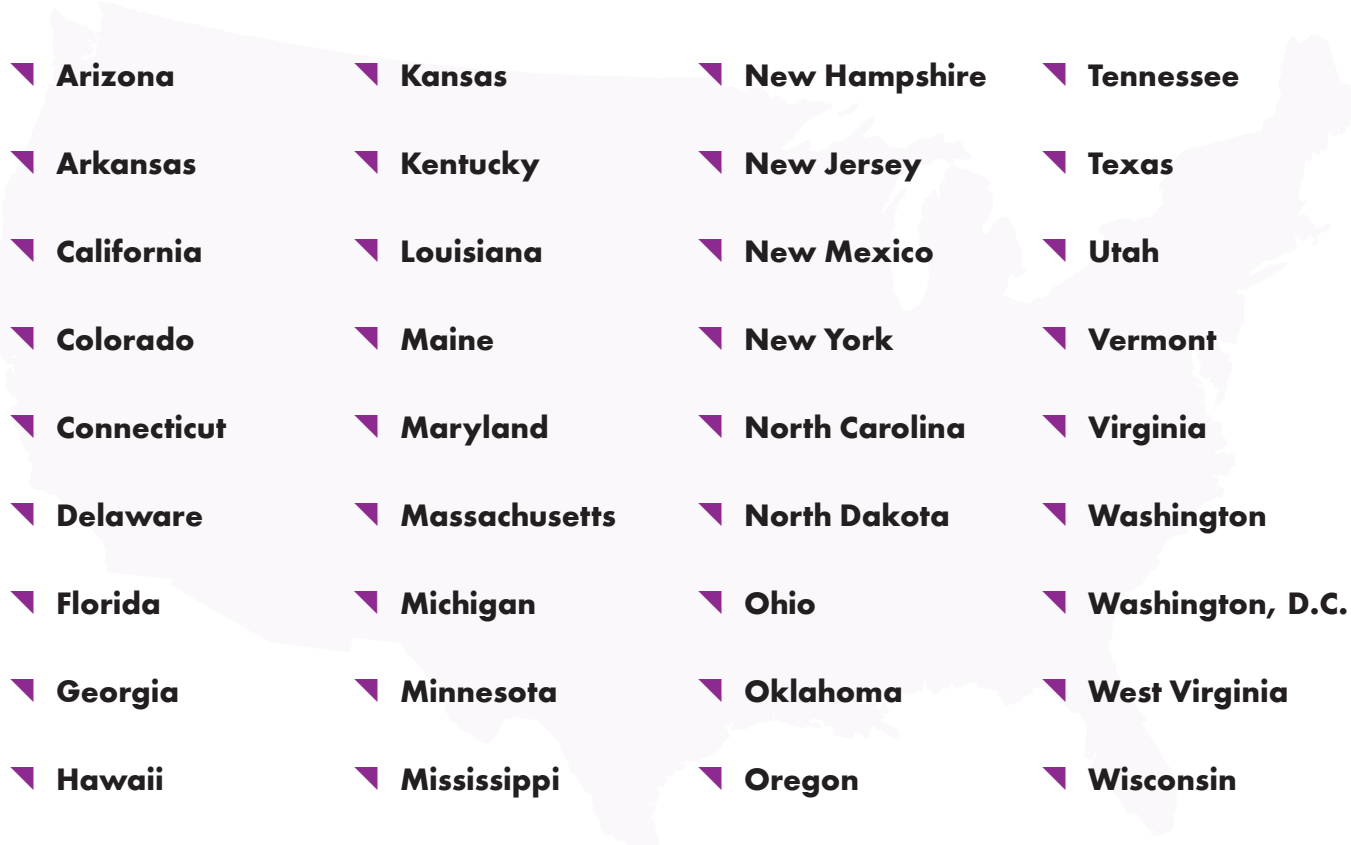


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Alabama: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **30%** of the population in Alabama. That's **1,200,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **119,000** people in Alabama living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 954,000** adults in Alabama have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Alabama with arthritis, **53%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Adults with arthritis often have one or more chronic conditions.

- Mental Health:** Anxiety and depression affect **1/3** of U.S. adults with arthritis 45 years of age or older
- Diabetes:** **39.3%** of adults in AL with diabetes also have arthritis
- Heart Disease:** **41.5%** of adults in AL with heart disease also have arthritis
- Obesity:** **32.7%** of adults in AL who are obese also have arthritis

You can make a difference for people living with arthritis in Alabama by advocating for key priorities.

Federal

- Workforce:** Addresses the pediatric rheumatology workforce shortage through federal loan repayment programs.
- Congressional Arthritis Caucus:** Grows the bipartisan Arthritis Caucus, a forum to educate Members of Congress about the most pressing issues facing people with arthritis.

