

Maricopa Association of Governments  
Social Services Block Grant  
**Developmental Disabilities Fact Sheet**  
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**1. Purpose Statement**

Provide assistance so people with developmental disabilities may live as independently as possible.

**2. Demographics (highlighted sections not updated)**

The American Community Survey and the US Census report on disabilities but do not offer data the way the State of Arizona defines developmental disabilities. As a result, data for persons with developmental disabilities not receiving services already from the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Division for Developmental Disabilities is not available. These data were reported by DES for July 2008. Of the 18,793 people described below, 330 of them receive services directly funded by locally planned SSBG.

**a. Age**

Birth to three years of age	2358
3.1 years to 18 years of age	9535
18.1 years to 50 years of age	5438
50.1 years to 89 years of age	1462
Total	18,793

**b. Race/ethnicity**

Alaska/American Indian	487
Asian/Pacific Island	399
Black or African American	1357
Hispanic or Latino	5646
White not Hispanic	10290
Other	431
Unknown	183
Total	18,793

**c. Gender**

Male	11839
Female	6954
Total	18793

**d. Income**

Eligible for Title XIX	13906
Not Eligible for Title XIX	4887
Total	18793

**e. Employment**

Eligible for Employment	2772
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Employed	1013
Wait listed	185
Total	3970

**f. Assistance levels:** See Income

**g. Disability rates**

Cognitive Disability	7652
Autism	2819
Cerebral Palsy	1691
Epilepsy	751
Other	5880
Total	18793

**h. Family status**

Living at home or on their own	17073
Group quarters	1720
Homeless	Unknown
Total	18793

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Demographic Data**

Data gathered from HMIS for Fiscal Year 2009 shows that 3,371, or twenty four percent, of people in shelter report having mental illness. In addition, 121 people, or one percent, report having a developmental disability and 175 people, or one percent, report dual diagnosis.

**3. Gaps and Impact**

**a. Wait list data**

Employment	185	increase of 44 people
Overall services	4684	increase of 203 people
Total	4869	increase of 247 people

**b. Number of people estimated to be eligible for services**

18,793 are currently enrolled and eligible for services.

**Section C not updated**

**c. Global impact of services**

People with developmental disabilities have much higher rates of unemployment. The state's unemployment rate as of August 1, 2008 was 5.7 percent. According to the DES Division for Developmental Disabilities (Division), the unemployment rate for persons with developmental disabilities is 70.2 percent.

When persons with developmental disabilities are employed, their salary tends to be much lower than the average for persons without developmental disabilities. The Division supplied the following statistics for people receiving services:

<b>Developmental Disability</b>	<b>% Employed</b>	<b>Average Annual Wage</b>
Cognitive Disability	29.5%	\$7,545
Epilepsy	32.3%	\$13,079
Cerebral Palsy	23.3%	\$22,178

The impact of this funding is that persons with developmental disabilities receive assistance that enables them to work, live as independently as possible and depend less on the community to provide for their care.

For example, according to the Division, the average employed person with developmental disabilities pays \$1,207 in taxes, no longer needs or qualifies for \$49,608 in state and local services, and receives only half of the Social Security Income benefit at \$2,432. This saves tax payers \$53,247 per person every year. This computes to a savings of \$32.71 for every SSBG dollar allocated to this target group.