



DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND

# DISABILITY PROFILE: IRELAND<sup>1</sup>

**13.5%**

of the population of Ireland, or **643,131** people have at least one disability.

## Type of Disability

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

**296,783** Difficulty with pain, breathing, or other chronic illness/condition

**262,818** Difficulties with basic physical activities

**156,968** Learning difficulty

**123,515** Mental health

**103,676** Deafness or serious hearing impairment

**66,611** Intellectual disability

**54,810** Blindness or a serious vision impairment

## AGE Their age profile is:

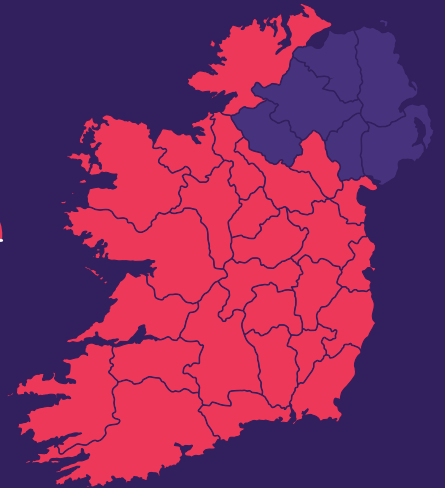
**0-14** 59,086

**15-24** 53,465

**25-44** 123,638

**45-64** 182,554

**65+** 224,388



## EDUCATION<sup>2</sup>

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

**31%**

did not progress beyond primary education compared to 13% of the general population.

**16%**

had completed upper secondary compared to 20% of the general population.

**13%**

had completed further education compared to 16% of the general population.

**20%**

had completed higher level education compared to 36% of the general population.

## EMPLOYMENT

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

## TRANSPORT

24% of people who have a disability did not have access to a car or van compared to 12% of the general population.

## HOUSING

15% of people who have a disability lived in social housing compared to 9% of the general population.<sup>5</sup>

1. All statistics in this infographic are based on **Census 2016** data from [www.cso.ie](http://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.