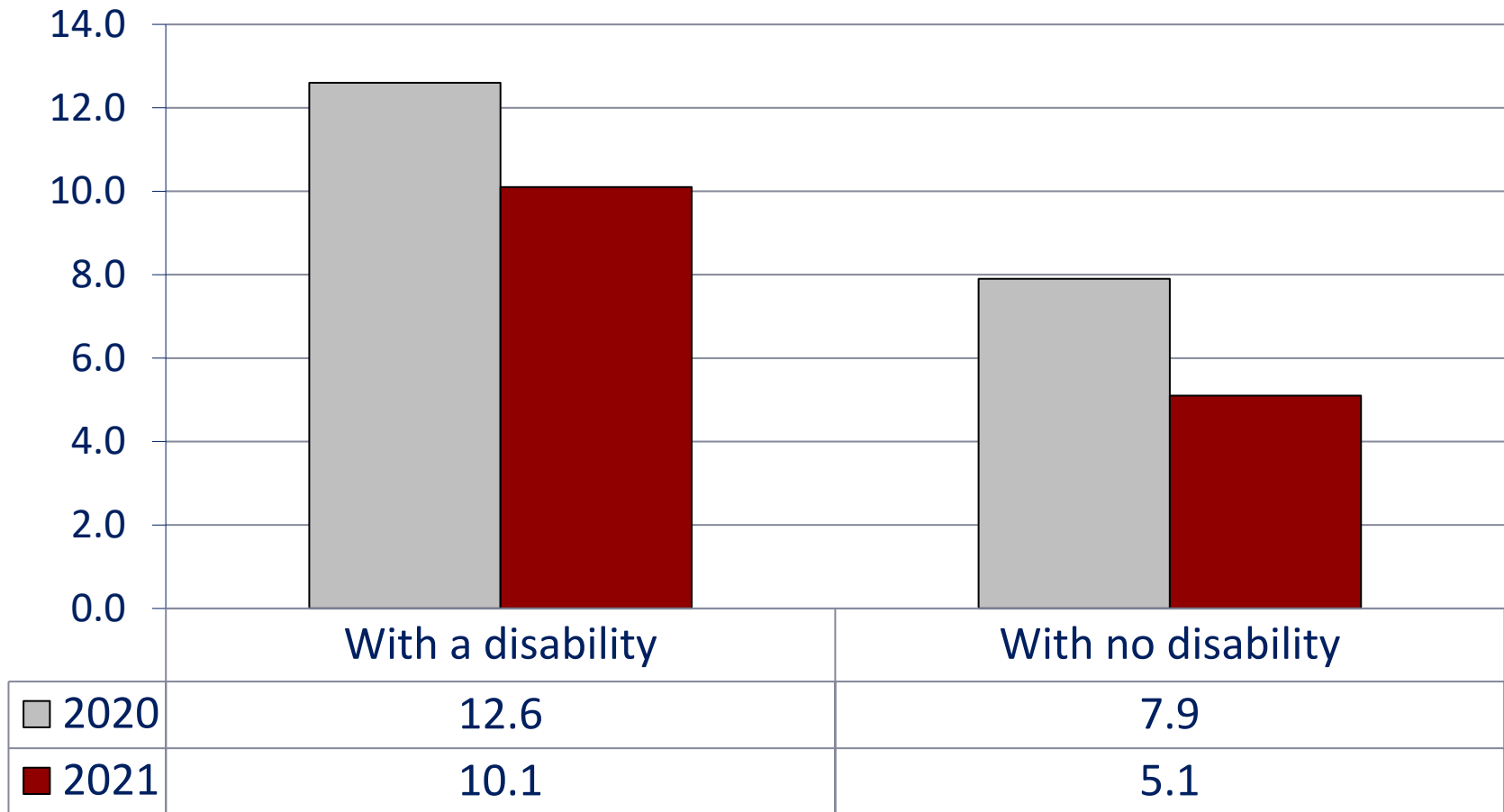
■ With a disability	4
■ With no disability	3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Unemployment rates for persons with and without a disability decreased in 2021

