



Beyond Employment Rates Series

Self-employment

Percentage Employed in Each Class of Worker Category

Visually Impaired versus Sighted

68.2 percent of visually impaired individuals are employed by private for-profits.

69.0 percent of sighted individuals are employed by private for-profits.

13.8 percent of visually impaired individuals are employed by the government.

13.9 percent of sighted individuals are employed by the government.

9.7 percent of visually impaired individuals are self-employed.

8.9 percent of sighted individuals are self-employed.

8.2 percent of visually impaired individuals are employed by private non-profits.

8.1 percent of sighted individuals are employed by private non-profits.

Annual Earnings of Visually Impaired Self-employed Versus Other Classes of Worker

Self Employed (Men)

Median = \$28,116. Average = \$51,703.

Other Classes of Worker (Men)

Median = \$32,225. Average = \$44,834.

Self Employed (Women)

Median = \$17,553. Average = \$31,027.

Other Classes of Worker (Women)

Median = \$24,452. Average = \$32,947.

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