



Idaho State Independent Living Council

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Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC)

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) is Idaho's only statewide, cross-disability organization dedicated to independent living and full community inclusion governed by a majority of people with disabilities in service to people with disabilities across the lifespan.



2024 Idaho SILC members and staff

Mission

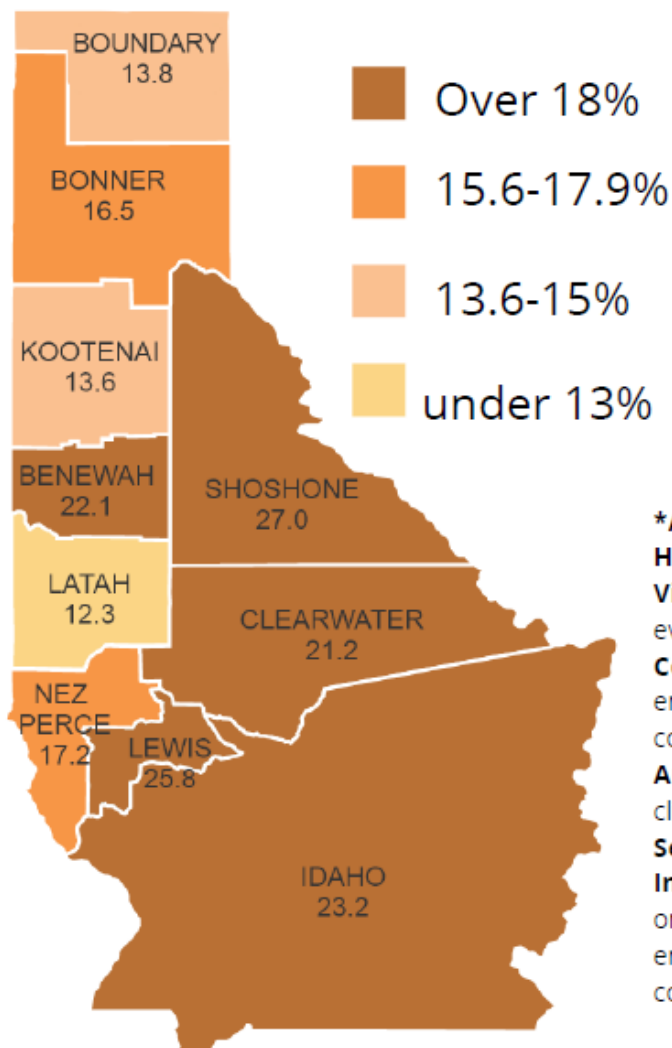
We elevate the voices of people with disabilities, breaking down systemic barriers to inclusion and integration through advocacy and enhancing the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently, direct their lives and strengthen their communities.

We envision an Idaho where disability is respected as a natural part of the human experience and people with disabilities are included and valued.

Map Legend

Idaho Disabled Population percentage by county

*US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019



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Vision: Blind or having significant vision loss, even when wearing glasses

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Ambulatory: Significant difficulty walking or climbing stairs

