

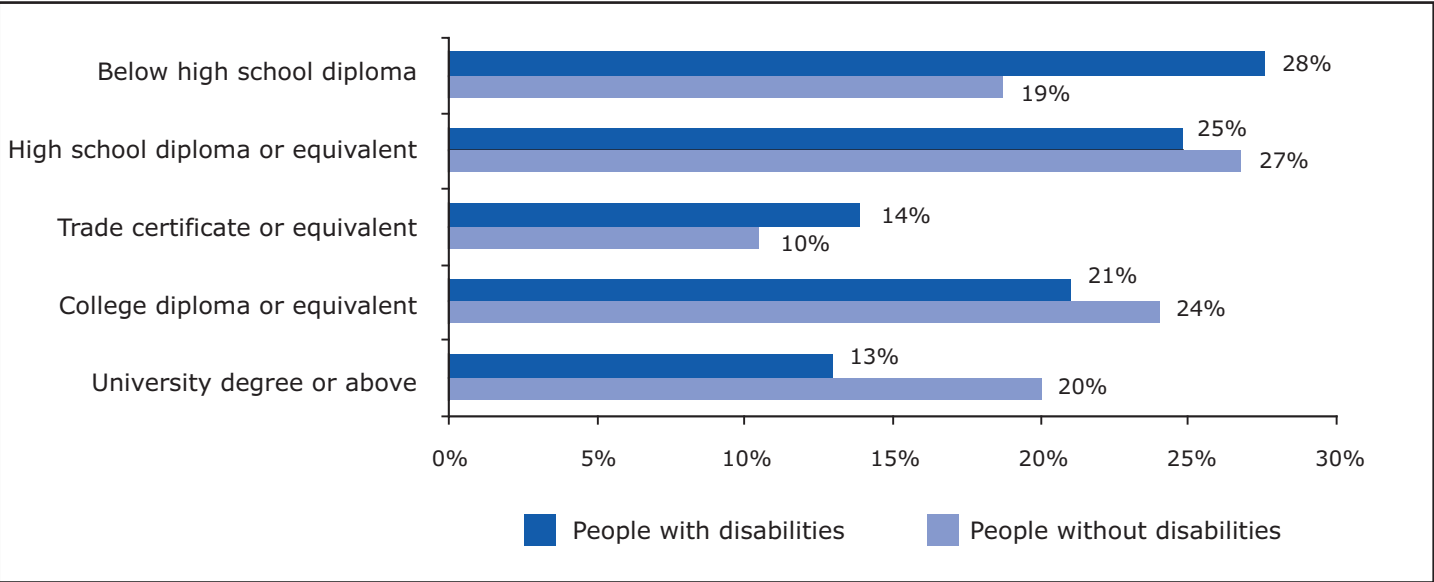
Disability Facts about Education



Highest level of educational attainment

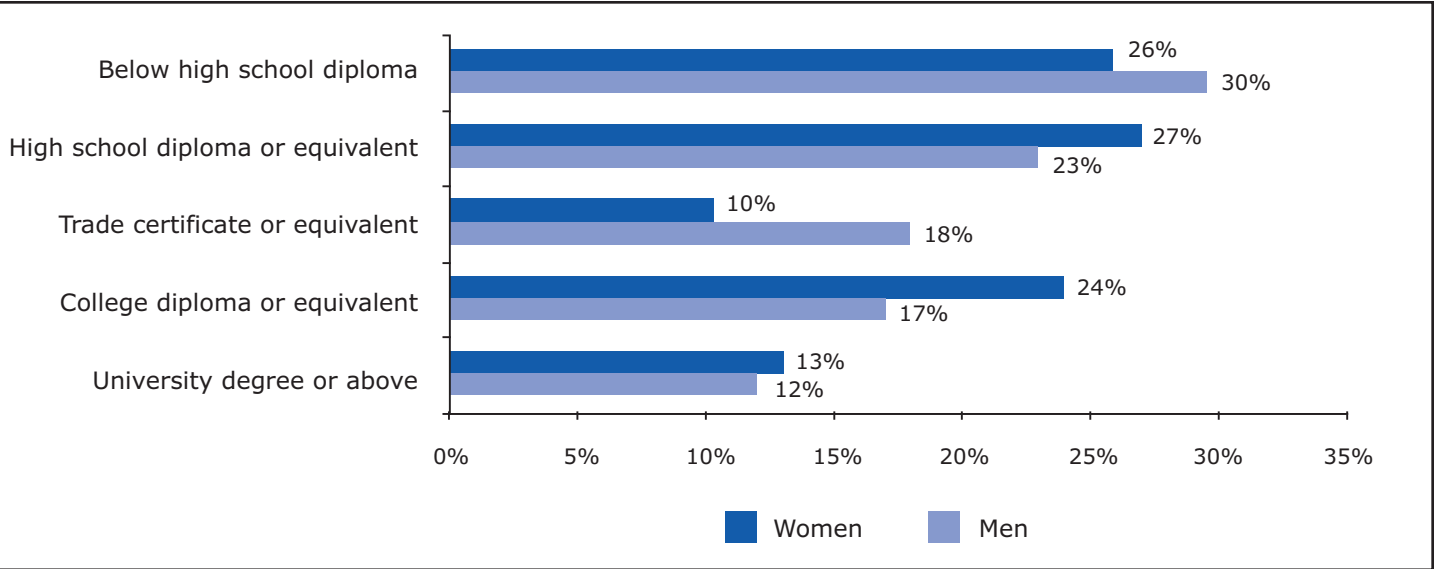
Overall, people with disabilities have lower educational attainment than people without disabilities.

