

# Raising the profile of disability in Guyana

Based on a survey of 1,500 persons with disability, 2005  
National Commission on Disability, Guyana

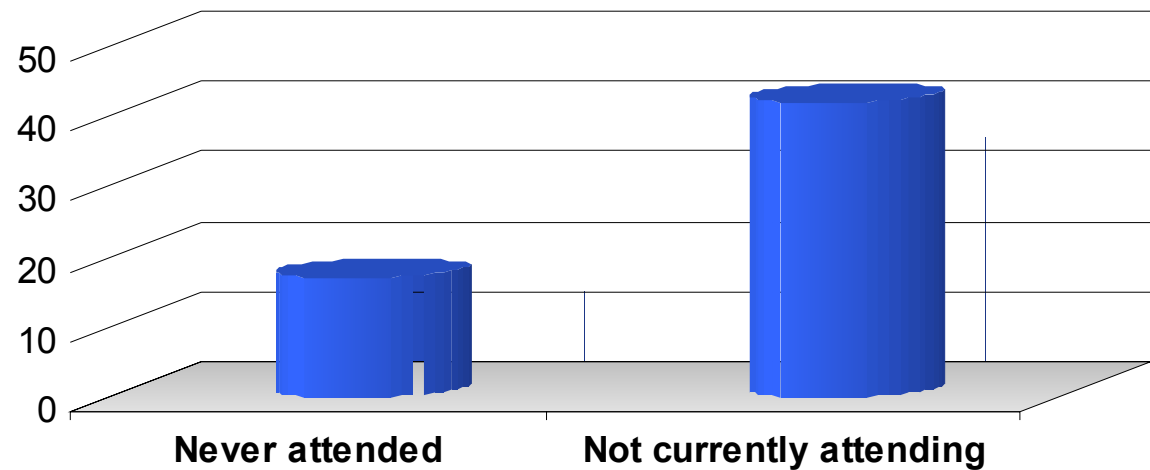


- 42% of children with disability under 16 are not attending school.
- 40% of unemployed persons with disability believe they have lost their jobs because of disability
- Up to 50% of persons with certain types of disability are born with an impairment
- 79% of families caring for a member with disability have experienced financial difficulties
- 44% of persons with disability reported having experienced negative attitudes or behaviors as a result of their disability

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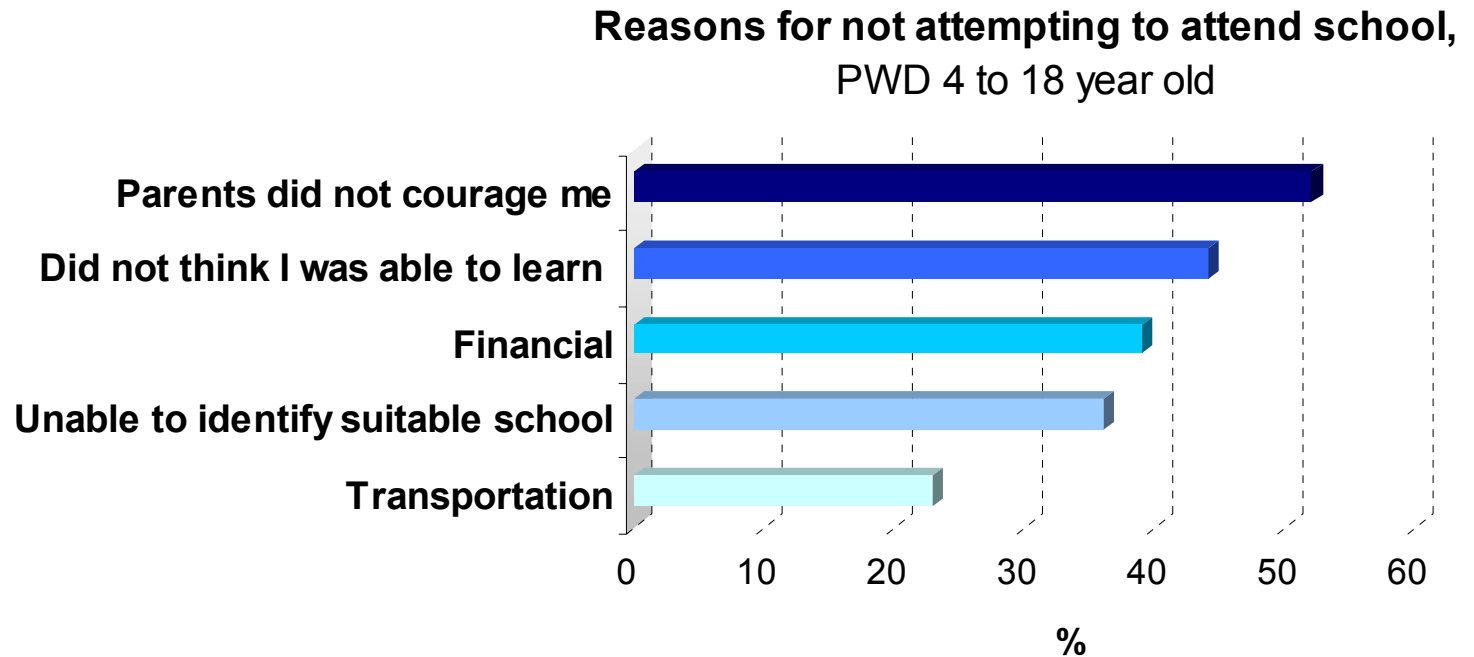
Overall school attendance among youth with disability is low