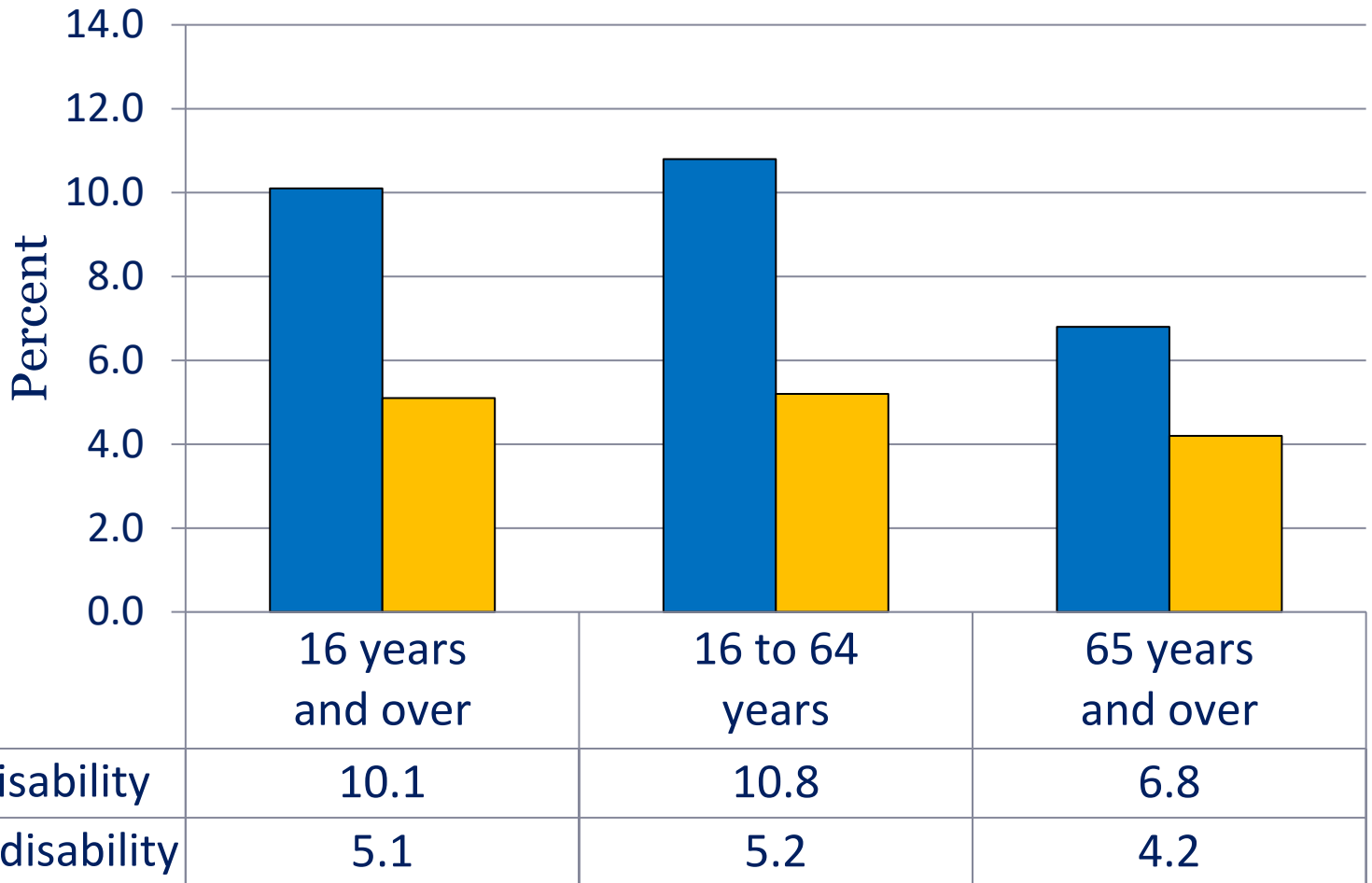
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