

The Economic and Social Impact of Disability Services Providers in New York and NYSID

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Progress Toward Improving Employment Opportunities for New Yorkers with Disabilities

+ Preferred Source Modernization Act of 2022

- + Term “workshop” replaced with “entity”
- + Eliminated term “severely disabled”
- + Reduced percentage of workers with a disability from 75 percent to 50 percent

+ Employment First

- + 2014 Commission for Employment First Policy
- + 2015 Commission Report
- + 2023 Executive Order 31 New York as a Model Employer
- + 2024 Executive Order 40 New York as an Employment First State

+ Moving Away from Federal 14(c) Employment Certificates

- + 27 Active Certificates in New York (as of 2023) covering 1,667 workers
- + As of 2025, no certificates used on NYSID contracts

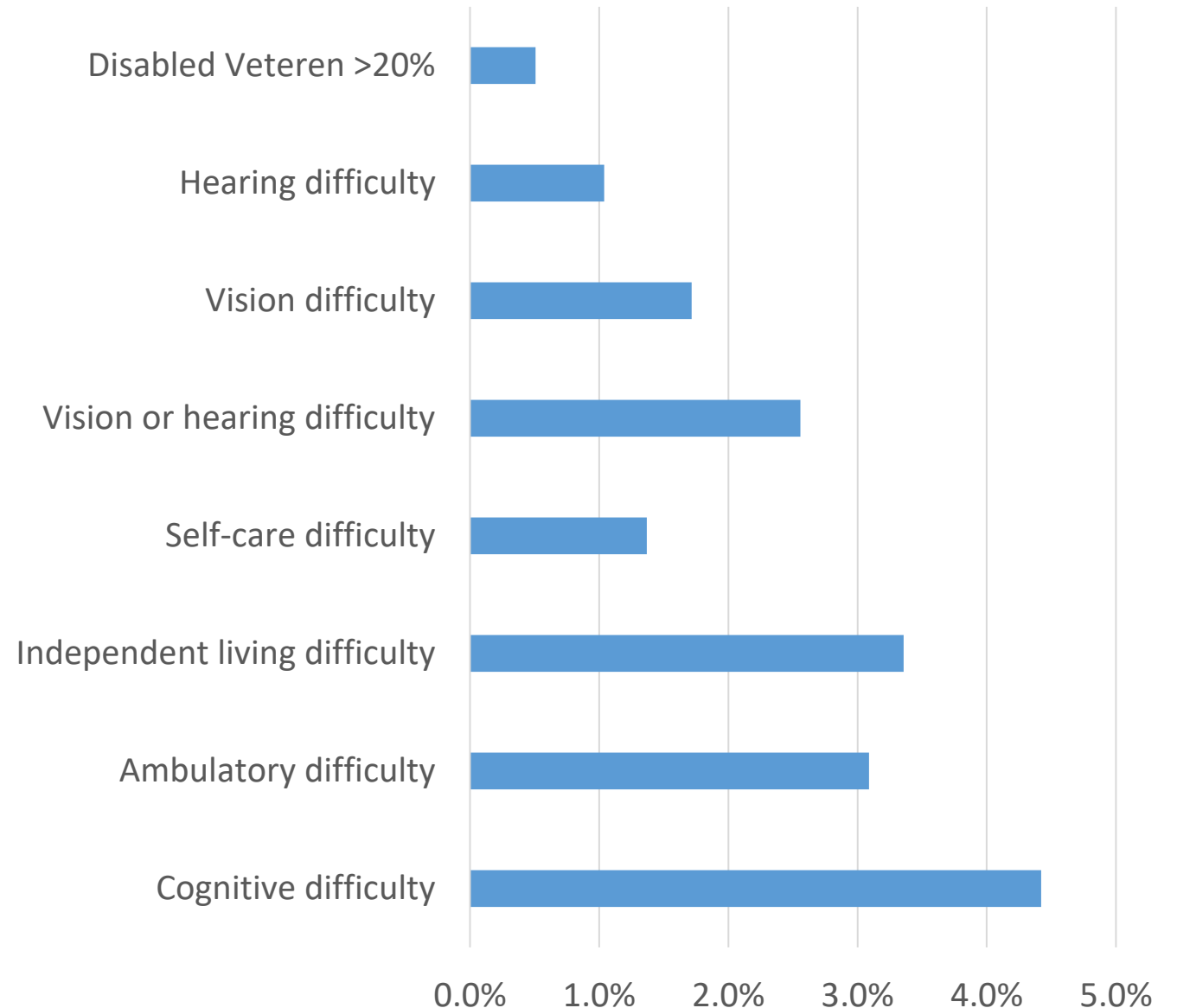
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Prevalence and Type of Disabilities in New York

10.5 percent of working age adults (18 to 64) have a disability.

