

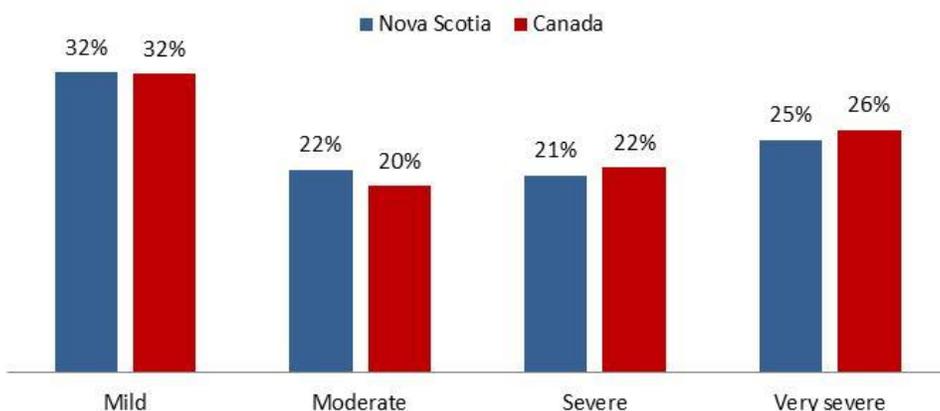
Disability Facts

#3 in a series of factsheets on the status of persons with disabilities in Nova Scotia



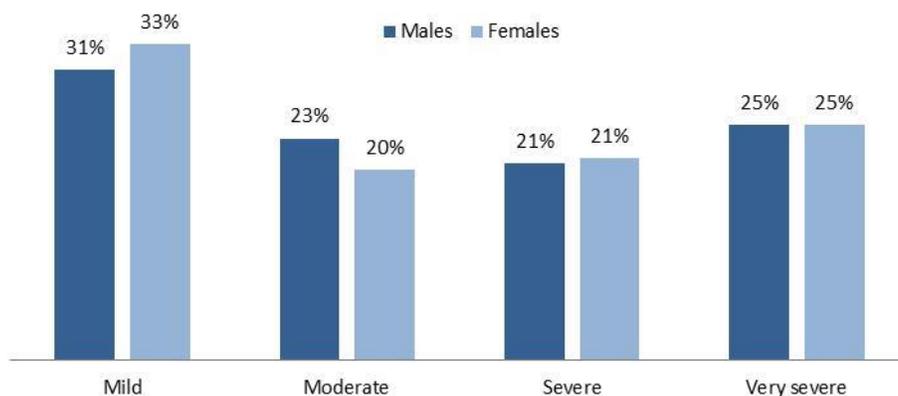
Severity of Disability in Nova Scotia

Severity of Disability Nova Scotia and Canada, 2012



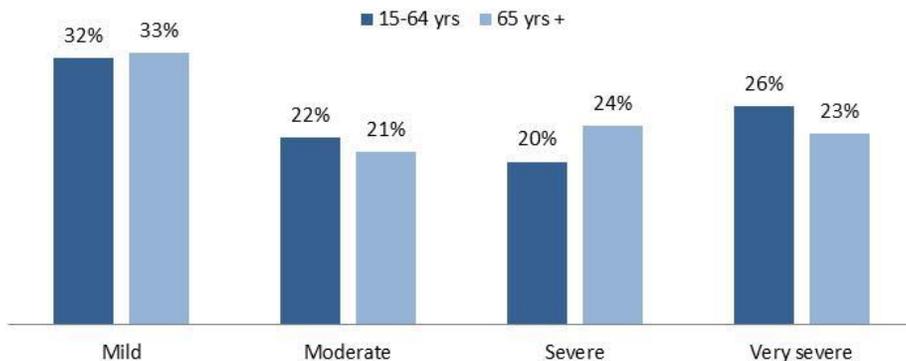
According to the 2012 *Canadian Survey on Disability*¹, approximately one-third of persons with disabilities in Nova Scotia indicate having a *mild* disability, while one-quarter indicate that their disability is *very severe*². More than 66,000 Nova Scotians are living with a *severe* or *very severe* disability.

Severity of Disability by Sex Nova Scotia, 2012



The severity of disabilities among women in Nova Scotia is very similar to the severity of disabilities among men.

Severity of Disability by Age Nova Scotia, 2012



The severity of disability is also quite similar among 15-64 year olds as it is among those aged 65 years and over. Persons with disabilities aged 65 years and over are slightly more likely to report having a *severe* disability as compared to those aged 15-64 years,

while those aged 15-64 years are slightly more likely to report having a *very severe* disability compared to those aged 65 years and over.

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.

2. The *2012 Canadian Survey on Disability* developed a severity score based on its Disability Screening Questions (DSQ). The severity score takes the following factors into consideration: the number of disability types; the level of difficulty associated with the disability; and the frequency of the activity limitation.

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/2014001/appb-annb-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>