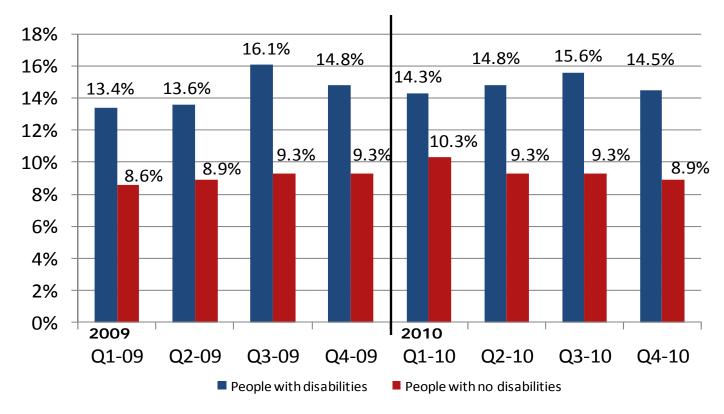
# Examining income risk factors for people with disabilities

2010 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Review January 2011



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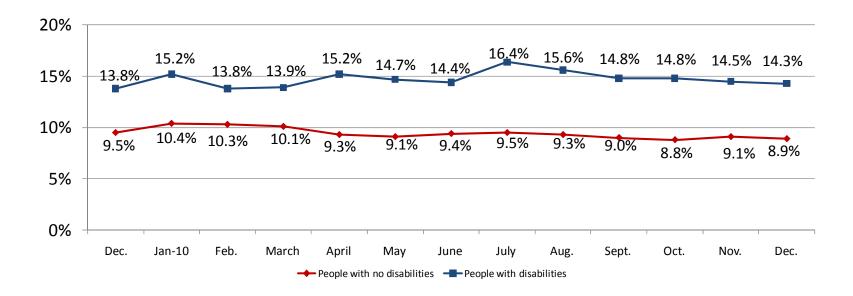
Unemployment rates for people with disabilities remained high throughout 2010. In the third quarter, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities reached the second-highest rate recorded since the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics began releasing this data in 2008 (highest was third quarter 2009). People with disabilities experienced an unemployment rate 57 percent higher than people with no disabilities in 2010.

Source: Allsup analysis based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data; not seasonally adjusted and includes those 16 and older.



The unemployment rates for people with disabilities and those with no disabilities remain high.

### 13-month unemployment rates



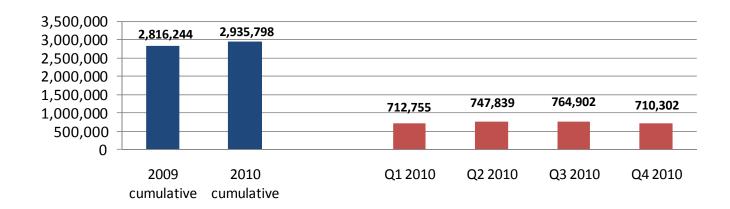
People with disabilities ended 2010 with 14.3 percent unemployment, which is higher than 13.8 percent unemployment in December 2009. Unemployment decreased for people with no disabilities from December 2009 to December 2010. People with disabilities consistently had higher rates of unemployment and greater volatility in their unemployment rates than those without disabilities in 2010.

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### SSDI applications



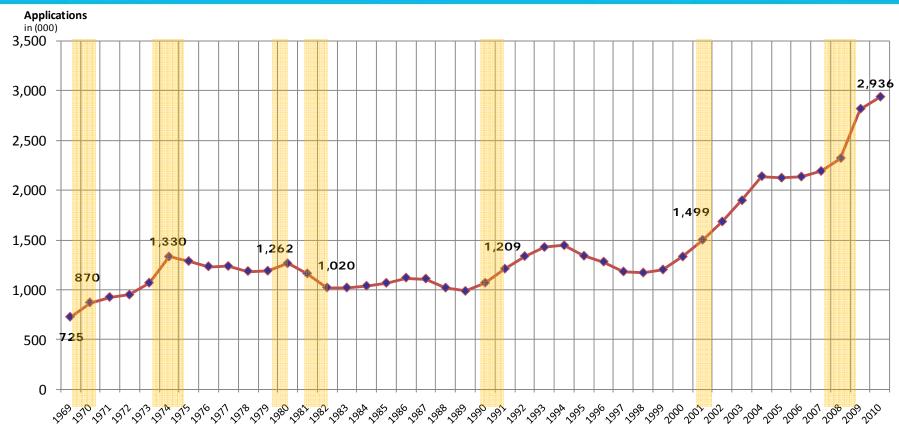
The number of people applying for Social Security Disability Insurance slowed in the fourth quarter; this also occurred in the fourth quarter of 2009. Overall, from 2009 to 2010, the number of people applying for SSDI benefits climbed by 4.2 percent.

Source: Allsup analysis based on Social Security Administration data.



### Recessions and Rise in SSDI Applications 1969-2010

SSDI applications tend to increase during recessions.



The level of SSDI applications has grown with each recession, except for the early 1980s. The latest recession ended in June 2009. However, SSDI applications continued to increase. More than 2.9 million people applied for SSDI in 2010, the highest number of applicants in any year. This indicates other factors also contributed, such as high long-term unemployment and the aging population. Seven recessions are documented for this period (shaded in yellow):

Dec. 1969-Nov. 1970 Nov. 1973-March 1975 Jan. 1980-July 1980 July 1981-Nov. 1982 July 1990-March 1991 March 2001-Nov. 2001 Dec. 2007-June 2009

Source: Allsup analysis based on Social Security Administration and National Bureau of Economic Research data.



#### **Background information**

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#### Allsup Disability Study:

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