Cognitive Difficulty is the most common disability among this group

60 percent of those with a disability report more than one



Poverty and Social Program Participation

Table 1: Poverty and Social Program Participation				
	Disability	No Disability	Difference	
Living in Poverty (official measure)	0.264	0.094	0.170	***
Living in Poverty (supplemental measure)	0.295	0.132	0.163	***
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	\$1,512	\$90	\$1,423	***
Income from Welfare	\$347	\$72	\$274	***
Receives SNAP	0.376	0.139	0.237	***
Living in Group Quarters	0.077	0.016	0.062	***
Access to Internet	0.967	0.980	-0.013	***
Access to Broadband Internet	0.861	0.872	-0.011	***

Education and Employment

Table 3: Education and Employment				
	Disability	No Disability	Difference	
No High School Diploma	0.173	0.091	0.082	***
4-year Degree or Higher	0.252	0.488	-0.235	***
Employed	0.460	0.841	-0.381	***
Unemployed	0.067	0.033	0.034	***
In Labor Force	0.527	0.875	-0.348	***

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Impact of Disability Status on Labor Market Outcomes

Even when controlling for age and education people with disabilities are:

- 31 percent less likely to participate in the labor force
- 8.5 percent more likely to be unemployed
- Earn \$5.86 less per hour

Table 6: Impact of Disability Status on Labor Market Outcomes

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Labor Force Participation	-0.348	***	-0.346	***	-0.312	***	-0.311	***	7,902,365
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Unemployed	0.089	***	0.090	***	0.085	***	0.085	***	6,379,779
	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		
Full Time	-0.083	***	-0.082	***	-0.070	***	-0.069	***	6,379,779
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<15 Hours Per Week	0.019	***	0.019	***	0.018	***	0.017	***	6,379,779
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Imputed Hourly Wage	-9.82	***	-10.09	***	-5.89	***	-5.86	***	6,379,779
	0.083		0.082		0.079		0.078		
Education Controls					X		X		
Age Controls			X				X		
Race Controls							X		
Gender Controls							X		

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Five Year Change in Economic Impact for Disability Service Providers

	2018 Estimate	2023 Estimate	5 Year Change
Economic Impact Generated	\$14.3 billion	\$15.6 billion	9.1%
People Employed	95,402	98,482	3.1%
Salaries And Wages	\$3.5 billion	\$4.8 billion	37.1%
Organizations	427	408	-4.7%
Gross Revenue	\$6.7 billion	\$9.0 billion	34.3%
Jobs Supported	194,977	194,186	-0.4%
Labor Income	\$8.0 billion	\$9.3 billion	16.3%

Change in Economic Impact for NYSID

Table 10: NYSID Operational Metrics, 2013, 2018, 2023

Metric	2013	2018	2023	Growth 2013–2018	Growth 2018–2023
Value of Products and Services/Revenues	\$210,198,701	\$254,209,197	\$291,586,890	21%	15%
Earnings	\$54,924,603	\$68,734,567	\$79,800,000	25%	16%
Average Hourly Wage	\$13.03	\$15.95	\$21.78	22%	37%
Disabled FTEs	2,026	2,072	1,762	2%	-15%
Average Hours Worked	607	657	765	8%	16%
Disabled Labor Hours	4,213,771	4,310,446	3,665,789	2%	-15%
Number of Total Employees with Disabilities	6,941	6,565	4,794	-5%	-27%

SOURCE: Rockefeller Institute of Government analysis of NYSID data.

