

Our Population: Disability

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The New Zealand Disability Survey (2013) provides information about the number of disabled children and adults living in New Zealand. Disability was defined in the survey as “long-term limitation (resulting from impairment) in a person’s ability to carry out daily activities” [12]. A person (adult or child) may appear in more than one disability type.

This indicator presents the proportion of the Canterbury region and New Zealand population living in private households with a disability, by type, using New Zealand Disability Survey data, 2013.

Table 10.1: Proportion of the Canterbury region population living in private households with a disability, by type, 2013

| Type of disability | Canterbury | New Zealand |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Hearing | 10% | 8% |
| Seeing | 4% | 4% |
| Mobility | 12% | 12% |
| Agility | 7% | 7% |
| Intellectual | 2% | 2% |
| Psychiatric/ psychological | 7% | 5% |
| Speaking | 3% | 3% |
| Learning | 4% | 4% |
| Memory | 4% | 3% |
| Total with impairment | 25% | 23% |

The table shows that the proportion of the Canterbury region population living with a disability was similar to the national proportion, both overall and by disability type. In Canterbury, mobility (12%) and hearing (10%) impairments were the most common disabilities, followed by agility (7%) and psychiatric/psychological (7%) disabilities.

Data Sources

Source: Statistics New Zealand.
Survey/data set: New Zealand Disability Survey 2013. Access publicly available data from the Statistics New Zealand website www.archive.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities/DisabilitySurvey_HOTP2013/Commentary.aspx

Source data frequency: Previously 5 yearly, now 10 yearly.

Metadata for this indicator is available at <https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/index-data>

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