

Severity of disability for persons with disabilities aged 15 years and over, by age group and gender<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7,8</sup>  
 Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador  
 2022 and 2017

| Age group                             | Gender                        | Disability   | 2022              |                       |                           |                       | 2017              |                       |                           |                       |
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|                                       |                               |  | Canada            |                       | Newfoundland and Labrador |                       | Canada            |                       | Newfoundland and Labrador |                       |
|                                       |                               |  | Number of persons | Percentage of persons | Number of persons         | Percentage of persons | Number of persons | Percentage of persons | Number of persons         | Percentage of persons |
| Total, 15 years and over <sup>2</sup> | Total, gender <sup>9,10</sup> | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 7,977,610         | 100.0                 | 130,690                   | 100.0                 | 6,246,640         | 100.0                 | 101,580                   | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 3,114,790         | 39.0                  | 48,020                    | 36.7                  | 2,324,430         | 37.2                  | 35,490                    | 34.9                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 1,582,850         | 19.8                  | 26,420                    | 20.2                  | 1,242,910         | 19.9                  | 22,690                    | 22.3                  |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 1,597,440         | 20.0                  | 24,590                    | 18.8                  | 1,295,660         | 20.7                  | 20,320                    | 20.0                  |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 1,682,530         | 21.1                  | 31,650                    | 24.2                  | 1,383,630         | 22.1                  | 23,090                    | 22.7                  |
|                                       | Men+ <sup>12</sup>            | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 3,462,640         | 100.0                 | 57,420                    | 100.0                 | 2,763,540         | 100.0                 | 45,140                    | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 1,412,780         | 40.8                  | 23,110                    | 40.3                  | 1,077,040         | 39.0                  | 15,940                    | 35.3                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 716,950           | 20.7                  | 11,130                    | 19.4                  | 569,220           | 20.6                  | 10,400                    | 23.0                  |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 643,530           | 18.6                  | 9,520                     | 16.6                  | 538,910           | 19.5                  | 9,000                     | 19.9                  |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 689,380           | 19.9                  | 13,650                    | 23.8                  | 578,380           | 20.9                  | 9,810                     | 21.7                  |
|                                       | Women+ <sup>13</sup>          | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 4,514,970         | 100.0                 | 73,270                    | 100.0                 | 3,483,090         | 100.0                 | 56,440                    | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 1,702,000         | 37.7                  | 24,910                    | 34.0                  | 1,247,400         | 35.8                  | 19,550                    | 34.6                  |
| Moderate                              |                               | 865,900  | 19.2              | 15,290                | 20.9                      | 673,690               | 19.3              | 12,290                | 21.8                      |                       |
| Severe                                |                               | 953,910  | 21.1              | 15,070                | 20.6                      | 756,760               | 21.7              | 11,320                | 20.1                      |                       |
| Very severe                           |                               | 993,150  | 22.0              | 18,000                | 24.6                      | 805,250               | 23.1              | 13,280                | 23.5                      |                       |
| 15 to 24 years                        | Total, gender <sup>9,10</sup> | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 823,050           | 100.0                 | 12,970                    | 100.0                 | 546,410           | 100.0                 | 8,860                     | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 393,870           | 47.9                  | 6,210                     | 47.9                  | 267,450           | 48.9                  | 4,810                     | 54.3                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 164,590           | 20.0                  | 2,600 <sup>E</sup>        | 20.1                  | 115,810           | 21.2                  | 1,910                     | 21.6                  |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 155,180           | 18.9                  | 2,710 <sup>E</sup>        | 20.9                  | 100,800           | 18.4                  | 1,520                     | 17.2                  |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 109,410           | 13.3                  | 1,450 <sup>E</sup>        | 11.2                  | 62,350            | 11.4                  | 620                       | 7.0                   |
