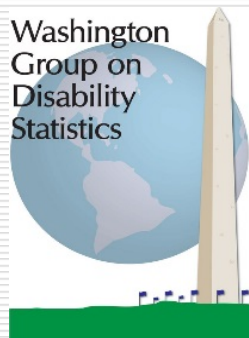


# Using the WG Short Set in the US: Results from the US National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

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# NHIS History and Design

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- First fielded in July 1957 and continuously ever since
  - Collect and disseminate data on the health status, functioning and health care access of the U.S. non-institutionalized population
  - Address-based, multi-stage, clustered national sample of housing units from every state, to be representative of the civilian noninstitutionalized US population.
  - In-person interviews by Census interviewers, with follow-up by telephone if needed.
  - Continuous, with quarterly and annual data files.
  - Complete interviews for 35,000+ households annually, about 87,500 persons.
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# Uses of the NHIS Data

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- Primary source for monitoring trends in a range of core topics
    - *Health, U.S.*
    - Healthy People
    - Dashboards and indicators
  - Address specific issues of ongoing and emergent public health concern
  - Ability to relate different aspects of health, health care and risk and protective factors including socioeconomic status
  - Research
  - Policy and program evaluation
  - Benchmark
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# NHIS Redesign

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## Why redesign?

- Most recent major content redesign occurred in 1997
- Respondent burden increasing and response rates decreasing

## Why now?

- Reduce respondent burden
  - Improve data quality
  - Necessary sampling frame redesign in 2016 introduced additional complexity
  - Long-term planning can help sponsors target content
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# NHIS Disability Content

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Before 2019 redesign:

- ADLs
- IADLs
- **Basic Actions Difficulties**
- Complex Activity Limitations
- Personal Care
- ACS Set
- Age of onset
- WG Short Set
- WG Extended Set
- Work Limitation
- Social Activity Limitation
- Participation Limitation

After 2019 redesign:

- **WG Short Set**
  - WG Extended Set
  - Work Limitation
  - Social Activity Limitation
  - Participation Limitation
  - WG-UNICEF Child Module
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# Basic Actions vs. WG-SS Measures

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## Basic Actions Difficulties

### Vision

Do you have any trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses?

(yes / no)

### Hearing

Without the use of your hearing aids or other listening devices, is your hearing:

(excellent / good / a little trouble / moderate trouble / a lot of trouble / deaf)

## WG Short Set

### Vision

Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?

(no / some / a lot / cannot do)

### Hearing

Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?

(no / some / a lot / cannot do)

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# Basic Actions vs. WG-SS Measures

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## Basic Actions Difficulties

### Movement

By yourself, and without equipment, how difficult is it for you to:

- Walk a quarter of a mile?
- Walk up 10 steps without resting?
- Stand or be on your feet for 2 hours?
- Sit for about 2 hours?
- Stoop, bend, or kneel?
- Reach up over your head?
- Use your fingers to grasp or handle small objects?
- Lift or carry something as heavy as 10 pounds?

(not at all difficult / only a little difficult / somewhat difficult / very difficult / can't do at all)

## WG Short Set

### Mobility

Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?

(no / some / a lot / cannot do)

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# Basic Actions vs. WG-SS Measures

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## Basic Actions Difficulties

### Cognition

Are you limited by difficulty remembering?  
(yes / no)

### Emotional

During the past 30 days, how often did you feel: so sad that nothing could cheer you up? Nervous? Restless or fidgety? Hopeless? That everything was an effort? Worthless?  
(6 separate questions; scale based on values assigned to responses - all / most / some / a little / none of the time)

## WG Short Set

### Cognition

Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?  
(no / some / a lot / cannot do)

### Self-Care

Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing?



# Comparison of Prevalence: WG-SS and Basic Actions

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The prevalence of disability will vary, depending on the measures used. Differences between the measures account for these variations in prevalence.

Functioning Measure	Prevalence
<b>WG-SS</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Basic actions	
Full set (sensory, cognition, emotional, movement)	24.9
Reduced ( <i>minus</i> emotional)	24.0
Reduced ( <i>minus</i> emotional & non-matching movement)	<b>19.3</b>

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**Reference population:** U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population, aged 18 and over.

