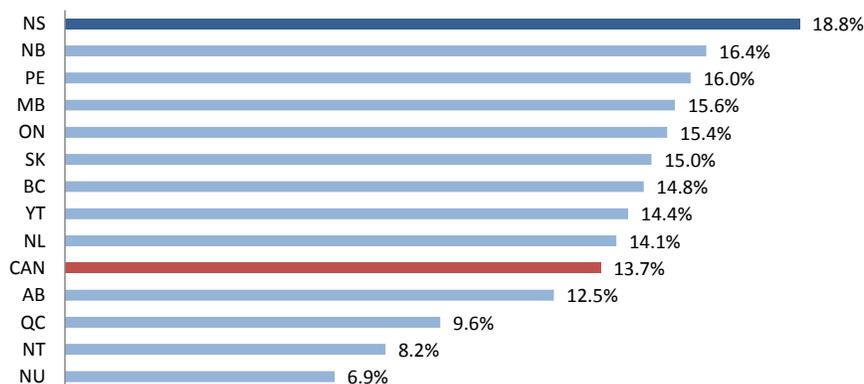


## Prevalence of Disability in Nova Scotia

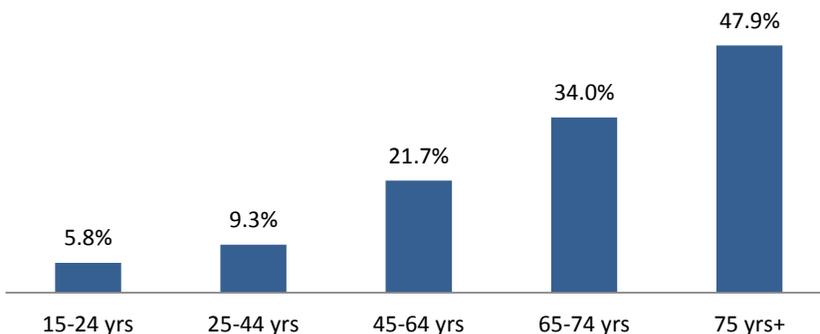
**Prevalence of disability for adults (15 yrs +)  
Provinces and Territories, 2012**



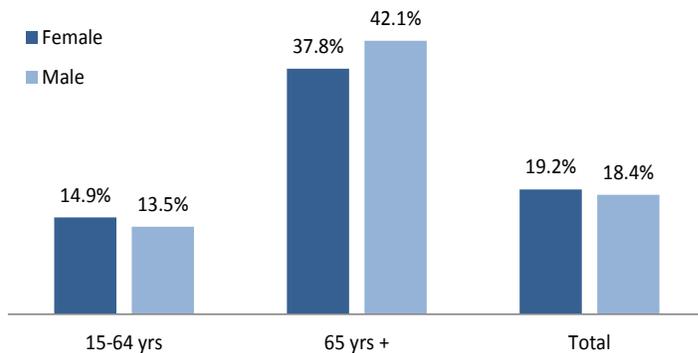
According to the 2012 *Canadian Survey on Disability*, almost one out of every five (19%) Nova Scotians aged 15 and over has a disability<sup>1</sup>, the highest proportion in the country. There were 143,760 Nova Scotians aged 15 and over who were living with a disability in 2012.

**Prevalence of disability by age  
Nova Scotia, 2012**

The prevalence of disability increases with age. While less than 6% of those aged 15-24 years have a disability, close to half (48%) of Nova Scotians aged 75 years and over have a disability.



### Prevalence of disability by age and sex Nova Scotia, 2012

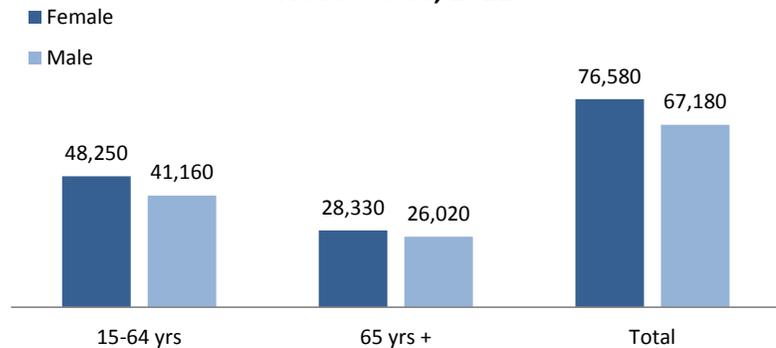


Overall, the proportion of females with a disability is only slightly higher than the proportion of males with a disability (19% versus 18%).

Among those aged 15-64 years, females are slightly more likely to have a disability. However, males are more likely to have a disability among those aged 65 years and over.

Because of factors like longer life expectancy, there are greater numbers of older women in Nova Scotia than there are older men. As a result, the number of older women living with disabilities in the province is also greater. Overall, there are over 9,000 more women than men in Nova Scotia who are living with a disability.

### Number of adults (15 yrs+) with a disability by age and sex Nova Scotia, 2012



Source of all data in this fact sheet is Statistics Canada, *2012 Canadian Survey on Disability*.

1. The *Canadian Survey on Disability* uses a set of disability screening questions (DSQ) to identify respondents. People are identified as having a disability only if their daily activities are limited as a result of an impairment or difficulty with particular tasks. Disability data from this source should not be compared to data from the *Participation and Activity Limitation Survey* (PALS) due to methodological differences in how disability is defined.

For more information about the *Canadian Survey on Disability* and for disability data tables, please visit Statistics Canada's Internet site at:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-654-x/89-654-x2014001-eng.htm> or

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-654-x/2013001/tbl-eng.htm>

This and other disability fact sheets can be found on the Disabled Persons Commission website. Go to:

<http://disability.novascotia.ca/content/disability-facts#overlay-context=content/dpc-research-and-statistics>