A profile of people with disability in Australia



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities aims to enhance opportunities for people with disability to participate in all aspects of social and economic life. While there have been many improvements in the lives of people with disability, significant barriers still remain.

The results of the 2015 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers provide a profile of people with disability in Australia.



There were **4.3 million** Australians with disability in **2015**



The likelihood of living with disability increases with age, **2 in 5** people with disability were **65 years or older**



Almost **1/3** of people with **disability** had a profound or severe disability



Around **3 in 5** people with disability* needed assistance with at least one activity of daily life



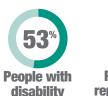
Around **half** of people with disability used **aids or equipment** to help with their disability

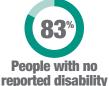


Around **1 in 5** people with disability said their main longterm health condition was a mental or behavioural disorder



People with disability* aged **15-24 years** were **10 times** more likely to report the experience of discrimination than those aged **65 years and over**





53% of people with **disability** participated in the workforce**, compared with 83% of people with **no reported disability**



The weekly median income** of people with **disability** was **\$465**, which was less than half of those with **no reported disability**

*Living in households

**Labour force and income figures are for persons aged between 15 and 64 living in households

Further information is available in *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2015* (cat. no. 4430.0) available from the ABS website (www.abs.gov.au). A pdf version of the information sheet is available from the Downloads tab of this publication.