|                                       | Men+ <sup>12</sup>            | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 336,230           | 100.0                 | 5,900                     | 100.0                 | 230,480           | 100.0                 | 3,590                     | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 167,880           | 49.9                  | 2,760 <sup>E</sup>        | 46.7 <sup>E</sup>     | 109,040           | 47.3                  | 2,160                     | 60.2                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 63,080            | 18.8                  | F                         | 21.9                  | 45,420            | 19.7                  | 560 <sup>E</sup>          | 15.6 <sup>E</sup>     |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 55,430            | 16.5                  | F                         | 20.1                  | 45,190            | 19.6                  | 560 <sup>E</sup>          | 15.6 <sup>E</sup>     |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 49,840            | 14.8                  | F                         | 11.3                  | 30,820            | 13.4                  | 310                       | 8.6                   |
|                                       | Women+ <sup>13</sup>          | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 486,820           | 100.0                 | 7,070                     | 100.0                 | 315,930           | 100.0                 | 5,270                     | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 225,990           | 46.4                  | 3,460                     | 48.9 <sup>E</sup>     | 158,410           | 50.1                  | 2,660                     | 50.5                  |
| Moderate                              |                               | 101,510  | 20.9              | F                     | 18.5                      | 70,390                | 22.3              | 1,350                 | 25.6                      |                       |
| Severe                                |                               | 99,750   | 20.5              | 1,520 <sup>E</sup>    | 21.5                      | 55,610                | 17.6              | 970                   | 18.4                      |                       |
| Very severe                           |                               | 59,570   | 12.2              | F                     | 11.1                      | 31,530                | 10.0              | 300 <sup>E</sup>      | 5.7 <sup>E</sup>          |                       |
| 25 to 44 years                        | Total, gender <sup>9,10</sup> | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,971,590         | 100.0                 | 28,020                    | 100.0                 | 1,368,270         | 100.0                 | 20,940                    | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 958,050           | 48.6                  | 13,670                    | 48.8                  | 662,070           | 48.4                  | 8,800                     | 42.0                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 391,590           | 19.9                  | 6,530                     | 23.3                  | 266,590           | 19.5                  | 5,080                     | 24.3                  |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 353,730           | 17.9                  | 4,200 <sup>E</sup>        | 15.0                  | 253,010           | 18.5                  | 4,150                     | 19.8                  |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 268,230           | 13.6                  | 3,620 <sup>E</sup>        | 12.9                  | 186,600           | 13.6                  | 2,910                     | 13.9                  |
|                                       | Men+ <sup>12</sup>            | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 809,060           | 100.0                 | 11,880                    | 100.0                 | 564,150           | 100.0                 | 7,830                     | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 403,960           | 49.9                  | 6,390 <sup>E</sup>        | 53.8 <sup>E</sup>     | 270,800           | 48.0                  | 3,300                     | 42.1                  |
|                                       |                               | Moderate   | 157,310           | 19.4                  | F                         | 22.4 <sup>E</sup>     | 118,920           | 21.1                  | 1,830 <sup>E</sup>        | 23.4                  |
|                                       |                               | Severe   | 134,000           | 16.6                  | F                         | 11.6                  | 100,350           | 17.8                  | 1,770                     | 22.6                  |
|                                       |                               | Very severe  | 113,800           | 14.1                  | F                         | 12.3                  | 74,090            | 13.1                  | 930                       | 11.9                  |
|                                       | Women+ <sup>13</sup>          | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,162,530         | 100.0                 | 16,140                    | 100.0                 | 804,120           | 100.0                 | 13,110                    | 100.0                 |
|                                       |                               | Mild   | 554,090           | 47.7                  | 7,280                     | 45.1                  | 391,280           | 48.7                  | 5,490                     | 41.9                  |
| Moderate                              |                               | 234,280  | 20.2              | 3,880 <sup>E</sup>    | 24.0                      | 147,670               | 18.4              | 3,250                 | 24.8                      |                       |
| Severe                                |                               | 219,730  | 18.9              | 2,830 <sup>E</sup>    | 17.5                      | 152,660               | 19.0              | 2,380                 | 18.2                      |                       |
| Very severe                           |                               | 154,430  | 13.3              | F                     | 13.4                      | 112,510               | 14.0              | 1,980                 | 15.1                      |                       |

