



Disability Health Network

What the figures tell us

Disability in Australia



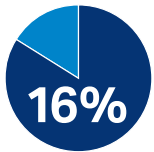
1 in 6

Australians live with disability
(Approximately 4.4 million people)

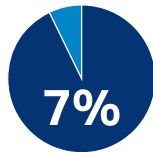


1 in 3

people with disability have a severe or profound disability
(Approximately 1.4 million people)



of Western Australians
have a disability



of Australian children aged
0-14 have a disability

Health status

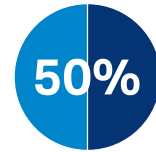
In comparison to people without disability, people with disability are:



more likely to
experience
higher levels of
psychological distress



more likely to
assess their health
as fair or poor



of people
with at
least one
chronic
condition
also have a disability

Accessing services



1 in 13

people with disability who needed to see
a GP delay or do not go because of cost

Use of mainstream health services by people with disability under 65 living in the community:



2 in 3

saw a medical specialist



2 in 5

saw 3 or more health professionals
for the same condition



1 in 4

visited a hospital emergency department

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