

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, 2022



In 2022,
1.5%
of Canadians
(or **456,630** individuals)
aged 15 years and over had
a developmental disability.^{1, 2}

Men+ (1.8%)
were more likely
than **women+
(1.3%)** to have a
developmental
disability.³



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Average age when a person with
a developmental disability is
diagnosed with their condition

13

Average age when these
individuals tend to feel **limited**
by their condition



Over **9 in 10** persons with a developmental
disability had at least **one other type of disability**



69% also had a
learning disability



66% also had a **mental
health-related disability**



68%
of those with a
developmental
disability
received help
with at least one type of everyday
activity because of their condition



The most common
source of help was a
family member who was
living with them (**77%**).

62% of Canadians with a
developmental disability
reported **an unmet need
for disability supports**⁴



Those with more severe developmental
disabilities were more likely to have
unmet needs (**70%**) than those with less
severe developmental disabilities (**56%**).

1. The Canadian Survey on Disability covers Canadians aged 15 years and over who experience limitations in their daily activities because of a long-term condition or health-related problem.
2. A respondent who has been diagnosed with a developmental disorder, such as Down syndrome or autism, is identified as having a disability regardless of the level of difficulty or frequency of activity limitation.
3. The "women+" category includes women as well as some non-binary persons, while the "men+" category includes men as well as some non-binary persons.
4. Disability supports include personal aids and devices (e.g., canes, walkers, specialized software, or architectural features in the home such as widened doorways and ramps), as well as access to health care services (e.g., counselling services and physiotherapy).

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Survey on Disability, 2022.

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