

Urban Planning - Class Period 14 - Accessibility

Class Goal - Understand how accessibility issue affect your city's residents

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation did a [survey](#) and created a list of the most wheelchair friendly cities in America. (If your students don't know who Christopher Reeve is, well, maybe they should know.)

Anyway, Seattle is at the top of the list.

There are about 3.3 million adult wheelchair users in America, according to the US Census Bureau website. And 11 million people who reported to the census folks that they need help to attend to everyday activities. It's about 12% of the men and women who live in America. So, what are we going to do in the future to make our cities accessible to these people?

Engineering: You can, actually, become a Rehabilitation Engineer. You can get a master's degree or certification in different specialties such as Seating and Mobility or Assistive Technology.