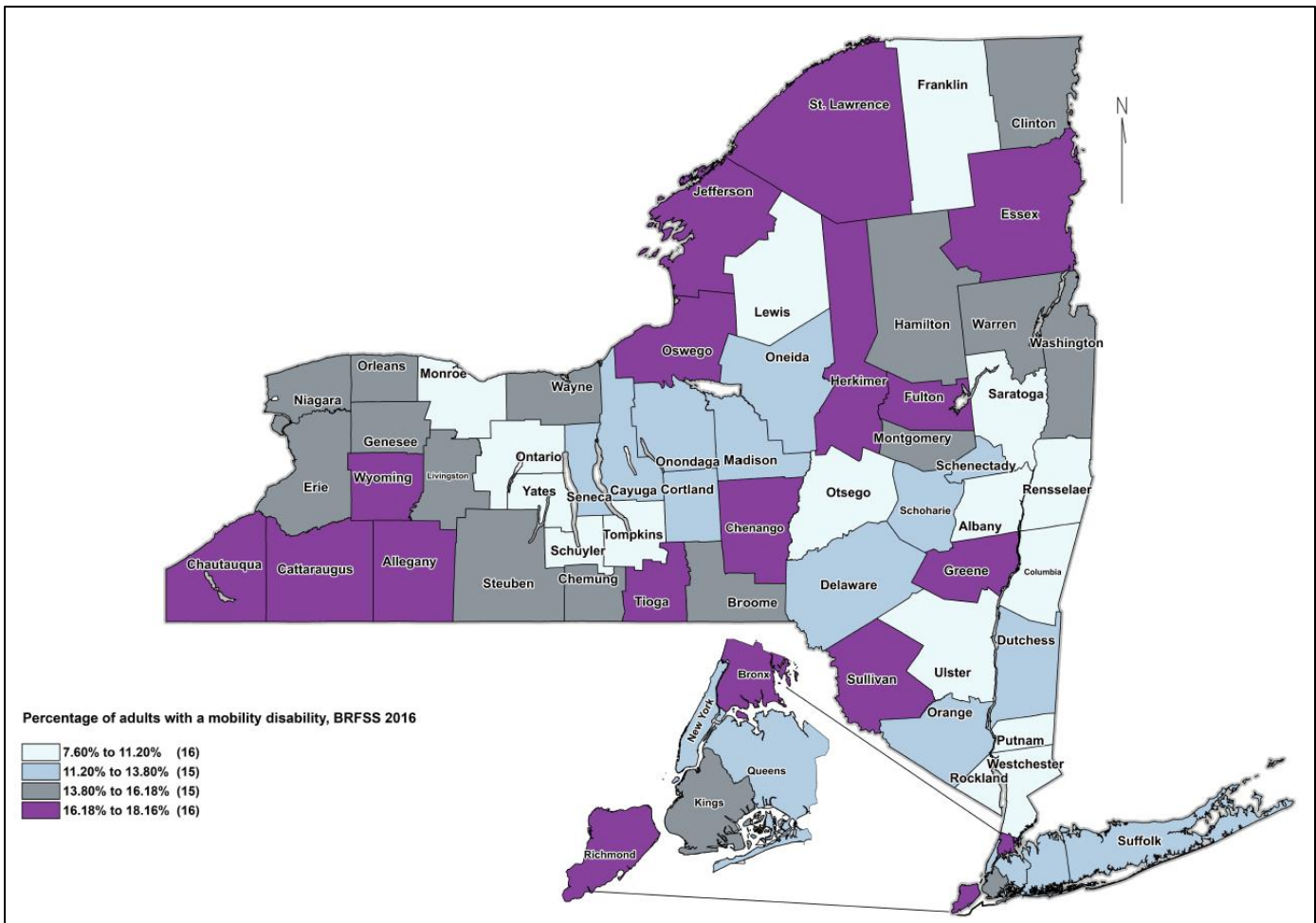


Percentage of Adults with a Mobility Disability in New York State, by County, BRFSS 2016

A disability is any condition of the body or mind that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities and interact with the world around them. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) captures disability status through a series of six questions. Mobility disability is defined in the BRFSS as answering “yes” to the question “Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?”

In NYS, 13.3% of adults have a mobility disability. The percentage varies across counties from 7.6% in Tompkins to 18.6% in Bronx.



