The 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability (CSD) collected data on experiences of persons with disabilities. In 2017, 6.2 million (22%) Canadians aged 15 and older had a disability.

The CSD is based on a social model of disabilities, which considers disability to be the result of the interaction between a person’s functional limitations and barriers in the environment, including social and physical barriers that make it harder to function day to day. Data from the 2022 CSD will provide updated information on persons with disabilities in Canada; results will be available in 2023.

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- **24%** Women
- **20%** Men

The majority of people have **two or more** types of disabilities:

- **29%** one disability type
- **71%** two or more types of disabilities

The CSD used the Disability Screening Questions to identify **four classes** of disability severity. The severity score is determined by both the intensity and frequency of activity limitations.

The name assigned to each class is intended to facilitate use of the severity score and is not a label or judgment about the person’s level of disability.