Self-care: Difficulty bathing or dressing

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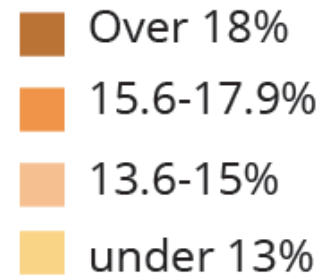
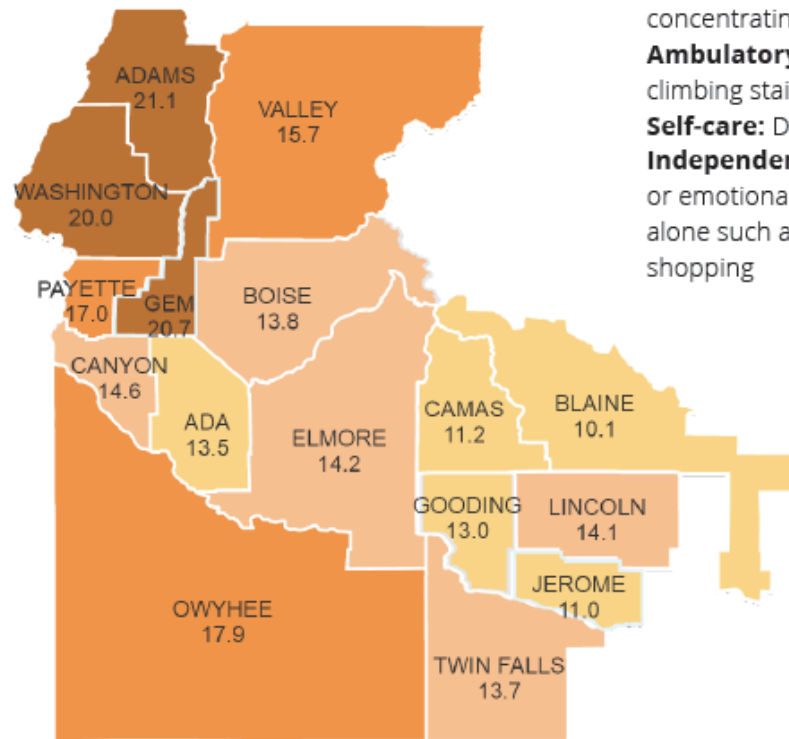
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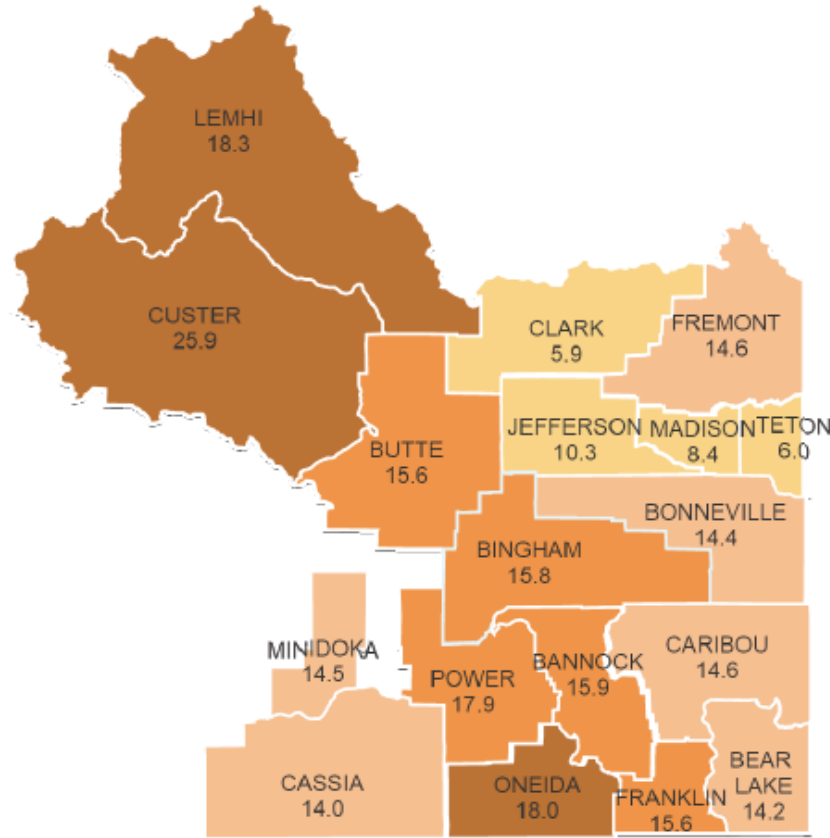
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- Over 18%
- 15.6-17.9%
- 13.6-15%
- under 13%



- The Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC) was established as a state entity in 2004 in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The SILC's statutory authority is found in Title 56 Chapter 12, Idaho Code.
- Idaho Statute §56-1204(1) states that the Council shall... [among other things]
 - Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers



We Traveled North, South, East & West

2025 - 2027 State Plan

Goal #1

The Idaho IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of Idahoans with disabilities across lifespan and cultures.

Goal #2

The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective network collaboration, leadership development and resources.

Goal #3

Idahoans with disabilities receive the community-based supports and services they need to live in their community with greater independence.

Advocate with Decision Makers

Working	Working with and educating emergency planners and responders about the needs of people with disabilities during a large or small crisis.
Teaching	Teaching medical providers and business owners how to create welcoming places for people across many types of disabilities.
Working	Working with community leaders and housing providers toward greater community access, including curb cuts, accessible parking or alternate forms of communication during meetings, and affordable, accessible housing.
Educating	Educating legislators and our congressional delegation about the value of financial independence, healthcare, housing, education, employment and transportation for people with disabilities.
Helping	Helping people with disabilities share their stories about the successes and shortcomings of Idaho's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).
Working	Working toward solutions and celebrating success.

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Any Questions?!

