

## *United Kingdom*

### SOURCE

**Name of source:** *Population Census 2011*

**Institution responsible for the statistics:** UK ONS

**Type of source:** Population Census

**Periodicity:** Every 10 years

**Objectives:** To describe the health of the population of England and Wales in respect to activity limiting health problems or disabilities.

### COVERAGE

**Disabilities:**

**Population groups:**

**Total population covered:**

**Economic activities:**

**Sectors covered:**

**Labour force status:**

**Status in Employment:**

**Geographic areas:** Whole country

**Establishments:** NR

**Other limitations:**

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Term used to denote 'disability':** 'Disabled person'

**Definition of this term:** Disabled person is defined as someone with a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' effect on his/her ability to do normal daily activities.

**Source of this definition:**

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** In the 2001 Census each person in a household was asked whether s/he has a long-term illness, health problem or disability, which limits activities in any way, including problems, which were due to old age (129.7 Kb Pdf). The response categories were simply 'yes' or 'no'. The question in 2011 (2.02 Mb Pdf) had different

wording, excluded the reference to work limiting problems, changed the categories to plain English terms to allow individuals to state the extent of their limitations, and included a 12 month time frame for the persons' activities to have been limited.

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** 12 months

## **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Na

**Cross-classifications:** Na

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** 2011

## **DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** Disability in England and Wales, 2011 and Comparison with 2001

**Website:** <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-and-quick-statistics-for-wards-and-output-areas-in-england-and-wales/rpt-disability-short-story.html>