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| 45 to 64 years    | Total, gender <sup>9,10</sup> | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 2,669,210         | 100.0                 | 47,810                    | 100.0                 | 2,359,650         | 100.0                 | 42,610                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 994,160           | 37.2                  | 16,640                    | 34.8                  | 834,960           | 35.4                  | 14,970                    | 35.1                  |
|                   |                               | Moderate   | 540,970           | 20.3                  | 8,470 <sup>E</sup>        | 17.7                  | 449,980           | 19.1                  | 9,200                     | 21.6                  |
|                   |                               | Severe   | 526,330           | 19.7                  | 8,020                     | 16.8                  | 480,800           | 20.4                  | 7,210                     | 16.9                  |
|                   |                               | Very severe  | 607,750           | 22.8                  | 14,680                    | 30.7                  | 593,920           | 25.2                  | 11,230                    | 26.4                  |
|                   | Men+ <sup>12</sup>            | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,192,380         | 100.0                 | 19,530                    | 100.0                 | 1,105,670         | 100.0                 | 20,100                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 474,490           | 39.8                  | 7,980 <sup>E</sup>        | 40.9 <sup>F</sup>     | 432,910           | 39.2                  | 7,420                     | 36.9                  |
|                   |                               | Moderate   | 252,300           | 21.2                  | F                         | 12.4                  | 211,540           | 19.1                  | 4,920                     | 24.5                  |
|                   |                               | Severe   | 212,950           | 17.9                  | F                         | 15.5                  | 198,930           | 18.0                  | 2730 <sup>E</sup>         | 13.6 <sup>E</sup>     |
|                   |                               | Very severe  | 252,630           | 21.2                  | 6,090 <sup>E</sup>        | 31.2                  | 262,280           | 23.7                  | 5,030                     | 25.0                  |
|                   | Women+ <sup>13</sup>          | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,476,830         | 100.0                 | 28,280                    | 100.0                 | 1,253,990         | 100.0                 | 22,500                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 519,670           | 35.2                  | 8,650 <sup>E</sup>        | 30.6                  | 402,050           | 32.1                  | 7,540                     | 33.5                  |
| Moderate          |                               | 288,660  | 19.5              | 6,050 <sup>E</sup>    | 21.4                      | 238,440               | 19.0              | 4,280                 | 19.0                      |                       |
| Severe            |                               | 313,380  | 21.2              | 4,990 <sup>E</sup>    | 17.7                      | 281,870               | 22.5              | 4,480                 | 19.9                      |                       |
| Very severe       |                               | 355,120  | 24.0              | 8,590                 | 30.4                      | 331,630               | 26.4              | 6,200                 | 27.6                      |                       |
| 65 years and over | Total, gender <sup>9,10</sup> | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 2,513,750         | 100.0                 | 41,900                    | 100.0                 | 1,972,310         | 100.0                 | 29,180                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 768,700           | 30.6                  | 11,510                    | 27.5                  | 559,950           | 28.4                  | 6,920                     | 23.7                  |
|                   |                               | Moderate   | 485,700           | 19.3                  | 8,810                     | 21.0                  | 410,530           | 20.8                  | 6,500                     | 22.3                  |
|                   |                               | Severe   | 562,200           | 22.4                  | 9,660                     | 23.1                  | 461,060           | 23.4                  | 7,430                     | 25.5                  |
|                   |                               | Very severe  | 697,150           | 27.7                  | 11,910                    | 28.4                  | 540,770           | 27.4                  | 8,330                     | 28.5                  |
|                   | Men+ <sup>12</sup>            | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,124,970         | 100.0                 | 20,110                    | 100.0                 | 863,250           | 100.0                 | 13,620                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 366,450           | 32.6                  | 5,990 <sup>E</sup>        | 29.8                  | 264,290           | 30.6                  | 3,060                     | 22.5                  |
|                   |                               | Moderate   | 244,250           | 21.7                  | 4,760 <sup>E</sup>        | 23.7                  | 193,340           | 22.4                  | 3,090                     | 22.7                  |
|                   |                               | Severe   | 241,150           | 21.4                  | 3,930 <sup>F</sup>        | 19.5                  | 194,440           | 22.5                  | 3,940                     | 28.9                  |
|                   |                               | Very severe  | 273,120           | 24.3                  | 5,440                     | 27.1                  | 211,180           | 24.5                  | 3,540                     | 26.0                  |
|                   | Women+ <sup>13</sup>          | Persons with disabilities, all severity levels <sup>3,11</sup> | 1,388,780         | 100.0                 | 21,780                    | 100.0                 | 1,109,050         | 100.0                 | 15,550                    | 100.0                 |
|                   |                               | Mild   | 402,250           | 29.0                  | 5,520 <sup>E</sup>        | 25.4                  | 295,660           | 26.7                  | 3,860                     | 24.8                  |
| Moderate          |                               | 241,450  | 17.4              | 4,060 <sup>F</sup>    | 18.6                      | 217,190               | 19.6              | 3,410                 | 21.9                      |                       |
| Severe            |                               | 321,050  | 23.1              | 5,740                 | 26.3                      | 266,610               | 24.0              | 3,490                 | 22.4                      |                       |
| Very severe       |                               | 424,030  | 30.5              | 6,470                 | 29.7                      | 329,590               | 29.7              | 4,790                 | 30.8                      |                       |

