

COMPARING VR SERVICES RATE BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE JOB SEEKERS ACROSS THE US

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People who apply for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services typically experience one of three outcomes:

- 1) they receive services and then get a job
- 2) they receive services and don't get a job
- 3) they do not receive any services

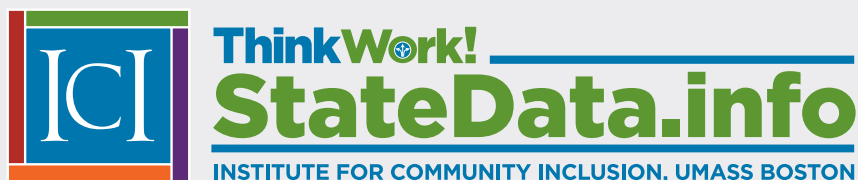
It is important to document the percentage of people who receive services, because receiving services is a key step toward securing employment.

[For more, see DataNote 75.](#)

In this data note, we explore differences in receiving VR services between Black job seekers and white job seekers.

We found that 85% of white job seekers who exited a VR program in 2022 received services. Comparably, 84% of Black job seekers who exited VR in 2022 received services. However, the discrepancy between Black and white job seekers was larger at the state level.

As Table 1 shows, a higher percentage of white job seekers received VR services than Black job seekers in 27 states. For 10 states, this difference was over 5% and up to 18% in Nebraska. In contrast, only two states reported more than 5% of Black job seekers who received services compared to white job seekers, including Tennessee, and Arizona.



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	Exited VR	Received Services	% Received services	Exited VR	Received Services	% Received services	Difference
	White			Black			
Alabama	547	496	91%	612	549	90%	-1%
Alaska	35	32	na	3	3	na	na
Arizona	346	298	86%	46	44	96%	10%
Arkansas	151	118	78%	72	48	67%	-11%
California	1,421	1,283	90%	323	287	89%	-1%
Colorado	527	421	80%	56	45	80%	0%
Connecticut	68	63	93%	49	45	92%	-1%
Delaware	89	81	91%	86	78	91%	0%
District Of Columbia	9	9	na	167	155	na	na
Florida	1,102	974	88%	693	594	86%	-3%
Georgia	403	369	92%	671	584	87%	-5%
Hawaii	6	4	na	0	0	na	na
Idaho	255	213	na	10	9	na	na
Illinois	859	778	91%	341	308	90%	0%
Indiana	930	787	85%	224	184	82%	-2%
Iowa	665	610	92%	85	78	92%	0%
Kansas	320	270	84%	63	44	70%	-15%
Kentucky	416	321	77%	73	56	77%	0%
Louisiana	116	90	78%	185	142	77%	-1%
Maine	341	286	na	9	8	na	na
Maryland	245	205	84%	348	282	81%	-3%
Massachusetts	265	240	91%	60	50	83%	-7%
Michigan	735	591	80%	318	250	79%	-2%
Minnesota	623	568	91%	107	82	77%	-15%
Mississippi	127	106	83%	253	209	83%	-1%
Missouri	703	574	82%	309	244	79%	-3%
Montana	114	101	na	1	1	na	na
Nebraska	398	303	76%	31	18	58%	-18%
Nevada	130	114	88%	41	34	83%	-5%
New Hampshire	116	102	na	0	0	na	na
New Jersey	293	247	84%	162	133	82%	-2%
New Mexico	189	142	na	15	12	na	na
New York	727	554	76%	360	272	76%	-1%
North Carolina	988	825	84%	1,429	1,150	80%	-3%
North Dakota	117	99	na	6	3	na	na
Ohio	2,011	1,696	84%	843	709	84%	0%
Oklahoma	282	218	77%	81	53	65%	-12%
Oregon	632	540	85%	39	27	69%	-16%
Pennsylvania	1,127	870	77%	334	266	80%	2%
Rhode Island	116	115	na	19	17	na	na
South Carolina	173	155	90%	306	265	87%	-3%
South Dakota	199	178	na	11	9	na	na
Tennessee	383	318	83%	175	162	93%	10%
Texas	1,242	1,148	92%	570	520	91%	-1%
Utah	417	352	na	9	6	na	na
Vermont	118	103	na	1	0	na	na
Virginia	555	482	87%	494	428	87%	0%
Washington	579	464	80%	58	38	66%	-15%
West Virginia	186	138	74%	21	13	62%	-12%
Wisconsin	1,033	841	81%	174	125	72%	-10%
Wyoming	83	66	na	2	2	na	na
US	23,512	19,958	85%	10,345	8,641	84%	-1%

Note. "na" means that fewer than 20 people exited VR and, therefore, computing a percentage would not have meaning.

