

## Costa Rica

### SOURCE

**Name of source:** *National Census of Population*

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**Type of source:** Population census

**Periodicity:** Every 10 years

**Objectives:** The objective is to obtain accurate, timely, reliable and integrated information regarding the number, location and characteristics of the population, including people with disabilities, and generate sample frame that can be in used to draw samples for various specialized surveys and studies.

### COVERAGE

**Disabilities:** Seeing, hearing, speaking, moving/mobility, body movement, gripping/holding, learning, behaviour

**Population groups:** All aged groups

**Total population covered:** 10,53%

**Economic activities:** All economic activities

**Sectors covered:** Public and private sectors

**Labour force status:** Employed persons, unemployed persons, persons not in the labour force

**Status in Employment:** Employees, employers, own-account workers, contributing family workers

**Geographic areas:** Whole country

**Establishments:** All types and sizes

**Other limitations:** Survey covers all age groups 15 years and over, the employment statistics cover only those aged 15 to 64

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Term used to denote 'disability':** '(Limitación permanente) Permanent limitation'

**Definition of this term:** The concept is based on the International Classification of the Functioning, the Disability and the Health (CIF), where the disability is defined as a permanent

restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity or interact due to the functional condition(state) of a person given his/her cultural and physical environment. The word permanent is included to avoid the incorporation of restrictions/limitations that in a nearby future will not exist and therefore to count persons who do not need the intervention of the public politics (policy) for a disability.

**Source of this definition:** International classification of the Functioning, the Disability and the Health (IFC)

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** 'Does (name) have some permanent limitation: to see, even with the glasses or lenses, to hear, to speak, to walk or to climb stairs, to use arms or hands, of intellectual type (delay, down's syndrome, others), of mental type (two-pole, schizophrenia, others)?'

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** There is no a specific period but the disability should be permanent

## CLASSIFICATION

**Classifications:** Sex, age, level of education, other personal characteristics, type of living arrangements, status in employment, occupation (classification system: NOC), economic activity (classification system: NAICS), type of disability

**Cross-classifications:** Na

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** Na

## DISSEMINATION

**National publications:** National Census of Population and of Housing 2011. Demographic characteristics. INEC. Indicators on the population with disability. CNREE.

**Website:** [www.inec.go.cr](http://www.inec.go.cr)