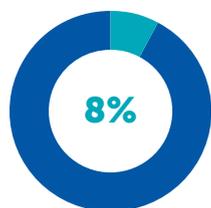


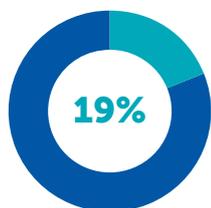
Fact Sheets: Disabilities

People with disabilities are among the most marginalised groups in the world. People with disabilities have poorer health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities.

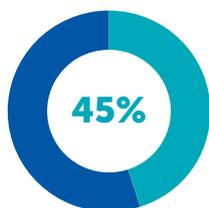
There are **13.9 million** disabled people in the UK
Of them:



of children are disabled



of working age adults are disabled



of pension age adults are disabled



The most commonly-reported impairments are those that affect

mobility, lifting or carrying.



More than **3.7 million** disabled people are in work.

Disabled people are more than **twice as likely** to be unemployed as non-disabled people.

- Life costs you **£570** more on average a month if you are disabled.
- After housing costs, the proportion of working age disabled people living in poverty (**28%**) is higher than the proportion of working age non-disabled people (**18%**).
- The prevalence of disability rises with age. Around **6%** of children are disabled, compared to **16%** of working age adults and **45%** of adults over State Pension age.

The Equality Act 2010 defines 'disability' as having a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

A 2018 report by The Papworth Trust highlighted that:

- Disabled young people, aged **16-18**, are at least twice as likely as their non-disabled peers to be **NEET**
- By the age of **26**, disabled people are four times more likely to be out of work compared to non-disabled people



Disabled people need to apply for

60%

more jobs before they are successful in finding work.

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employers say that they would be less likely to employ a disabled person.

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Our Response

The Foundation's partnership with **Birkbeck, University of London**, will see research from the Wohl Wolfson ToddlerLab increase the understanding of developmental disorders. The research could lead to new interventions, transforming the outlook for people with these conditions.

The Foundation's **Community Grants** have provided support to disability-focused:

- sports teams;
- community groups and charities;
- schools