**No School Attendance, PWD 4 to 16 years**



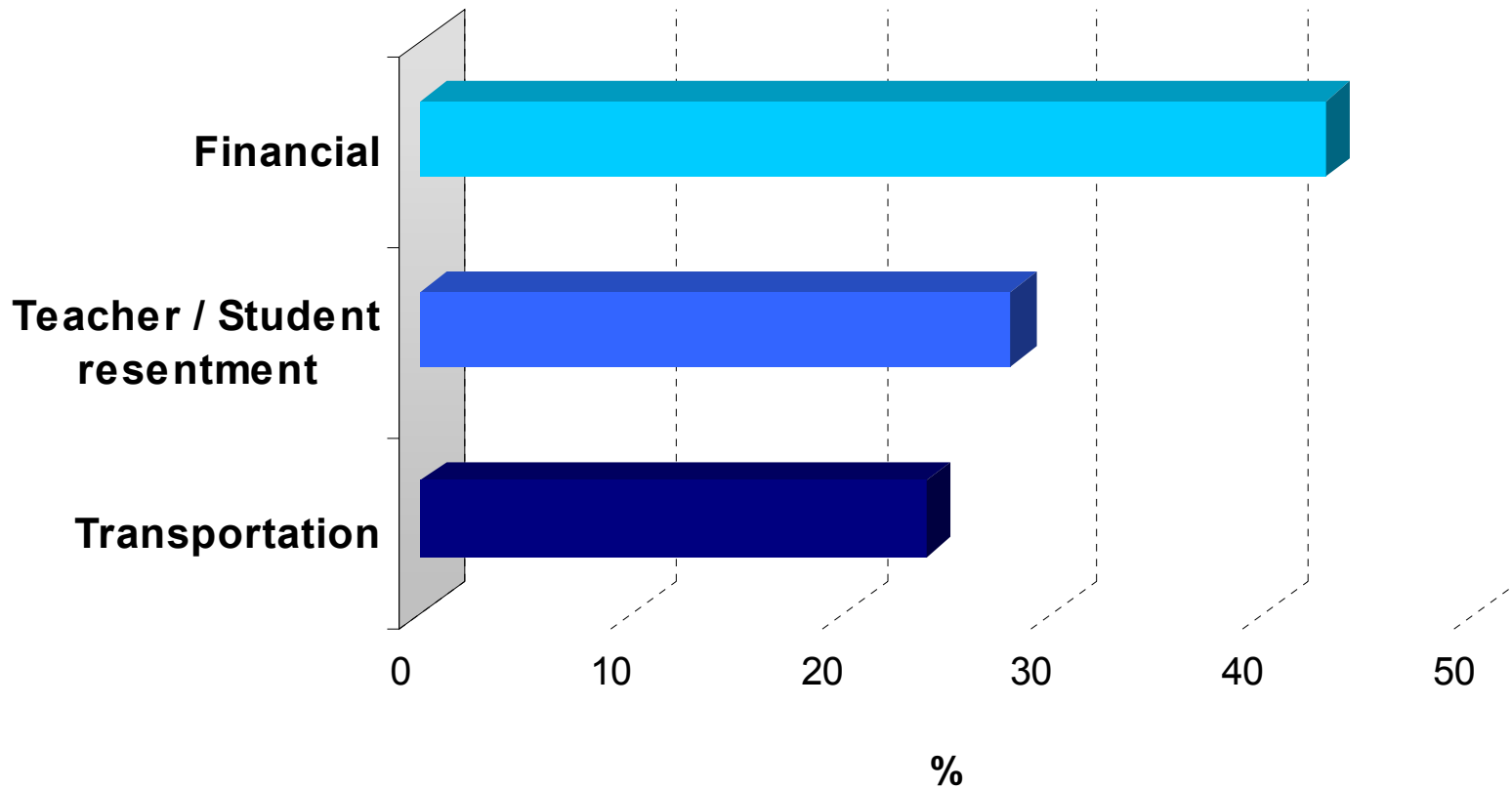
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Lack of parental support is the most cited reason among 4 to 16 year olds for never having attended school