**Source:** US National Health Interview Survey, 2013-2016, weighted.

# Comparison of Agreement: WG-SS and Basic Actions - Full

Functioning Measure	Basic Actions – Full Set	
	No Disability	Disability
N = 66,105	Percent	Percent
<b>WG-SS</b>		
No Disability	73.8	16.8
Disability	1.2	8.2

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# Comparison of Agreement: WG-SS and Basic Actions - Reduced

Functioning Measure	Basic Actions – Reduced Set	
	No Disability	Disability
N = 66,105	Percent	Percent
<b>WG-SS</b>		
No Disability	78.9	11.7
Disability	1.9	7.5

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# Characteristics by Measure: Disability, by sex

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Functioning Measure	Male	Female
Disabled: "yes"	Percent	Percent
<b>WG-SS</b>	43.1	56.9
<b>Basic Actions Reduced</b>	41.6	58.4

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# Characteristics by Measure: Disability, by age

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Functioning Measure	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+
Disabled: "yes"	Percent				
<b>WG-SS</b>	5.2	15.9	36.7	18.0	24.1
<b>Basic Actions Reduced</b>	5.7	19.6	38.9	17.3	18.5

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# Non-Agreement: Which Basic Actions Domains?

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For those who were *not* identified by the WG-SS as disabled, but *were* identified as disabled by Basic Actions:

	<u>any mention</u>	<u>only</u>
● Vision:	8.3%	7.0%
● Hearing:	1.0%	0.7%
● Walking:	3.4%	1.5%
● Stairs:	1.7%	0.3%
● Cognition:	1.9%	1.0%

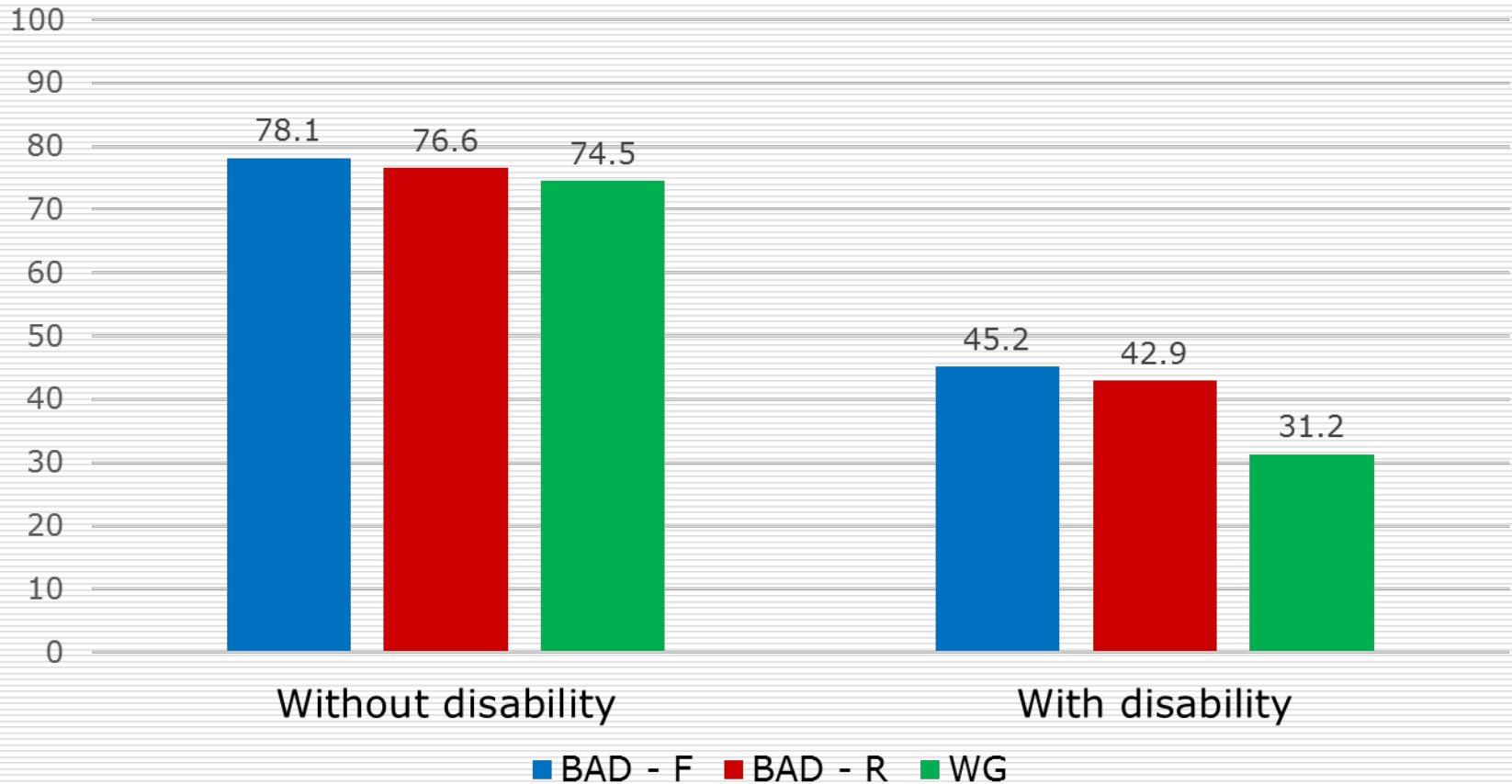
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# Percent Employed, 18-64 years