Regional Impact of NYSID and Disability Service Providers

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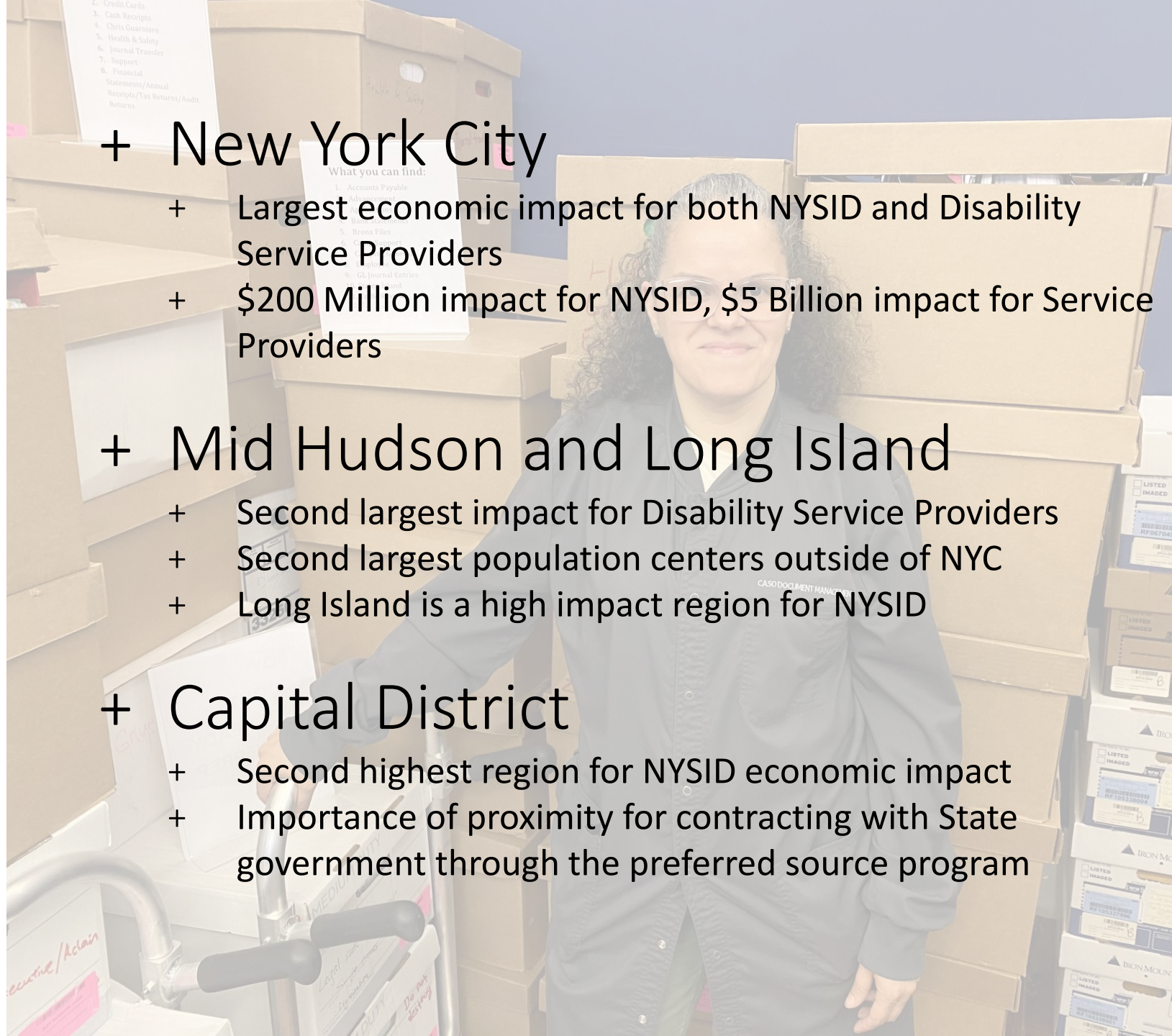
- + Largest economic impact for both NYSID and Disability Service Providers
- + \$200 Million impact for NYSID, \$5 Billion impact for Service Providers

+ Mid Hudson and Long Island

- + Second largest impact for Disability Service Providers
- + Second largest population centers outside of NYC
- + Long Island is a high impact region for NYSID

+ Capital District

- + Second highest region for NYSID economic impact
- + Importance of proximity for contracting with State government through the preferred source program



Persistent Challenges in Employment for People with Disabilities

- + Transforming Employment First from Principle to Policy
- + Incarceration and People with Disabilities
- + Federal Policy for SSI, SSDI, and other Social Safety Net Benefits

Transforming Employment First from Principle to Policy

- + Administrative Burden of the Preferred Source Program
- + Expanding the definition of “direct labor”
- + Expanding goods and services covered by the preferred source program

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