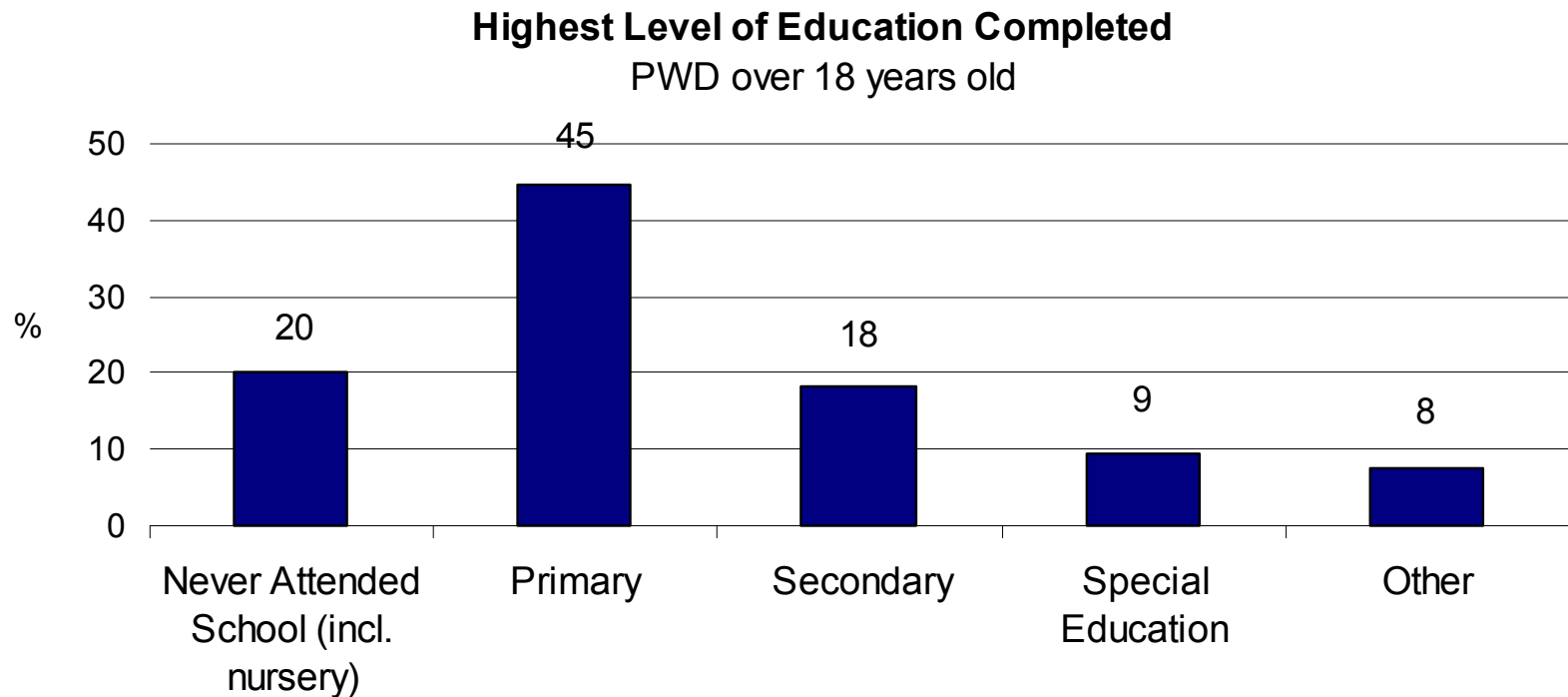
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**Reasons for not completing education,  
PWD 4 to 18 years old**



