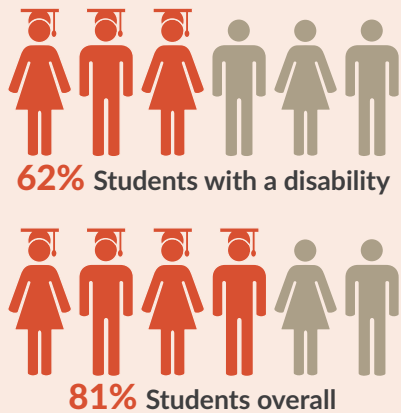


# Why Is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Important for Employment Success for Students With Disabilities?

## College and Career Readiness Gaps Persist for Students With Disabilities

Persons with a disability are less likely to graduate on-time, attend college or be employed compared to those without a disability. The disparity in employment between those with or without a disability continues for those who attend college.

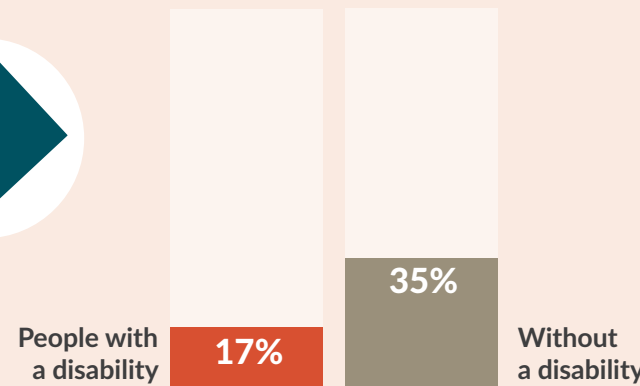
### Lower on-time high school graduation rate



Source: U.S. Department of Education, OESE, Consolidated State Performance Report, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13

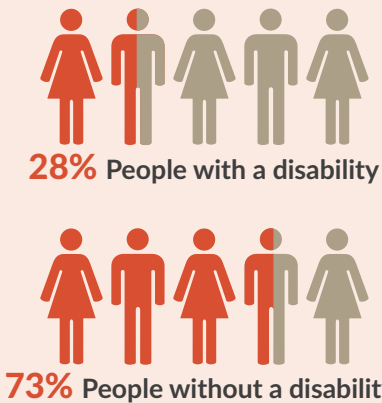
### Less likely to hold a bachelor's degree

Graduated college with a bachelor's degree or higher



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Current Population Survey

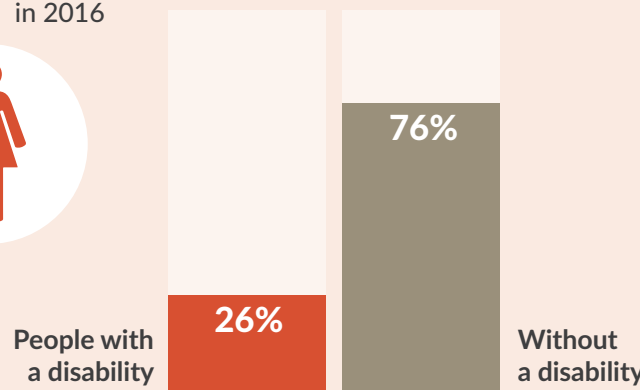
### Lower employment rates: working-age



Sources: *The Employment Situation*. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017; and *Persons With a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics*. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/disabl.nr0.htm>

### Lower employment rates: bachelor's degree

Employed people with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2016



## CTE Participation Improves College and Career Readiness Outcomes

Students with a disability who are CTE concentrators\* have better outcomes.



3% fewer unexcused absences



5% more likely to graduate high school on time



20% more likely to be employed after graduation

\*CTE concentrator is a student who has taken at least four courses of CTE in high school.

Source: *Career and Technical Education, Inclusion, and Postsecondary Outcomes for Students with Disabilities*, CALDER Center, 2017.

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