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Alaska: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Alaska. That's **120,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **23,000** people in Alaska living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 81,000** adults in Alaska have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Alaska with arthritis, **45%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

We are helping people living with arthritis achieve their Ideal Model of Care by:

- Making healthcare more affordable by lowering out-of-pocket costs.
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Arizona: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Arizona. That's **1,275,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **168,000** of the people in Arizona living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 848,000** adults in Arizona have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Arizona with arthritis, **42%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Arkansas: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **27%** of the population in Arkansas. That's **640,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **70,000** people in Arkansas living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 506,000** adults in Arkansas have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Arkansas with arthritis, **55%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Adults with arthritis often have one or more chronic conditions.

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California: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **18%** of the population in California. That's **5,585,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **542,000** people in California living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 3,895,000** adults in California have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in California with arthritis, **43%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
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Colorado: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Colorado. That's **1,017,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **127,000** people in Colorado living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 582,000** adults in Colorado have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Colorado with arthritis, **43%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and 41% said their health worsened.
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Connecticut: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Connecticut. That's **625,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **56,000** people in Connecticut living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 388,000** adults in Connecticut have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Connecticut with arthritis, **35%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Delaware: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Delaware. That's **202,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **23,000** people in Delaware living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 124,000** adults in Delaware have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Delaware with arthritis, **44%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Florida: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Florida. That's **3,919,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **492,000** of the people in Florida living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 2,740,000** adults in Florida have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Florida with arthritis, **46%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Georgia: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **24%** of the population in Georgia. That's **2,004,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **228,000** of the people in Georgia living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,354,000** adults in Georgia have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Georgia with arthritis, **42%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Hawaii: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **17%** of the population in Hawaii. That's **196,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **37,000** people in Hawaii living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 126,000** adults in Hawaii have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Hawaii with arthritis, **38%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Idaho: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **23%** of the population in Idaho. That's **347,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **42,000** people in Idaho living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 202,000** adults in Idaho have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Idaho with arthritis, **41%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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Illinois: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Illinois. That's **2,126,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **201,000** people in Illinois living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,469,000** adults in Illinois have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Illinois with arthritis, **35%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Indiana: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Indiana. That's **1,340,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **134,000** people in Indiana living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 876,147** adults in Indiana have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Indiana with arthritis, **46%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Iowa: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **23%** of the population in Iowa. That's **574,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **64,000** people in Iowa living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 319,000** adults in Iowa have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Iowa with arthritis, **34%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Kansas: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **23%** of the population in Kansas. That's **510,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **64,000** of the people in Kansas living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 345,000** adults in Kansas have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Kansas with arthritis, **36%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Kentucky: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **29%** of the population in Kentucky. That's **1,028,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **93,000** of the people in Kentucky living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 827,000** adults in Kentucky have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Kentucky with arthritis, **51%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Louisiana: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in Louisiana. That's **919,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **92,000** of the people in Louisiana living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 687,000** adults in Louisiana have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Louisiana with arthritis, **45%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Maine: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in Maine. That's **303,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **37,000** people in Maine living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 194,000** adults in Maine have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Maine with arthritis, **42%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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Maryland: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Maryland. That's **1,036,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **123,000** people in Maryland living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 599,000** adults in Maryland have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Maryland with arthritis, **35%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Massachusetts: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Massachusetts. That's **1,245,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **102,000** people in Massachusetts living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 820,000** adults in Massachusetts have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Massachusetts with arthritis, **35%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Michigan: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **27%** of the population in Michigan. That's **2,140,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **68 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **186,000** people in Michigan living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,486,000** adults in Michigan have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Michigan with arthritis, **44%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Minnesota: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **20%** of the population in Minnesota. That's **874,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **104,000** people in Minnesota living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 590,000** adults in Minnesota have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Minnesota with arthritis, **37%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Mississippi: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **27%** of the population in Mississippi. That's **601,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **62,000** people in Mississippi living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 513,000** adults in Mississippi have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Mississippi with arthritis, **47%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Missouri: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **27%** of the population in Missouri. That's **1,292,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **137,000** people in Missouri living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 958,000** adults in Missouri have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Missouri with arthritis, **45%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Montana: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **24%** of the population in Montana. That's **214,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **29,000** people in Montana living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 142,000** adults in Montana have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Montana with arthritis, **40%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Nebraska: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in Nebraska. That's **322,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **42,000** people in Nebraska living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 197,000** adults in Nebraska have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Nebraska with arthritis, **34%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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Nevada: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **20%** of the population in Nevada. That's **504,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **73,000** people in Nevada living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 371,000** adults in Nevada have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Nevada with arthritis, **47%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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New Hampshire: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **23%** of the population in New Hampshire. That's **264,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **33,000** people in New Hampshire living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 158,000** adults in New Hampshire have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in New Hampshire with arthritis, **35%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients have experienced pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting it has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients have had trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year; **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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New Jersey: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **21%** of the population in New Jersey. That's **1,493,400** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **112,000** of the people in New Jersey living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 912,458** adults in New Jersey have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in New Jersey with arthritis, **36%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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New Mexico: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in New Mexico. That's **369,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **49,000** people in New Mexico living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 274,000** adults in New Mexico have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in New Mexico with arthritis, **46%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Adults with arthritis often have one or more chronic conditions.

