

*Transforming the lives of young adults with disabilities through the power of a job.*

**400K**

400,000 students with disabilities leave the U.S. public school system each year.<sup>1</sup>

**3X**

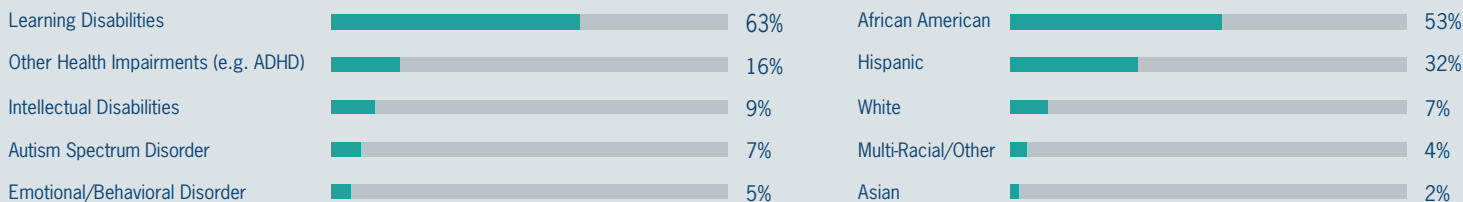
Youth with disabilities are 3 times as likely to be unemployed as their peers without disabilities.<sup>2</sup>



**Since 1989, Bridges has worked with more than 24,000 young adults and 5,000 employers in 12 cities across the country.**

**Demographics of young adults served:**

♂ **60% Male**      ♀ **40% Female**



**98%**

of participants report a positive Bridges experience while 95% of employers are satisfied with the performance of Bridges youth.



Top industries for placements: retail, food service, recreation and office services.



Program participants earn an average of \$13.00 per hour and work roughly 25 hours per week, building a foundation for vocational growth and success as they move from adolescence to adulthood.



Bridges has an 88% job placement rate and an 80% 90-day retention rate.

1. U.S. Department of Education  
2. U.S. Department of Labor