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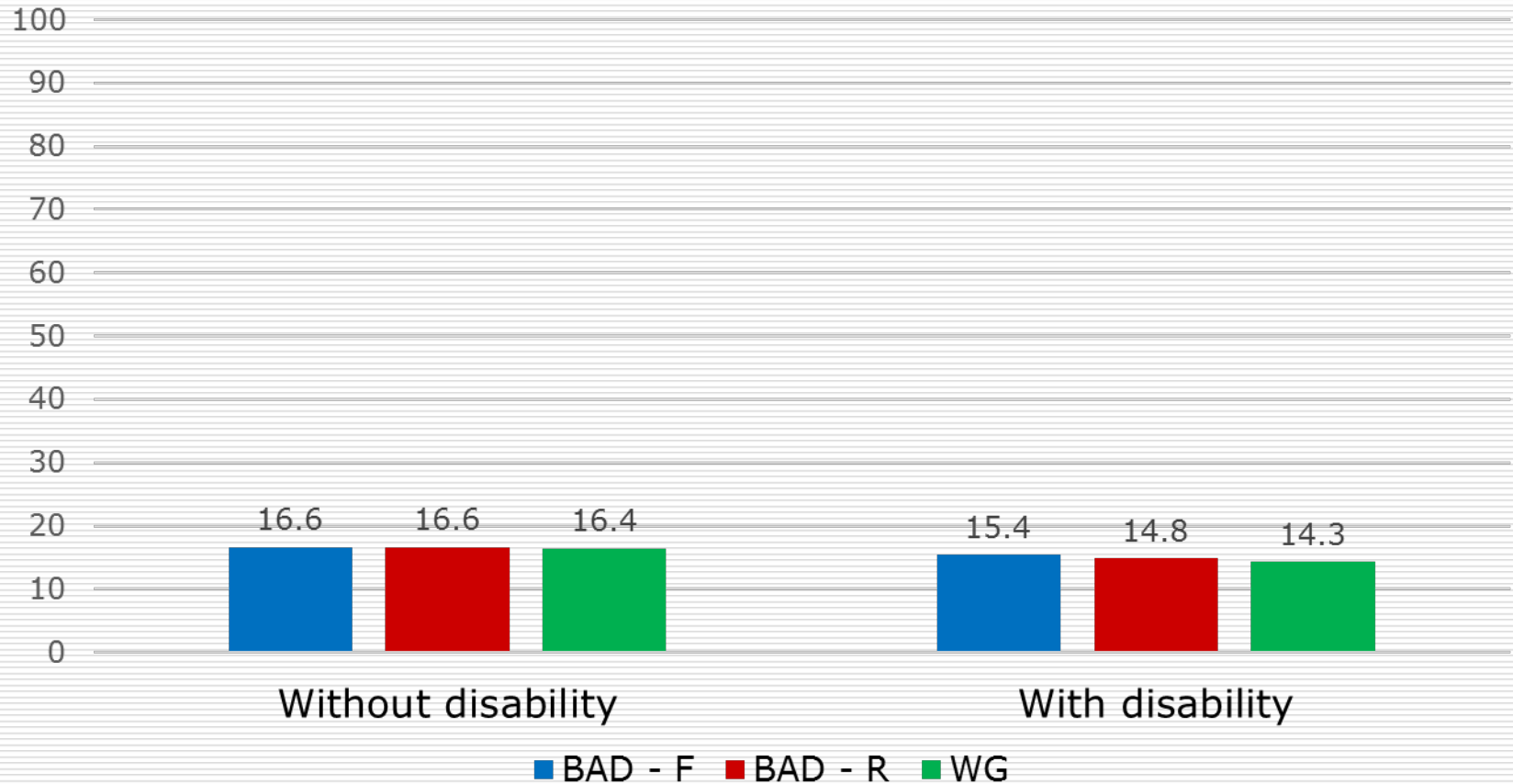


