

Saudi Arabia

SOURCE

Name of source: *National Project for Disability and Rehabilitation Research*

Institution responsible for the statistics: The Ministry of Health

Type of source: Household survey

Periodicity: Na

Objectives: The objective of the survey was to generate demographic and epidemiological baseline data in order to map out the national disability rates. A pre-tested structured questionnaire and stratified cluster sampling techniques were used to survey 10,000 households in all regions of the country. The survey found an overall disability prevalence rate of around 4.5%. This project also categorized the types of disabilities.

COVERAGE

Disabilities: Physical disabilities such as amputations, foot and leg deformities, visual and hearing impairments

Population groups: Total population of all age groups

Total population covered: Na

Economic activities: Na

Sectors covered: Na

Labour force status: Na

Status in Employment: Na

Geographic areas: Na

Establishments: Na

Other limitations: Na

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Term used to denote 'disability': 'A person with disability'

Definition of this term: 'A person with disability' is defined as 'any person whose capacity to perform and maintain a suitable job has actually diminished as a result of a physical or mental infirmity.'

Source of this definition: The Labor and Workman Law (Article 51)

Questions used to identify persons with disabilities: 'Do you have any disability?' (Types and categories) Possible types: hearing impairment, visual impairment, physical impairment, intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, overlapping. Possible categories: congenital (cerebral palsy, mental retardation, spina bifida, etc.); metabolic (diabetes mellitus, malnutrition disease, etc.); bone and joint (rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, etc.); hereditary (muscular dystrophies, haemophilia, etc.); traumatic (spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, etc.); infectious (poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, leprosy, malaria, etc.); vascular (smoke, myocardial infraction, buerger's disease); others (cancer, collagen diseases, other immunological diseases, etc.).

Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability: Na

CLASSIFICATION

Classifications: Age, level of education, sex, area, type of disability

Cross-classifications: Na

REFERENCE PERIOD: Na

DISSEMINATION

National publications: Country Profile on Disability: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Website:http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DISABILITY/Resources/Regions/MENA/JICA_Saudi_Arabia.pdf