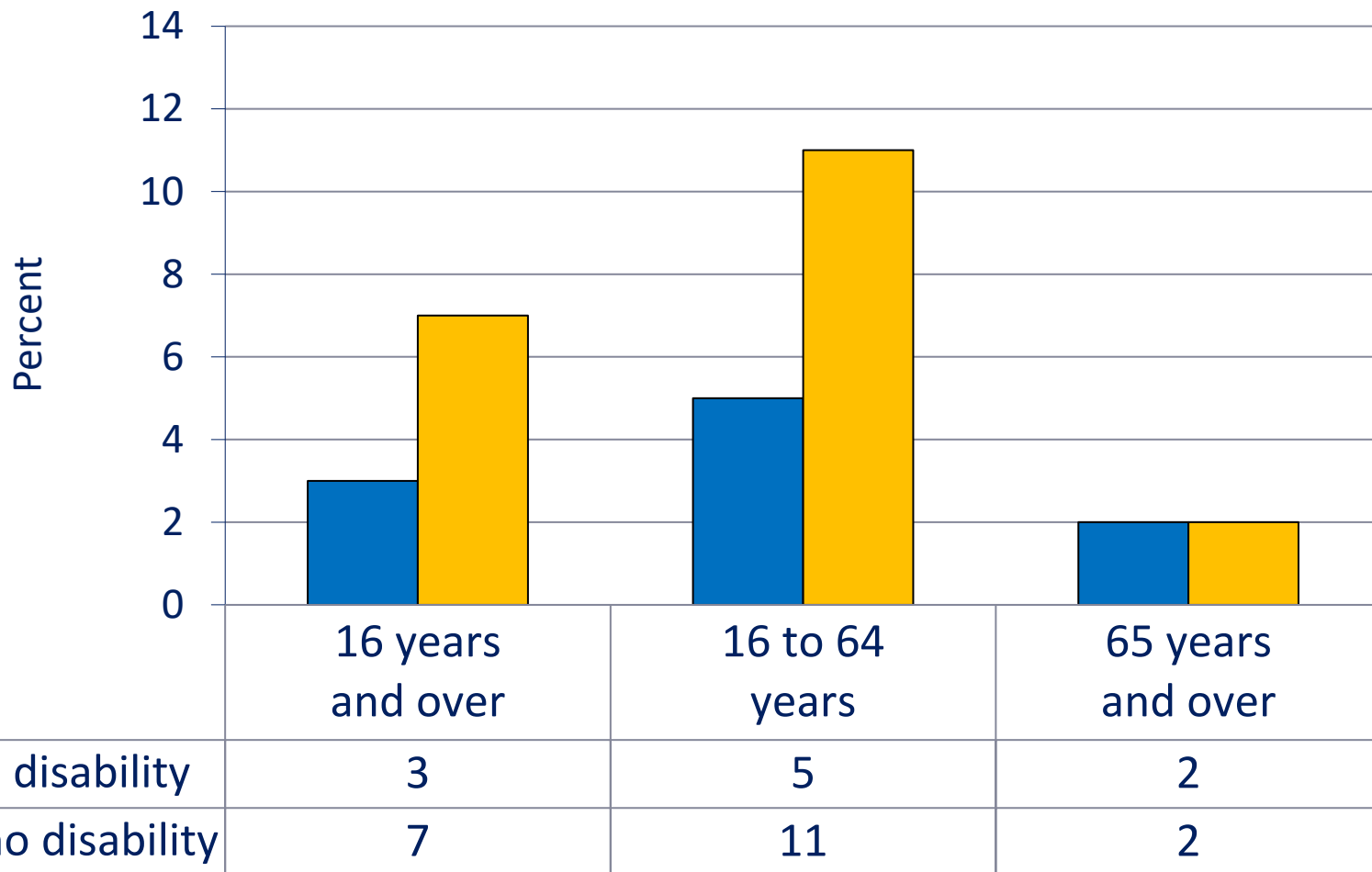
Unemployment rates by age and disability status, 2021



