

New Zealand

SOURCE

Name of source: *New Zealand Disability Survey 2013*

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Type of source: Household survey

Periodicity: Quarterly

Objectives: To estimate the prevalence of disability across population subgroups and disability rates for specific impairment types. Information is also available from the survey on barriers that disabled people encounter in their everyday lives, including their use of and need for support services and assistive devices.

COVERAGE

Disabilities: All types (seeing, hearing, speaking, moving/mobility, body movement, gripping/holding, learning, behaviour, self-care difficulties)

Population groups: Total population of all age groups

Total population covered: The survey covers almost the total population in NZ - those groups that are excluded from the survey make up only a very small percentage of the population, probably less than 2%

Economic activities: All economic activities

Sectors covered: All sectors

Labour force status: Employed persons, unemployed persons, persons not economically active

Status in Employment: Employees, employers, own-account workers, contributing family workers, members of producers' cooperatives

Geographic areas: Whole country

Establishments: NR

Other limitations: People on offshore islands were excluded together with those living in prisons and psychiatric institutions

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Term used to denote 'disability': 'Activity limitation'

Definition of this term: Any self-perceived limitation in activity resulting from a long-standing condition or health problem, lasting or expected to last 6 months or more and not completely eliminated by an assistive device.

Source of this definition: WHO International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities, and Handicaps (1980)

Questions used to identify persons with disabilities: 'Do you have one or more activity limitations?' 'You have told me you have difficulties with (...). Which one of those limits your everyday activities the most?'

The 2013 Disability Survey includes new information about social outcomes. There was collected information about leisure activities and carers of children in the 2013 children questionnaire. There was collected information about feelings of safety, experience of crime, social contact, and access to leisure activities in the 2013 adult household questionnaire.

Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability: 6 months

CLASSIFICATION

Classifications: Sex, age, level of education, other personal characteristics, type of living arrangements, occupation, economic activity, type of disability

Cross-classifications: Highest educational qualification by disability status and sex, labour force status by disability status and sex, occupation by disability status, etc...

REFERENCE PERIOD: Year, month, census day

DISSEMINATION

National publications: New Zealand Disability Survey 2013

Website: http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities.aspx