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Disability in Wisconsin by the Numbers

120,348

Students age 3-21 receive special education supports¹

51%

of people with disabilities are employed²

&

73

14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages³

\$998,943,878

Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care⁴

vs

\$3,166,496,398

Medicaid expenditures for HCBS⁴

5,822,000

Individuals with disabilities living in communities⁵

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