

# Disability discrimination in Australia

Disability discrimination occurs when people with disability are treated less fairly than people without disability.

The results from the 2015 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers provide information on the experience of discrimination by people with disability aged 15 years and over<sup>1</sup>.



Almost **1 in 12** people with disability<sup>1</sup> **experienced discrimination**<sup>2</sup> in 2015



**Young people** with disability<sup>1</sup> were **more likely** to experience discrimination<sup>2</sup> than older people with disability<sup>1</sup>



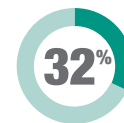
**1 in 5** people with **psychosocial** or **intellectual disabilities**<sup>1,3</sup> experienced discrimination<sup>2</sup>



Around **1/3** of people<sup>1</sup> who experienced disability discrimination<sup>2</sup> said a source was **service, hospitality and teaching staff**<sup>4</sup>



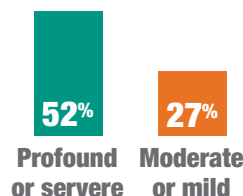
Around **1/4** of people<sup>1</sup> who experienced disability discrimination<sup>2</sup> said a source was an **employer**



Almost **1/3** of people with disability<sup>1</sup> **avoided situations**<sup>5</sup> because of their disability



Almost **2/3** of people with **psychosocial disability**<sup>1,3</sup> had avoided situations<sup>5</sup> because of their disability



People with **profound or severe** disability<sup>1</sup> were **more likely to avoid situations**<sup>5</sup> than those with moderate or mild disability<sup>1</sup>



Around **2 in 5** people with disability<sup>1</sup> who avoided situations<sup>5</sup> **avoided visiting family and friends**

1 Living in households

2 Experienced discrimination or unfair treatment because of their disability in the previous 12 months

3 For people with multiple disabilities, the discrimination may have been related to one or a combination of disabilities

4 Includes teacher or lecturer; health staff; bus drivers, retail staff or taxi drivers; restaurant or hospitality staff; or sales assistants

5 Types of situations include work, visiting family or friends, school, university or educational facility, medical facilities, shops, banks, restaurants, cafes or bars, public transport, public park or recreation venue, and other social situations and public places