Estimating Relationship between Type of Disability and Labor Force Participation: A Community Based Study in Iran

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ABSTRACT

In this study we tried to find what type of disability has more effect on labor force participation. A 1500 community based data of disabled people in ten provinces of Iran was used in this study. Logistic model was used to show the effects of disability type on labor force participation. Sex, age, marriage status, education, usual living ability and communication ability were adjusted in the model. The results of this study showed that people with mental disability and hereditary disability went less to work in comparison with others. Because of the financial concerns of disabled people, policy makers must find solutions to help disabled people to go more to work.

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