



DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND

DISABILITY PROFILE: COUNTY LAOIS¹



14% of the population of Laois, or **11,393** people, have at least one disability.

Type of Disability

People in Laois reported having the following types of disabilities and conditions:

5,397 Difficulty with pain, breathing, or other chronic illness/condition

4,558 Difficulties with basic physical activities

2,873 Learning Difficulty

2,269 Mental health

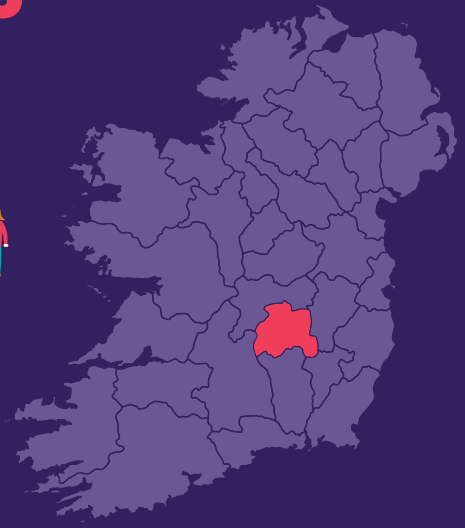
1,738 Deafness or serious hearing impairment

1,293 Intellectual Disability

954 Blindness or a serious vision impairment

AGE Their age profile is:

0-14	1325	
15-24	881	
25-44	2356	
45-64	3335	
65+	3496	



EDUCATION²

In 2016, only 12% of people who have a disability were in education compared to 17% of the general population in Laois.³ For those whose education had finished:⁴

- 32%** did not progress beyond primary education compared to 14% of the general population.
- 18%** had completed upper secondary compared to 23% of the general population.
- 14%** had completed further education compared to 18% of the general population.
- 16%** had completed higher level education compared to 28% of the general population.

EMPLOYMENT

22% of people who have a disability were at work compared to 53% of the general population.

TRANSPORT

19% of people who have a disability did not have access to a car or van compared to 8% of the general population.

HOUSING

14% of people who have a disability lived in social housing compared to 11% of the general population.⁵

1. All statistics in this infographic are based on **Census 2016** data from www.cso.ie, along with special tabulations requested by DFI.

2. Primary and less includes no formal education, further education includes vocational/technical certificate and advanced certificate/ completed apprenticeship, higher education includes Higher Certificate, Ordinary/Honours Bachelor, Postgraduate Diploma/Degree, and Doctorate. Data based on special tabulation from CSO and Statbank.

3. % of total education ceased and not ceased and for people aged 15 years and over.

4. Data is for highest level of education completed for people with a disability whose education has ceased.

5. People aged 15 years and over, who were renting from a Local Authority or a Voluntary Body.