Health Inequality Data Repository

INDICATOR METADATA

Disability (Eurostat)

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About

This dataset is from the [WHO Health Inequality Data Repository](#).

This dataset contains disability indicators in European countries related to health status, health behaviours and risk factors, health care and health determinants (housing conditions, income distribution, poverty and material deprivation). The dataset "Indicators disaggregated by disability" (*disability1*) contains data disaggregated by disability; the dataset "Indicators among people with disabilities" (*disability2*) contains data disaggregated by age and sex, among people with some or severe disability.

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Data source

Data were downloaded from the Eurostat data browser (https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser) via the [SDMX API](#), within the Population and social conditions > Health > Disability theme. These indicators are originally sourced from the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions survey (EU-SILC).

Methodology

The general coverage of the EHIS is the population aged 15 or over, while the coverage of EU-SILC is the population aged 16 or over.

Please refer to this resource for metadata for the EHIS:
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/hlth_det_esms.htm

Please refer to this resource for metadata for the EU-SILC:
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/hlth_silc_01_esms.htm

Dataset metadata

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Temporal coverage	2010–2021
Spatial coverage	Regional (Europe)
Spatial granularity	National
Number of countries	36
Number of indicators	43

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Number of dimensions of inequality	Indicators disaggregated by disability: 1 Indicators among people with disabilities: 2

Inequality dimensions

Disability refers to the extent to which people are limited in regular activities, categorized as "some disability" or "severe disability".

Age refers to the age of the respondent, grouped in six subgroups: 16-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-55 years, 55-64 years and 65+ years.

Sex refers to the male or female sex of the respondent.

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Indicator metadata

Indicator name	Disaggregation	Definition / Further information	Notes
Health status			
Absence from work due to personal health problems (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Need for help with household activities but lack of assistance (%)			
Need for help with personal care activities but lack of assistance (%)			
Persons with chronic depression (%)			
Persons with coronary heart disease or angina pectoris (%)			
Persons with diabetes (%)			
Persons with high blood pressure (%)			
Persons with stroke or chronic consequences of stroke (%)			
Severe difficulties in carrying out personal care activities or household activities (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a computer (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a washing machine (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a personal car (%)			
Health behaviours and risk factors			
Daily consumption of 1-4 portions of fruit and vegetables (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Overall perceived strong social support (%)			
People who are obese (body mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than 30) (%)			
People who are overweight (body mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than 25) (%)			
Performing health-enhancing aerobic physical activity at least once a week (%)			
Health care			
Self-reported consultation of a medical doctor in the past four weeks (%)	Age Disability	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)

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Indicator name	Disaggregation	Definition / Further information	Notes
Self-reported consultation of a mental healthcare or rehabilitation care professional in the past 12 months (%)	Sex		
Self-reported unmet needs for health care for financial reasons (%)			
Self-reported use of home care services in the past 12 months (%)			
Health problems of disabled people			
People having a longstanding health problem (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
Housing conditions of disabled people			
Severe housing deprivation rate (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
Overcrowding rate (%)			
Housing cost overburden rate (%)			
People living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames or floor (%)			
People with no bath or shower in their dwelling (%)			
People not having indoor flushing toilet for the sole use of their household (%)			
People considering their dwelling as too dark (%)			
Noise from neighbours or from the street (%)			
Pollution, grime or other environmental problems (%)			
Crime, violence or vandalism in the area (%)			
Inability to keep home adequately warm (%)			
Income distribution and poverty among disabled people			
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
People at risk of poverty (%)			
People at risk of poverty before social transfers (pensions included in social transfers) (%)			
Material deprivation among disabled people			
Severe material deprivation (%)	Age Disability Sex	[Eurostat metadata](#)	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
Inability to afford paying for one week annual holiday away from home (%)			

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Indicator name	Disaggregation	Definition / Further information	Notes
Inability to afford a meal with meat, chicken, fish (or vegetarian equivalent) every second day (%)			
Inability to face unexpected financial expenses (%)			
Arrears (mortgage or rent, utility bills or hire purchase) (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a telephone (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a colour TV (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a computer (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a washing machine (%)			
Share of persons who cannot afford a personal car (%)			