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# Percent Not Currently Insured, 18-64 years

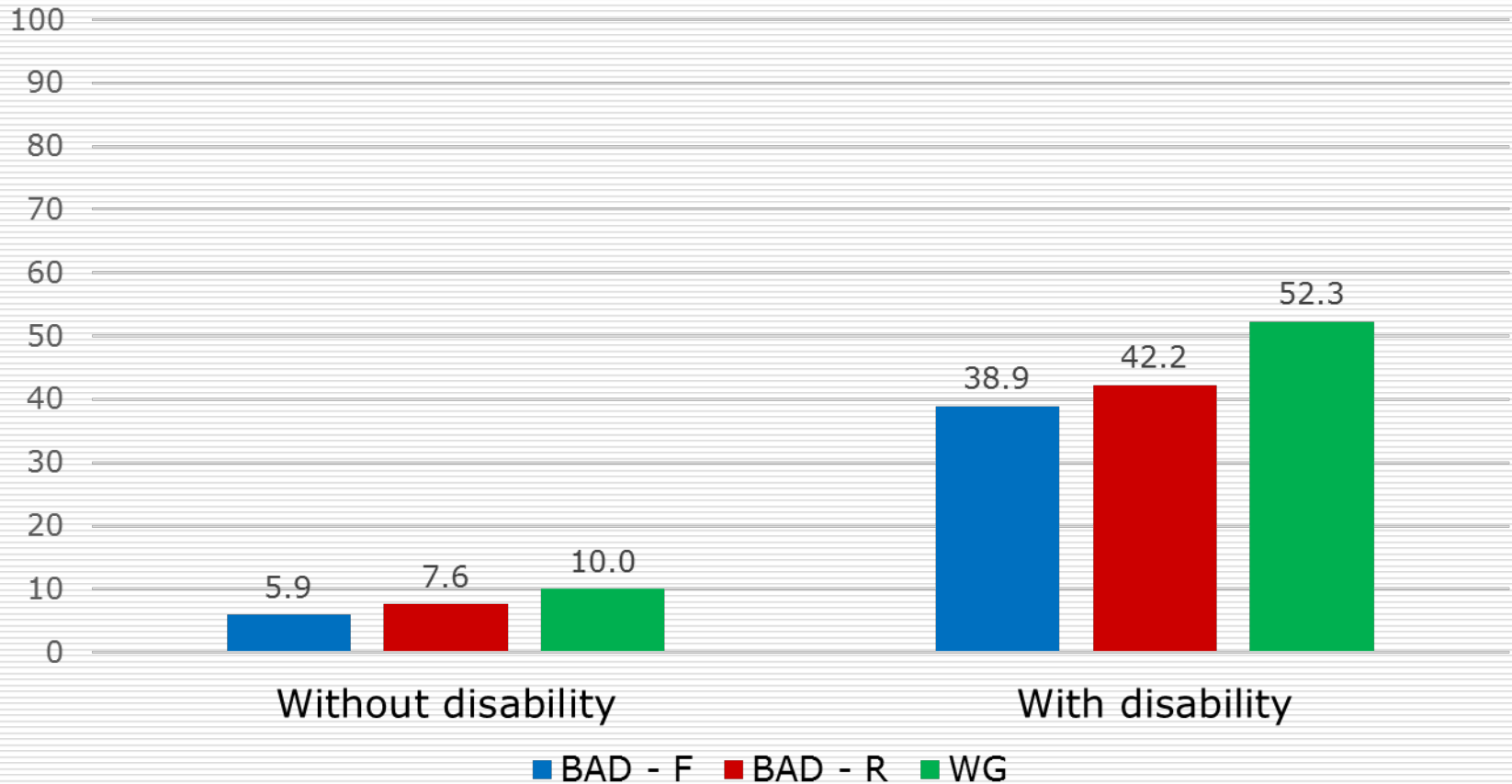


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# Percent in Fair-Poor Health, 18+

