

# The disability gap 2018

## A snapshot of life for disabled New Zealanders

How we work, live, and connect with people affects everyone's wellbeing but the experiences we have are not equal for all New Zealanders.

Disability data shows that disabled people are more likely to have worse outcomes than non-disabled people across many aspects of life. This is often more pronounced for those aged under 65 years.

**Almost 1 in 4 New Zealanders are disabled.**

- 2013 NZ disability survey \*



## Work life

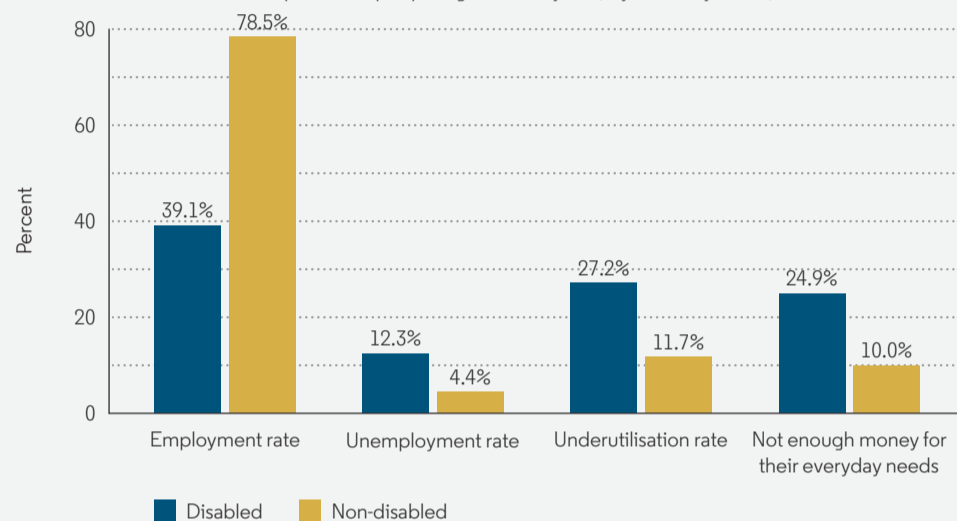
Disabled people are under-represented in higher-income occupations, tend to work fewer hours, and are less likely to have qualifications than non-disabled people.

In 2018, working disabled people aged 15-64 years:

- Earned a median **\$901** a week from wages or salaries, **\$98** less than non-disabled workers.
- Worked an average **35.2** hours a week, **3** hours less than non-disabled workers.
- Stayed in a job for an average **8.9** years, **2.5** years longer than non-disabled workers.
- 60%** of working disabled people were satisfied with their job compared with **77%** of non-disabled people.

### Selected economic measures

Proportion of people aged 15-64 years, by disability status, 2018



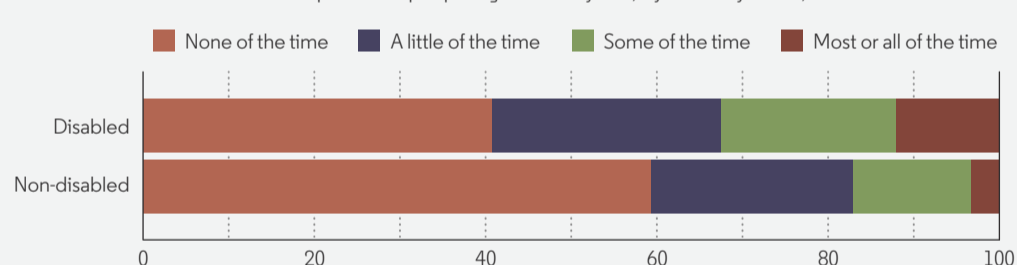
## Social life

Of disabled New Zealanders aged 15-64 years in 2018:

- 9.7%** found it hard to be themselves, compared with **1.6%** of non-disabled people.
- 37%** experienced discrimination in the past 12 months, compared with **19%** of non-disabled people.
- 46%** had high levels of trust in our education system, compared with **67%** of non-disabled people.

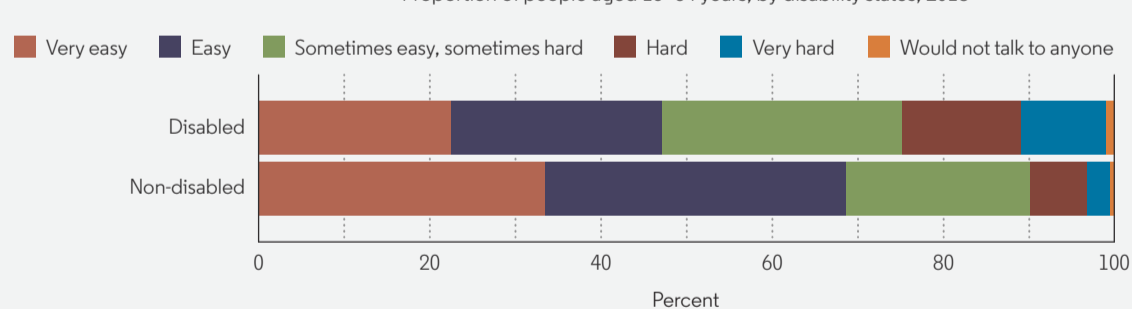
### Amount of time people felt lonely in past 4 weeks

Proportion of people aged 15-64 years, by disability status, 2018



### Ease of asking to talk to someone if needed

Proportion of people aged 15-64 years, by disability status, 2018



## Home life

Of disabled New Zealanders aged 15-64 years in 2018:

- 47%** lived in a rented home, compared with **35%** of non-disabled people.
- 31%** lived in a mouldy home, compared with **20%** of non-disabled people.
- 40%** rated their housing affordable, compared with **50%** of non-disabled people.
- 1 in 10** rated their housing as unsuitable for their needs, compared with **1 in 25** non-disabled people.

### Find it difficult to access key public facilities

Proportion of people aged 15-64 years, by disability status, 2018

