



DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND

DISABILITY PROFILE: COUNTY WESTMEATH¹

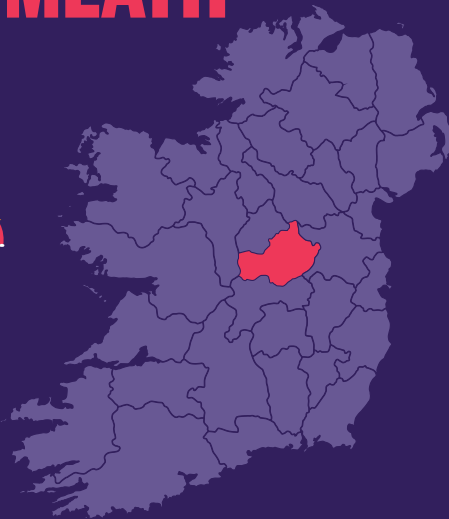
13%

of the population of Westmeath, or **11,887** people, have at least one disability.

AGE

Their age profile is:

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| 0-14 | 1151 |
| 15-24 | 980 |
| 25-44 | 2359 |
| 45-64 | 3539 |
| 65+ | 3858 |



Type of Disability

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

5,456 Difficulty with pain, breathing, or other chronic illness/condition

4,821 Difficulties with basic physical activities

2,982 Learning Difficulty

2,374 Mental health

1,917 Deafness or serious hearing impairment

1,378 Intellectual Disability

1,028 Blindness or a serious vision impairment

EDUCATION²

In 2016, only 13% of people who have a disability were in education compared to 19% of the general population in Westmeath.³ For those whose education had finished:⁴

32%

did not progress beyond primary education compared to 14% of the general population.

17%

had completed upper secondary compared to 21% of the general population.

14%

had completed further education compared to 17% of the general population.

18%

had completed higher level education compared to 32% of the general population.

EMPLOYMENT

21% of people who have a disability were at work compared to 51% of the general population.

TRANSPORT

22% of people who have a disability did not have access to a car or van compared to 11% of the general population.

HOUSING

12% of people who have a disability lived in social housing compared to 8% 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.