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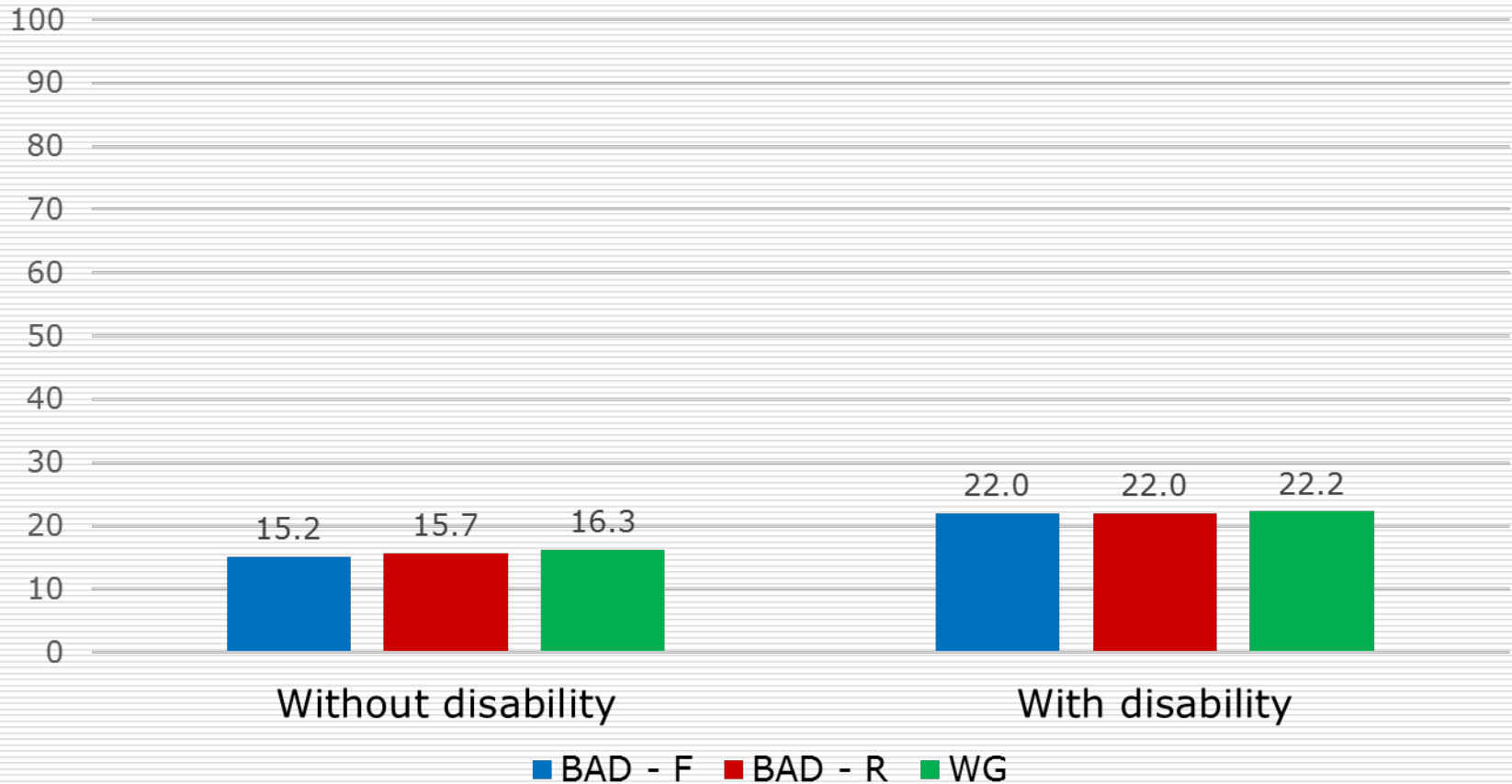


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# Percent Current Smokers, 18+

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# Discussion

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