Highest level of education attainment by disability status for working-age adults aged 15 to 64



Working-age men and women with disabilities have different educational attainment levels.

Highest level of education attainment by gender for working-age adults with disabilities aged 15 to 64





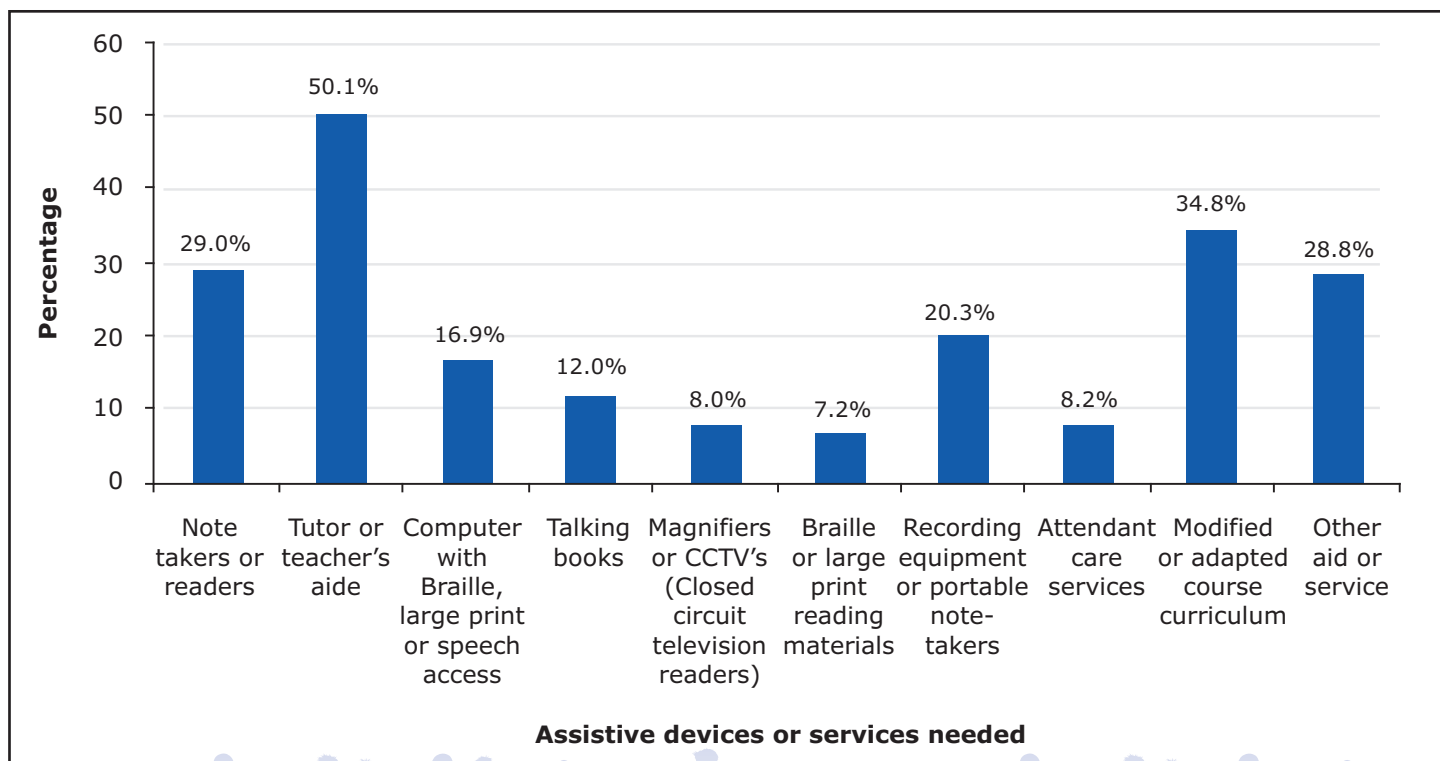
School attendance

Students with disabilities 15 to 64 years of age face many barriers while attending school because of their condition:

- 9.7% of students required modified building features or services to attend school;
- 11.3% of students had to leave their community to attend school;
- 13.0% of students had to begin school later than most other people their age;
- 13.1% of students had additional expenses for schooling;
- 13.3% of students took courses by correspondence or home studied;
- 14.5% of students changed schools;
- 18.2% of students attended a special education school or a regular school with special education classes;
- 19.8% of students changed their course of studies;
- 22.5% of students discontinued their formal education;
- 22.9% of students' education was interrupted for long periods of time;
- 24.4% of students went back to school for re-training;
- 27.2% of students said they had to take fewer courses or subjects than they otherwise would have;
- 28.6% of students took longer to achieve their present level of education. Most commonly, it took one or two years longer;
- 43.5% of students said their choice of courses or career was influenced;
- 43.5% of students needed assistive devices or services to follow their courses.

Students with disabilities 15 to 64 years of age need a variety of assistive devices or services to follow their courses.

Type of assistive devices or services needed for students to follow their courses



Source: Participation and Activity Limitation Survey (PALS) 2006

Note: Data listed above is of the full 2006 Canadian population and may be different than that of previously released Federal Disability Reports due to different methodology of developing the samples. Please see the 2009 Federal Disability Report, page 3, for more information.

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