

Disability Facts

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



Prevalence of Disability by County¹

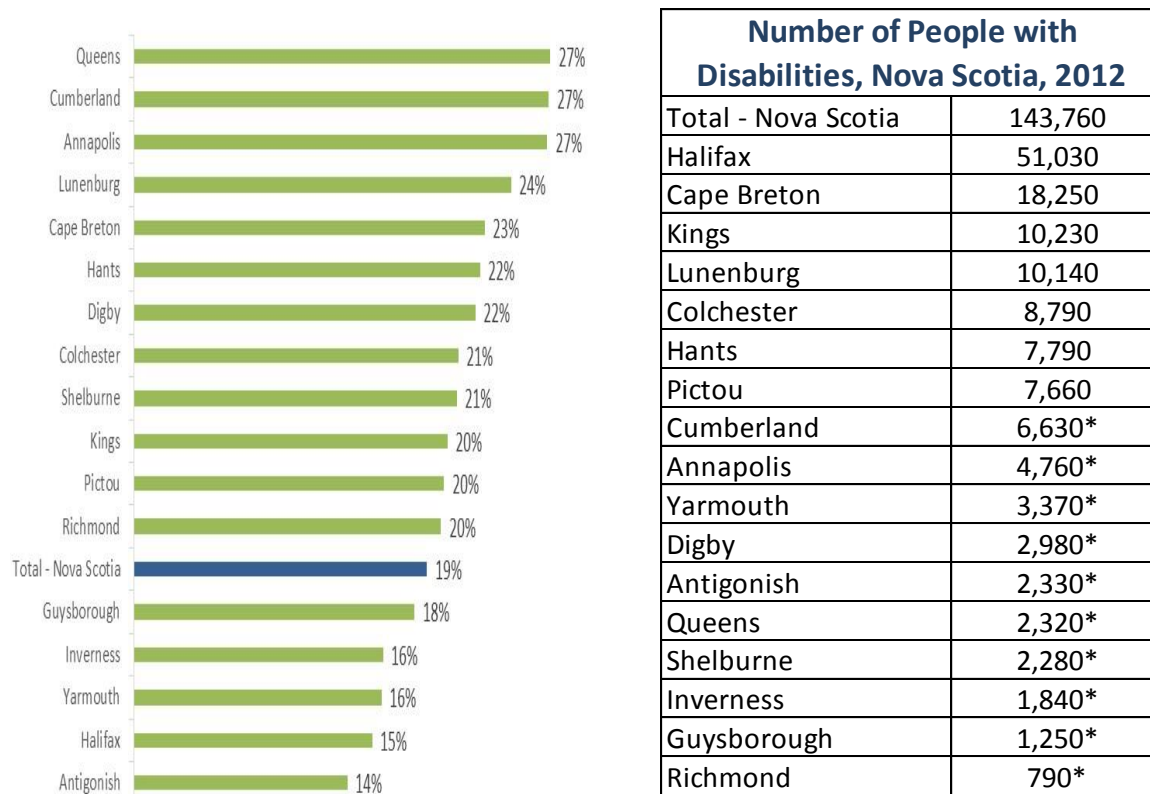


Figure 1

- According to the 2012 *Canadian Survey on Disability*, 143,760 Nova Scotians (or 19%) aged 15 years and over have a disability that limits their daily activities.
- When we look at the prevalence of disability across the province, we see a considerable range, from lows of 14% in Antigonish County and 15% in Halifax to highs of 27% in Queens, Cumberland and Annapolis counties.
- The prevalence of disability in Queens, Cumberland and Annapolis counties is close to double what it is in Antigonish County or Halifax.
- Factors which can affect the prevalence of disability include differences in population age and the types of industry that are pervasive in particular areas of the province.

Prevalence of Disability by Sex Nova Scotia by County, 2012²

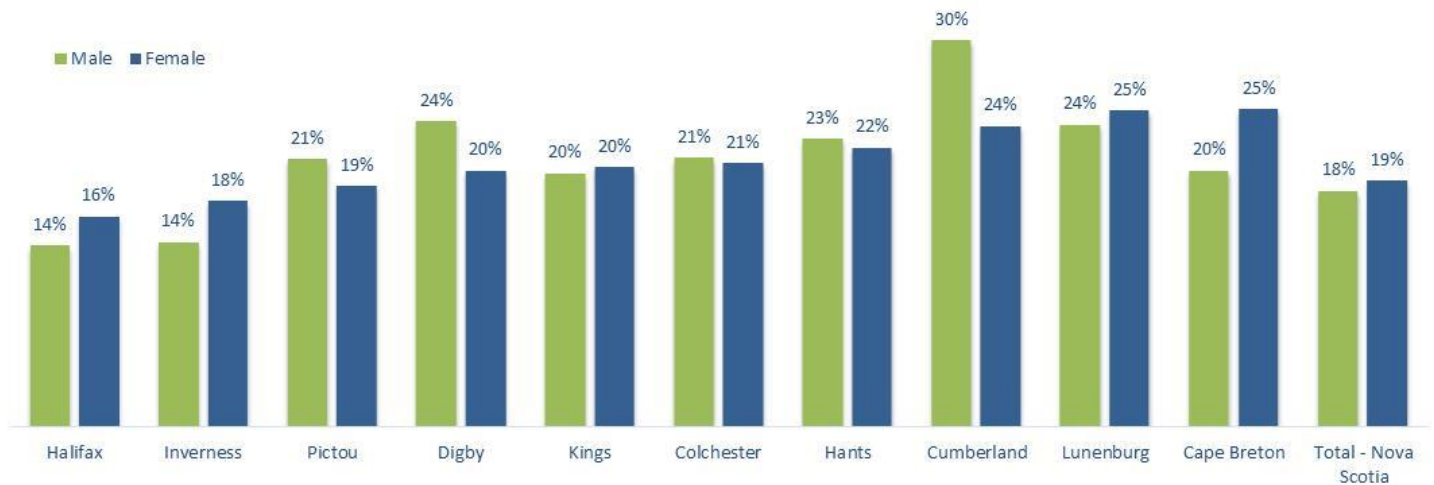


Figure 2

- Data on the prevalence of disability disaggregated by sex is available for ten Nova Scotia counties.
- For Nova Scotia as a whole and for most areas, the prevalence of disability is similar for women and men, e.g., 18% of men and 19% of women for Nova Scotia as a whole.
- In Inverness and Cape Breton counties, the prevalence of disability is higher among women than it is among men.
- In Digby and Cumberland counties, the prevalence of disability is higher among men than it is among women.

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

1. * Data presented in Figure 1 for Antigonish, Yarmouth, Inverness, Guysborough, Richmond, Shelburne, Digby, Annapolis, Cumberland, and Queens counties should be used with caution as population counts for these are small and coefficients of variation range from 16.6% to 33.3%. Figure for Victoria is not presented as it is too unreliable to publish (coefficients of variation greater than 33.3%).
2. Figures presented for all counties except Halifax and Cape Breton should be used with caution as population counts for these are small and coefficients of variation range from 16.6% to 33.3%. Figures for Shelburne, Yarmouth, Queens, Annapolis, Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond and Victoria counties are not presented as these are too unreliable to publish (coefficients of variation greater than 33.3%).

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>

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