

WHO WE ARE

Since 1963, the Department of Rehabilitation has believed in the talent and potential of individuals with disabilities. We meet our program participants where they are in life and provide training and support to meet their individual needs. Working closely with local service providers and businesses, our program participants gain skills and abilities to help live, work, shop, and play where they choose.

OUR IMPACT

The primary program administered by DOR is the Vocational Rehabilitation program. This program provides a wide range of services designed to assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for and engage in meaningful employment consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice.

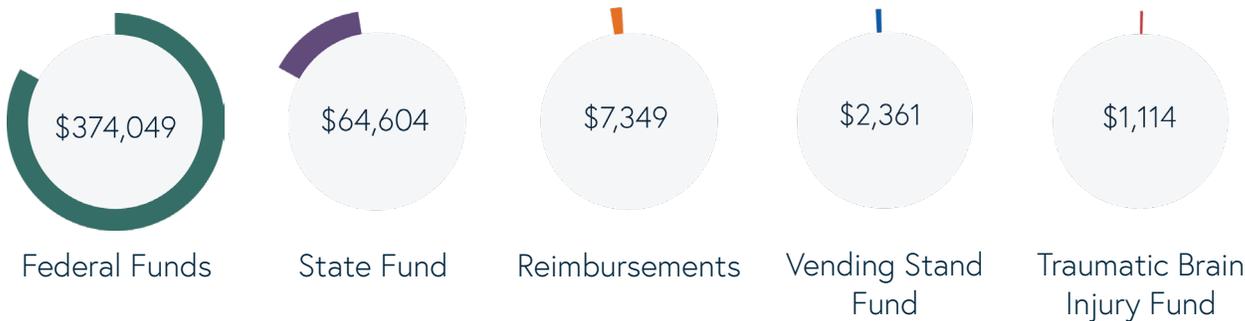
DOR also offers Specialized Services. These services recognize the need for a more formalized and tailored approach to providing vocational rehabilitation, job training, and placement services to individuals with sensory disabilities.

1,800
Public Servants

86
Offices

101,750
Total Participants

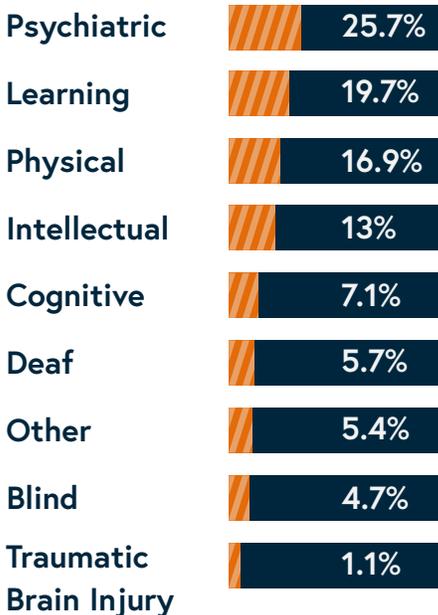
FUNDING STRUCTURE (In Thousands, State Fiscal Year 17–18)



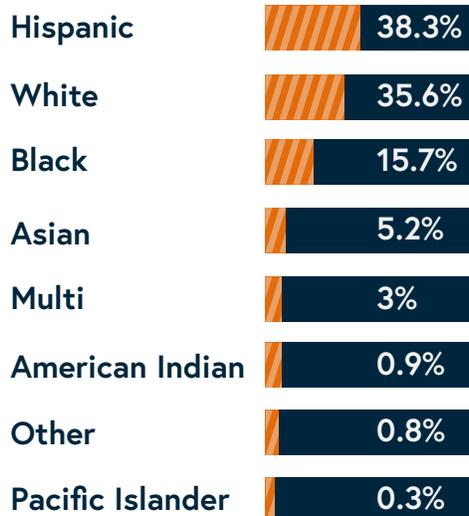
\$449,477
Total

DEMOGRAPHICS (Vocational Rehabilitation Program Only)

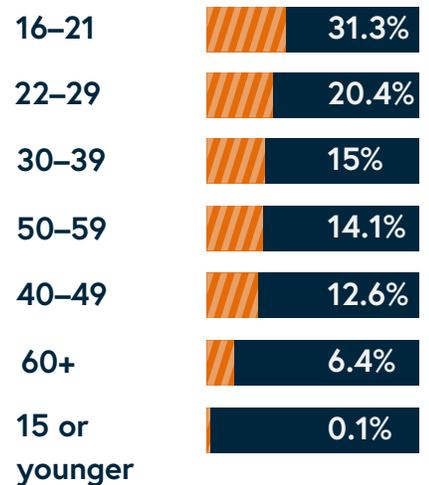
Primary Disability



Ethnicity/Race



Age



DOR STUDENT SERVICES

We expanded our commitment to students with disabilities aged 16–21 statewide by providing and promoting access to career exploration, post-secondary counseling, work skills, and self-advocacy training as well as work-based learning. Pre-Employment Transition Services are provided in partnership with education and workforce partners to increase the successful transition of students with disabilities in the workforce.

Alex, a high school senior in DOR's Student Services Program has his sights set on becoming a biochemist. In collaboration with local educational agencies, Alex received assistance with resume building, interview skills training, and social skills development. He is currently employed in a paid work experience program to earn income to purchase a computer for college.

16,765 Students Served

OUR STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAM PARTNERS

DOR collaborated and engaged partners from education, business, workforce, and community at all levels, to leverage the needed resources to collectively serve our participants effectively.

208 Health, Welfare, and Education Programs

250 Community Rehabilitation Programs

INDEPENDENT LIVING & COMMUNITY ACCESS SERVICES

DOR's Community Living Services network is dedicated to the idea that communities should be fully accessible and integrated to all persons with disabilities. Our Community Living Services network includes: Independent Living, Assistive Technology, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Disability Access Services Programs, and Older Individuals who are Blind. These programs serve California's people, businesses and public entities by providing education, advocacy, and partnerships that transform the lives of people with disabilities in a variety of ways.

28 Independent Living Centers

17,630 Californians Served

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

We provided federal grant funds to 7 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) centers across the state. These centers assist TBI survivors integrate back into their community.

893 Californians with TBI served

NOTICE ABILITIES



As soon as I got that laptop and I was able to work, I worked eight hours a day — I loved it!

Jerri Schlachter

PARTICIPANT JOBS



Clerical & Administrative



Sales & Retail



Education



Agricultural



Information & Technology

10,470

DOR Participants hired

+6%

Average hourly wage increase

62,912

Jobs posted

6,000 +

Business partners

3,647

Service Providers/
Caregivers