E : use with caution  
 F : too unreliable to be published

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Survey on Disability, Table 13-10-0375-01.

Footnotes:

- <sup>2</sup> The survey population comprised Canadians aged 15 years and over living in private dwellings. It excluded those living in institutions and other collective dwellings, on Canadian Armed Force bases, and on First Nations reserves.
- <sup>3</sup> The Canadian Survey on Disability identifies persons with disabilities using the Disability Screening Questions (DSQ), which are based on the social model of disability. The DSQ first measure the degree to which difficulties are experienced across 10 domains of functioning, then ask how often daily activities are limited by these difficulties. Only persons who report a limitation in their day-to-day activities are identified as having a disability. For more detailed information on the DSQ, please see the <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-654-x/89-654-x2023004-eng.htm> rel="external noopener nofollow" target="\_blank">Canadian Survey on Disability, 2022: Concepts and Methods Guide.
- <sup>4</sup> Age is calculated as of Census day in the previous year.
- <sup>5</sup> The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding.
- <sup>6</sup> The confidence interval illustrates the degree of variability associated with an estimate. A wider confidence interval indicates higher variability, meaning that the estimate should be interpreted with due caution. The 95% confidence interval of an estimate means that if the survey were repeated over and over, the confidence interval would cover the true population value 95% of the time (or 19 times out of 20). Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the 95% confidence intervals.
- <sup>7</sup> Estimates flagged with the letter E should be used with caution. In these cases, data users should use the 95% confidence interval to assess whether the quality of the estimate is sufficient. The letter F indicates estimates that are too unreliable to be published.
- <sup>8</sup> Collection took place in 2022 for a sample selected from the 2021 population.
- <sup>9</sup> Gender was not collected in the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability (CSD). Therefore, the sex variable from 2017 and the two-category gender variable from 2022 are combined in this analysis. Although sex and gender refer to two different concepts, the introduction of gender is not expected to have a significant impact on data analysis and historical comparability, given the small size of the transgender and non-binary populations. For additional information on changes of concepts over time, please consult the Age, Sex at Birth and Gender Reference Guide.
- <sup>10</sup> Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is necessary most of the time to protect the confidentiality of responses. In these cases, individuals in the category non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol."
- <sup>11</sup> Severity level is based on a respondent's global severity score, which is calculated using their scores on the 10 disability types measured by the survey. The global score increases with the following: a) the number of disability types; b) the level of difficulty associated with the disability; and c) the frequency of the activity limitation. To make the global severity score easier to use, four severity classes were established: mild, moderate, severe and very severe. The name assigned to each class is simply intended to facilitate the use of the severity score—it is not a label or judgement concerning the person's level of disability. The classes should be interpreted as follows: people in class 1 have a less severe disability than people in class 2; people in class 2 have a less severe disability than people in class 3; and people in class 3 have less severe disability than people in class 4. For more detailed information on how severity scores and classes are calculated, please see the <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-654-x/89-654-x2023004-eng.htm> rel="external noopener nofollow" target="\_blank">Canadian Survey on Disability
- <sup>12</sup> Prior to the 2022 Canadian Survey on Disability (CSD), this category was called males". As of the 2022 CSD
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