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## Disability in Louisiana by the Numbers

**84,473**

Students age 3-21  
receive special  
education supports<sup>1</sup>

**38.70%**

of people with  
disabilities are  
employed<sup>2</sup>

&

**60**

14c certificate holders  
paying subminimum  
wages<sup>3</sup>

**\$ 1,631,650,409**

Medicaid expenditures  
for LTSS institutional  
care<sup>4</sup>

vs

**\$ 883,543,183**

Medicaid  
expenditures for  
HCBS<sup>4</sup>

**4,649,000**

Individuals with  
disabilities living  
in communities<sup>5</sup>

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