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



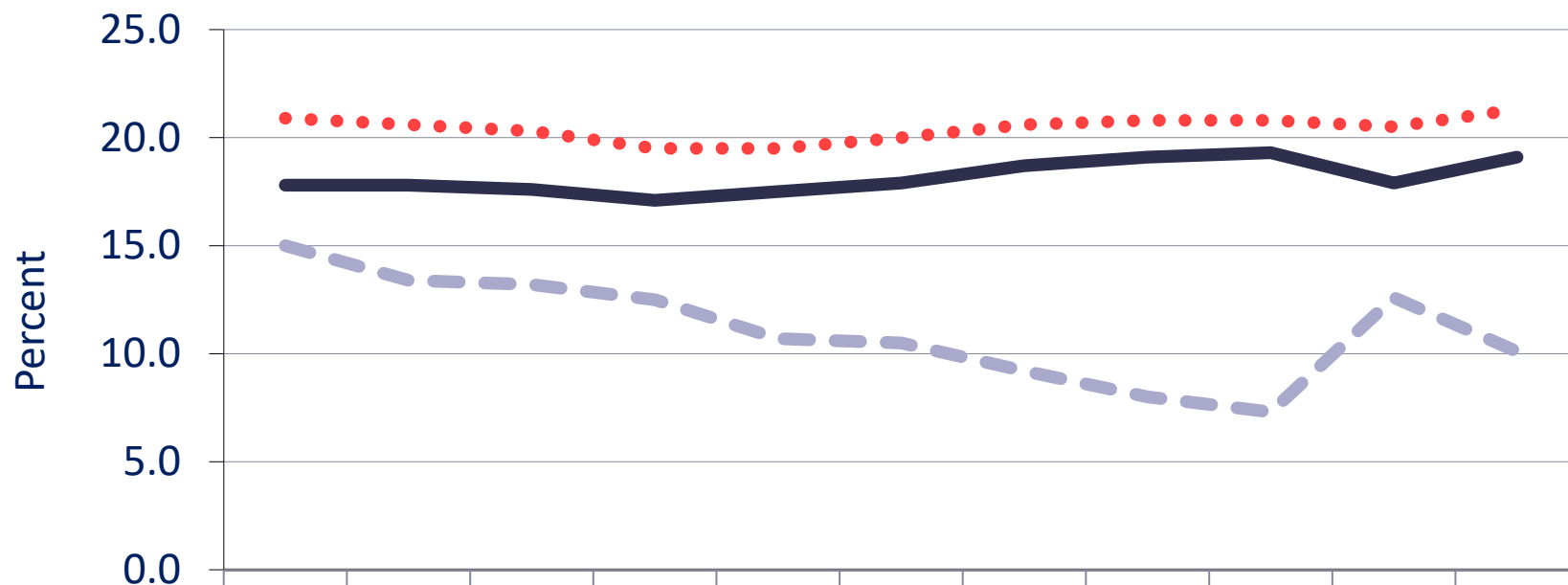
Proportion of persons not in the labor force who want a job by disability status, 2021



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2021 annual averages



Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability, 2011-2021



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
— 16+ EP	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.1	17.5	17.9	18.7	19.1	19.3	17.9	19.1
- - - 16+ UR	15.0	13.4	13.2	12.5	10.7	10.5	9.2	8.0	7.3	12.6	10.1
• • • 16+ LFPR	20.9	20.6	20.3	19.5	19.5	20.0	20.6	20.8	20.8	20.5	21.3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2011-2021 annual averages



CPS Disability Data online

- [Annual Disability press release](#)
- [July 2021 CPS Disability supplement press release](#)
- [Monthly employment data \(Table A6\)](#)
- [CPS Disability FAQ](#)
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