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
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New York: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in New York. That's **3,356,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **247,000** of the people in New York living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 2,027,000** adults in New York have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in New York with arthritis, **41%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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North Carolina: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in North Carolina. That's **2,116,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **232,000** of the people in North Carolina living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,485,000** adults in North Carolina have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in North Carolina with arthritis, **48%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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North Dakota: Why Arthritis Matters

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As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **17,000** of the people in North Dakota living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 81,000** adults in North Dakota have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in North Dakota with arthritis, **33%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Ohio: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Ohio. That's **2,330,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **241,000** of the people in Ohio living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,630,000** adults in Ohio have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Ohio with arthritis, **43%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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Oklahoma: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in Oklahoma. That's **793,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **241,000** of the people in Oklahoma living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 581,000** adults in Oklahoma have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Oklahoma with arthritis, **49%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
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Oregon: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Alabama. That's **833,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **94,000** people in Oregon living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 563,000** adults in Oregon have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Oregon with arthritis, **41%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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Pennsylvania: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in Pennsylvania. That's **2,655,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **254,000** people in Pennsylvania living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,599,000** adults in Pennsylvania have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Pennsylvania with arthritis, **38%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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Rhode Island: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **24%** of the population in Rhode Island. That's **216,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **21,000** of the people in Rhode Island living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 151,000** adults in Rhode Island have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Rhode Island with arthritis, **41%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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South Carolina: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in South Carolina. That's **1,112,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **130,000** of the people in South Carolina living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 707,000** adults in South Carolina have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in South Carolina with arthritis, **49%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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South Dakota: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **22%** of the population in South Dakota. That's **152,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **22,000** of the people in South Dakota living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 120,000** adults in South Dakota have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in South Dakota with arthritis, **43%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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Tennessee: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **29%** of the population in Tennessee. That's **1,633,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are over **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **150,000** of the people in Tennessee living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,002,000** adults in Tennessee have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Tennessee with arthritis, **47%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100%** of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with **75%** reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
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Texas: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **20%** of the population in Texas. That's **4,543,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of June 2024

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **517,000** of the people in Texas living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 3,289,000** adults in Texas have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Texas with arthritis, **41%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100% of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with 75% reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37% of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. 54% of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and 41% said their health worsened.
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Utah: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **21%** of the population in Utah. That's **687,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **14%** of the people in Utah living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 344,000** adults in Utah have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Utah with arthritis, **33%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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- 37%** of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. **54%** of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and **41%** said their health worsened.
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Vermont: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **26%** of the population in Vermont. That's **167,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **14,000** of the people in Vermont living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 77,000** adults in Vermont have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Vermont with arthritis, **37%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

- 100% of arthritis patients reported experiencing pain in the last 7 days, with 75% reporting that pain has impacted their day-to-day activities.
- 37% of arthritis patients reported having trouble affording their out-of-pocket costs this past year. 54% of those say they have incurred debt or suffered financial hardship because of it and 41% said their health worsened.
- Prior authorization is consistently cited as the top health coverage-related challenge for people living with arthritis, and has led to negative health impacts.

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Virginia: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Virginia. That's **2,115,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **234,000** of the people in Virginia living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 1,036,000** adults in Virginia have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Virginia with arthritis, **39%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

Arthritis Foundation data has found:

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Washington: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **24%** of the population in Washington. That's **1,811,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **18%** of the people in Washington living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 815,000** adults in Washington have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Washington with arthritis, **40%** have work limitations
- Arthritis in the U.S. has an economic burden of **\$304 billion** – made up of medical expenses and lost wages

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Washington, D.C.: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **16%** of the population in Washington, D.C. That's **112,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **10,000** people in Washington, D.C. living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 61,000** adults in Washington, D.C. have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Washington, D.C. with arthritis, **52%** have work limitations
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West Virginia: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **38%** of the population in West Virginia. That's **682,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **45,000** people in West Virginia living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 389,000** adults in West Virginia have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in West Virginia with arthritis, **53%** have work limitations
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Wisconsin: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **25%** of the population in Wisconsin. That's **1,462,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **116,000** people in Wisconsin living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 716,000** adults in Wisconsin have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Wisconsin with arthritis, **38%** have work limitations
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Wyoming: Why Arthritis Matters

Arthritis affects **23%** of the population in Wyoming. That's **133,000** adults living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the state.

As of January 2023

- There are nearly **60 Million** American adults with doctor diagnosed arthritis in the U.S.
- 1 in 3** veterans has arthritis, which accounts for **15,000** people in Wyoming living with arthritis
- There are approximately **300,000 kids** with arthritis in the U.S. but only about **450 pediatric rheumatologists**. That's about 700 kids for each doctor.

Over 24 million Americans experience activity limitations due to their arthritis.

- 63,000** adults in Wyoming have activity limitations caused by arthritis
- Among all adults in Wyoming with arthritis, **43%** have work limitations
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