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Comparing Louisiana's Outcomes to Other States'

Are you interested in how Louisiana compares to other states in terms of outcomes of services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families? Do you want to know if Louisianans with developmental disabilities and their families are satisfied with the supports and services they receive, participate in their communities, have friends, and feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods? All of this information, and more, is available at your fingertips.

Louisiana is one of thirty-nine states that voluntarily participate in the [National Core Indicators Project](#), a collaborative effort between the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Human Services Research Institute. The purpose of the program is to gather a standard set of performance and outcome measures that can be used to track performance over time, to compare results across states, and to establish national benchmarks.

A random sample of individuals with developmental disabilities (or their families) who receive state developmental disability supports and services are selected and asked various questions regarding their satisfaction with those services and how their lives are improved as a result. There are different interviews conducted for families of children, families of adults, and adults with developmental disabilities living in the community or in residential facilities. According to survey results, the overwhelming majority of respondents in Louisiana report that they or their family member receive the supports and services they need. However, one area where improvement is notably needed is in employment. Only 14 percent of adults with developmental disabilities report having a paid job in the community and a large percentage of those are in group/mobile crews. View all of [Louisiana's survey results](#).

The National Core Indicators website includes a wealth of information and even allows visitors to [generate their own charts](#) comparing selected data from different states. It's worth checking out!