# ADULT EDUCATION

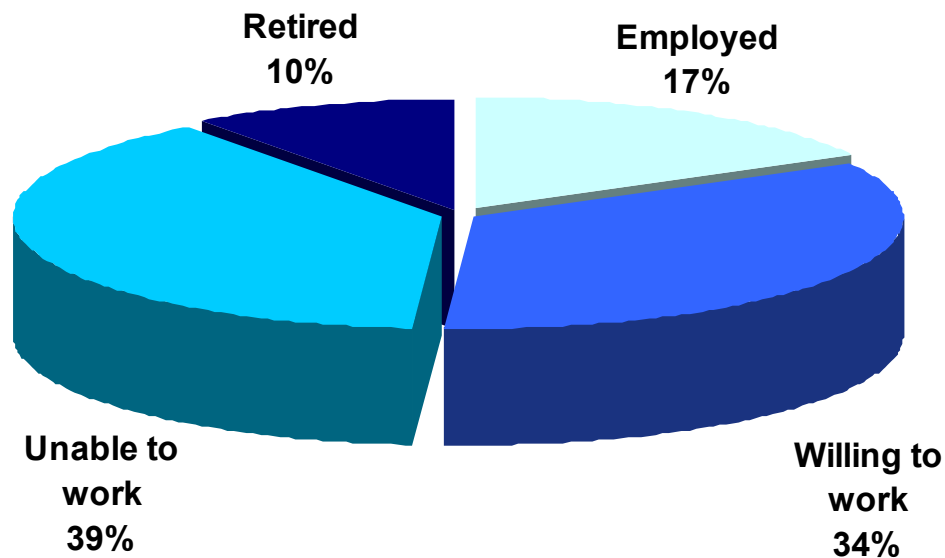
Most PWD do not transition from primary to higher levels of education



