Accessibility in the U.S. 30 Years after the ADA

PVA surveyed nearly 300 wheelchair users and asked them about life in America 30 years after the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. Despite the many positive changes that have come about as a result, there are still barriers to access that men and women with disabilities face on a daily basis. PVA remains committed to fighting for a world with equal access to all.

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Do you feel that the U.S. is generally easily accessible for people who use wheelchairs or scooters?

- Yes: 52%
- No: 46%
In your experience, does accessibility vary significantly by state throughout the U.S.?

- 77% Yes
- 20% No

In public spaces, how often do you have accessibility issues?

- 15% Daily
- 33% Weekly
- 46% Monthly
- 5% Never
How often do you have trouble with accessible parking?

- Daily: 23%
- Weekly: 38%
- Monthly: 31%
- Never: 6%

How often have you had trouble with accessibility in retail establishments?

- Daily: 8%
- Weekly: 35%
- Monthly: 49%
- Never: 7%
Have you avoided certain retail establishments due to accessibility issues?

- Yes: 82%
- No: 18%

Have you had trouble with accessibility in hotel rooms?

- Yes: 72%
- No: 26%
Have you had trouble with the accessibility of hotel shuttles?  
(If you have not been able to use them at all because they don’t accommodate your chair, answer yes.)

- **Yes**: 60%
- **No**: 37%

Have you had trouble with accessibility during air travel*?  
(This includes airports, airlines, restrooms, transfers to seats, wheelchair storage, damage, injuries, etc.)

*The airplane and access to the plane are covered by the Air Carrier Access Act. The ADA covers other aspects of air travel that wheelchair users encounter.

- **Yes**: 65%
- **No**: 29%
Have you had trouble with the accessibility of ride share apps like Uber, Lyft or others?

- **Yes**: 23%
- **No**: 14%
- **Have Not Tried Them**: 63%