



Costs Incurred by People with Disabilities

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The growing body of evidence showing the strong correlation between disability and poverty underestimates the true impact of disability on the lives of people with disabilities and their families. Poverty lines are drawn with some notion of meeting a minimum level of basic needs. However, people with disabilities have additional needs that generate extra costs of living, both on special expenditures such as assistive technology and personal supports and also on general items such as medical care and transportation. Not accounting for these costs thus overestimates their well-being relative to households without members with disabilities. This Special Issue will explore various approaches to measuring these costs, the amount and types of expenditures currently being made as well as those needed for equal participation, and the implication of accounting for these costs in analyzing the impact of disability on people's social and economic well-being and designing policies that take these costs into account.





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