Public Health Opportunity

Adults with a disability have a higher rate of chronic conditions such as obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Society, culture and environment can create barriers for people with disability that limit full participation in activities. These barriers need to be identified and eliminated if persons with disability are to participate in public health programs that promote healthy living. To reduce health disparities between people with and without disability, the New York State Department of Health works to improve inclusion and accessibility of health promotion programs; increase awareness of health-related disability policy initiatives; and improve sustainability of policy, system, and environmental changes that benefit the health of people with disability.

County level estimates can be used to identify areas of concern, inform program planning, and evaluate the effectiveness of programs and policies. Public health organizations and programs can also use this information to educate local decision-makers and increase community engagement.

Percentage of Adults with a Mobility Disability in New York State, by County

County	Percentage of adults with a mobility disability	95% CI	County	Percentage of adults with a mobility disability	95% CI
Albany	9.5	[6.8 – 12.2]	Niagara	14.0	[10.2 – 17.8]
Allegany	16.9	[12.2 - 21.5]	Oneida	12.3	[9.1 -15.5]
Bronx	18.6	[15.0 – 22.3]	Onondaga	12.0	[9.3 – 14.7]
Broome	14.7	[10.9 – 18.5]	Ontario	10.2	[6.6 – 13.8]
Cattaraugus	17.0	[13.1 – 20.9]	Orange	11.6	[8.7 – 14.4]
Cayuga	12.4	[8.9 – 15.8]	Orleans	15.3	[10.3 – 20.2]
Chautauqua	16.7	[13.4 – 20.1]	Oswego	17.4	[12.4 - 22.5]
Chemung	15.7	[11.9 - 19.6]	Otsego	10.1	[7.1 – 13.0]
Chenango	16.2	[10.8 – 21.5]	Putnam	10.0	[7.1 -12.9]
Clinton	15.1	[11.7 – 18.6]	Queens	12.8	[9.8 – 15.7]
Columbia	8.1	[5.5 – 10.7]	Rensselaer	11.1	[7.9 – 14.2]
Cortland	11.7	[8.4 – 15.0]	Richmond	16.2	[11.7 – 20.]
Delaware	13.3	[8.8 – 17.7]	Rockland	9.9	[6.2 – 13.5]
Dutchess	12.3	[8.6 – 16.0]	Saratoga	8.5	[6.1 – 10.9]
Erie	14.3	[11.2 – 17.4]	Schenectady	11.8	[8.2 – 15.4]
Essex	16.3	[10.3 – 22.3]	Schoharie	13.3	[9.1 – 17.6]
Franklin	11.0	[6.8 – 15.3]	Schuyler	10.8	[6.7 – 14.8]
Fulton	17.1	[12.5 – 21.8]	Seneca	13.6	[9.6 – 17.5]
Genesee	15.6	[12.0 – 19.3]	St. Lawrence	16.2	[11.9 - 20.5]
Greene	18.0	[13.2 – 22.8]	Steuben	14.8	[11.1 – 18.6]
Hamilton	14.0	[9.3 – 18.6]	Suffolk	12.8	[9.5 – 16.1]
Herkimer	17.2	[12.4 – 22.1]	Sullivan	17.1	[12.2 – 21.9]
Jefferson	16.5	[11.9 – 21.1]	Tioga	16.5	[11.5 – 21.6]
Kings	14.5	[11.9 – 17.1]	Tompkins	7.6	[4.6 – 10.7]
Lewis	10.9	[5.2 – 16.6]	Ulster	10.8	[7.7 – 13.9]
Livingston	14.3	[8.8 – 19.8]	Warren	14.5	[10.5 – 18.4]
Madison	11.5	[6.9 – 16.1]	Washington	14.1	[10.2 – 17.9]
Monroe	10.8	[8.0 – 13.6]	Wayne	16.1	[12.6 – 19.7]
Montgomery	14.8	[9.3 – 20.3]	Westchester	10.6	[7.8 – 13.5]
Nassau	12.9	[9.8 – 16.0]	Wyoming	17.8	[12.9 – 22.8]
New York	11.6	[9.4 – 13.9]	Yates	9.9	[6.0 – 13.8]

Notes. County estimates are not age-adjusted. Map categories do not represent statistically significant difference. Mobility disability includes respondents that responded 'Yes' to the question: Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

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