# EMPLOYMENT

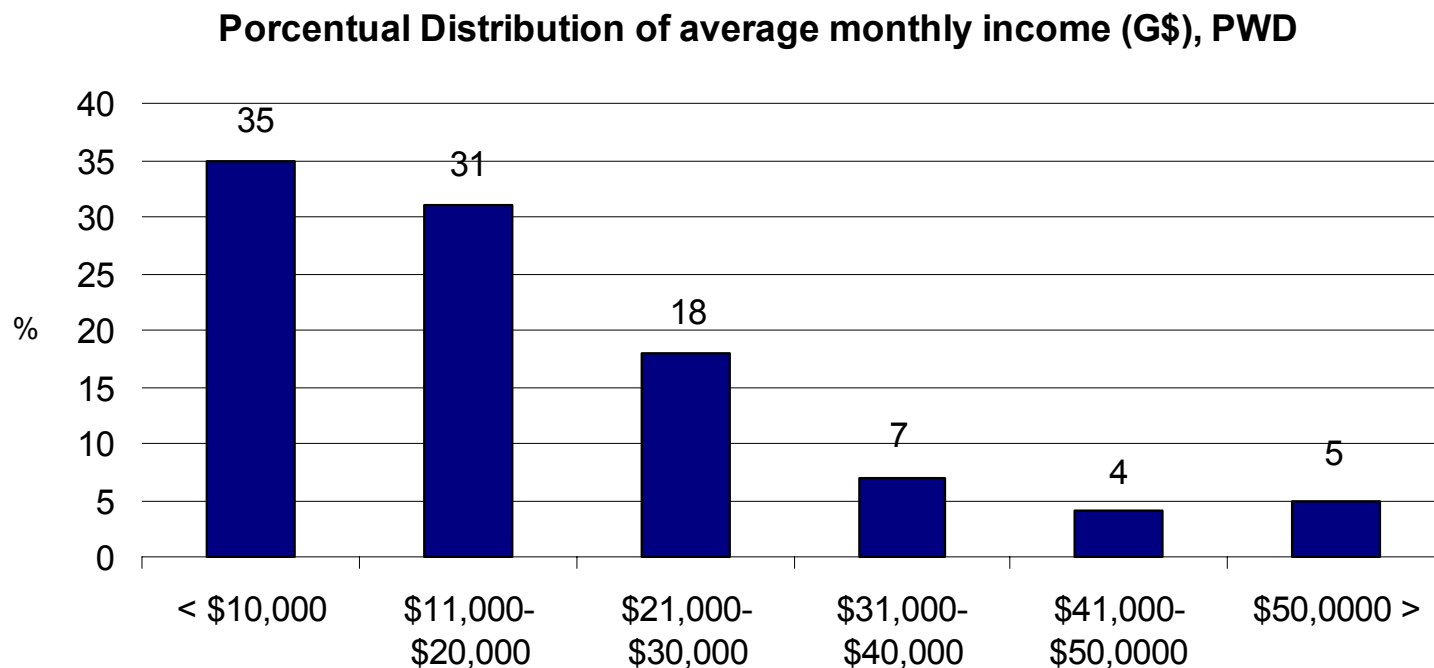
34% of PWD of working age are willing, but unable to find employment.

Employment Status, PWD over 18 years of age



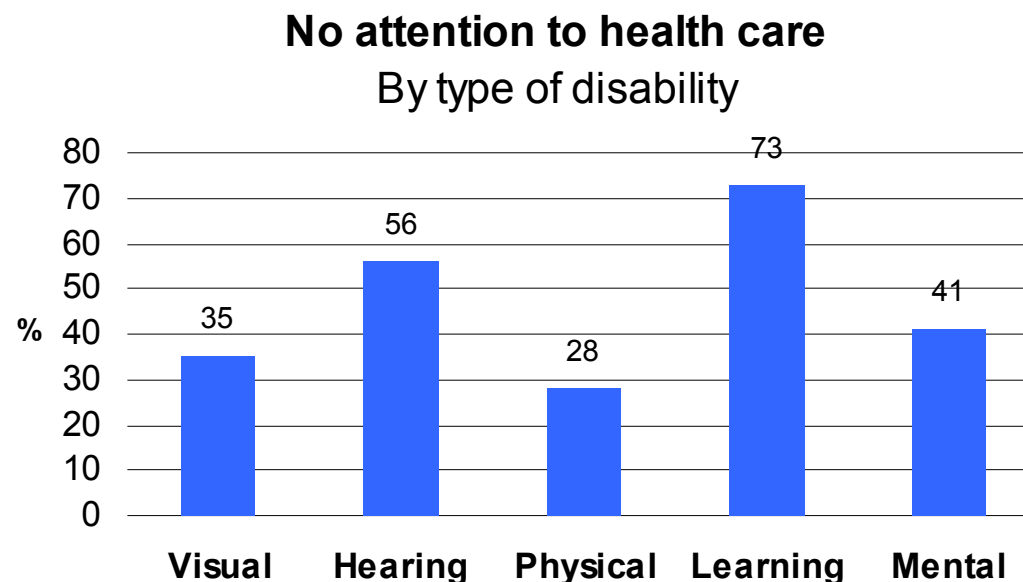
# INCOME

66% of PWD have earnings in the two lowest income categories.



US \$1= Guyana \$200

Groups with certain disabilities have lower levels of access to health care than other groups



# HOUSEHOLD

The presence of a disability in a household is often a financial burden:

- Family care giving impacts financially on 79% of households
- 63% of family care givers are parents to PWD
- 50% of family care givers are outside the labor force
- 11% of family care givers had to give up their job