

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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