NEW DATA ON Disability IN CANADA 2017

The Canadian Survey on Disability covers Canadians aged 15 years and over whose everyday activities are limited because of a long-term condition or health-related problem.

22% of Canadians had at least one disability. This represents 6.2 million people.

BY SEX

PERCENT OF CANADIANS WITH AT LEAST ONE DISABILITY:

Women 24%
Men 20%

BY AGE GROUP

13% Youth aged 15 to 24 years
20% Working-age adults aged 25 to 64 years
38% Seniors aged 65 years and over

BY DISABILITY TYPE

TOP FOUR MOST COMMON

Pain-related 15%
Flexibility 10%
Mobility 10%
Mental health-related 7%

OTHER DISABILITY TYPES

Seeing 5%
Hearing 5%
Dexterity 5%
Learning 4%
Memory 4%
Developmental 1%

1.6 million

Canadians with disabilities were unable to afford required aids, devices, or prescription medications due to cost.

Among youth with disabilities, 60% had a mental health-related disability.

EMPLOYMENT RATES FOR WORKING-AGE ADULTS

59% for persons with disabilities
80% for persons without disabilities

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