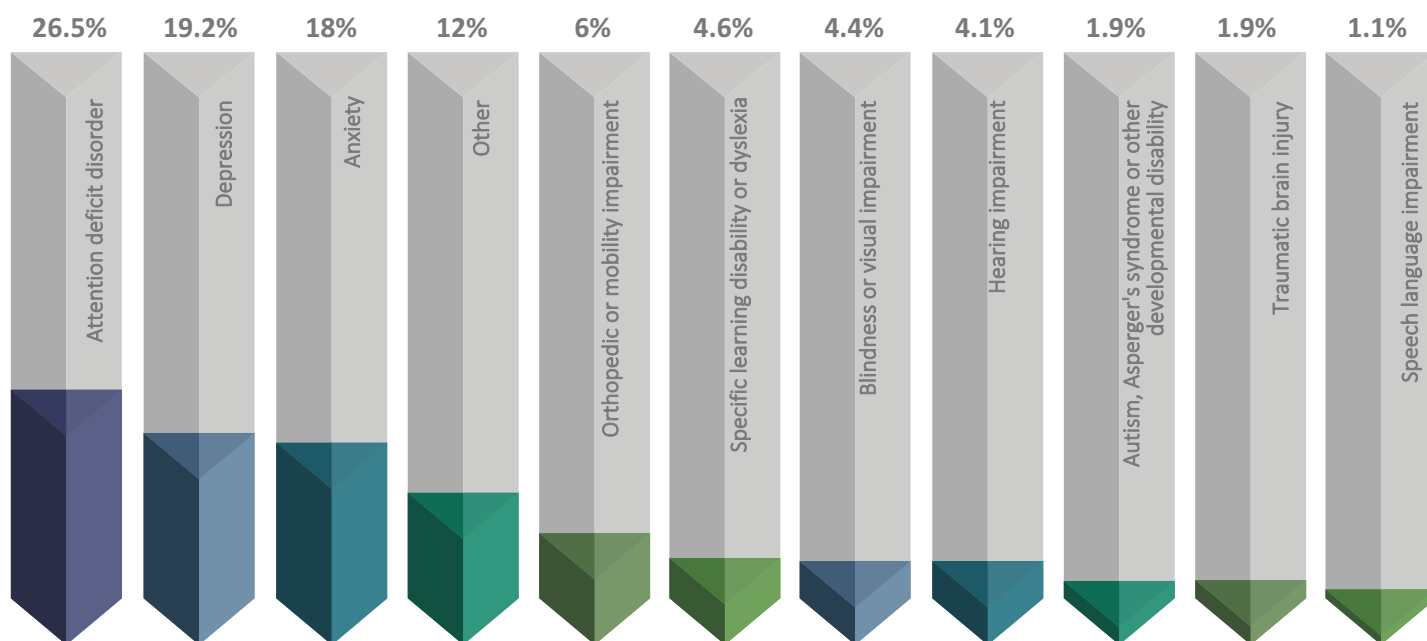


## Students with disabilities

*Of the 20 percent of students at community colleges who identify as having a disability, more than one-quarter report that they suffer from ADD or ADHD and almost 20 percent suffer from depression.*

### Community college students with disabilities, 2015-16



**Source:** AACC analysis of National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), 2015-16 Undergraduates Data Sets, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, July 2018. Data retrieved on July 3, 2018.

**Editor's note:** NPSAS disability data are obtained through self-reporting surveys.



In 2015-16, about one-fifth of the 7.2 million students enrolled at community colleges reported having a disability, according to federal data. That compares to 17 percent at public four-year institutions and 23.5 percent at proprietary institutions. Of the community college students reporting a disability, 26.5 percent identified attention deficit disorders (ADD or ADHD) as their disability. The rate of ADD/ADHD has increased by 4.5 percentage points, up from 22 percent reported in 2011-12. Thirty-seven percent of community college students indicated depression or anxiety as a disability. That represents a 5 percentage point increase from 2011-12 among those reporting depression. (Anxiety was a new category in the 2015-16 sample survey.)

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