LEARNING DISABILITIES, 2022





In 2022,

5.6% of Canadians (more than **1.6 million** individuals) aged 15 years and over

had a learning disability.1

The most commonly used aids and assistive devices among those with a learning disability were...

18%

Writing and spelling aids



13%

Recording or note-taking equipment



Proportion of Canadians with a learning disability, by age group

9.2%

15 to 24 years

4.6% 45 to 64 years

6.0% 25 to 44 years

4.1%

65 years and over





Women+ (5.9%) were more likely than men+ (5.2%) to have a learning disability.2



Less than a quarter (24%) of students with learning disabilities were enrolled in school part-time.3 Of these, half (50%) were studying part-time because of their learning disability along with other types of disability they may have.

Top accommodations students with learning disabilities needed and received for their course:



Extended time during tests and exams





Computer, laptop or tablet with specialized software or application





Quiet room or sensory room





52%

of Canadians aged 25 to 64 years with a learning disability required one or more workplace accommodations4

Those **aged 25 to 64** with more severe learning disabilities were more likely to require an accommodation (67%) than those with less severe learning disabilities (36%).

- 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. 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.
- 3. Includes students aged 15 years and over who currently attend or recently attended school, college, CEGEP or university.
- 4. Workplace accommodations include special chairs, back supports, modified ergonomic workstations, human support, technical aids, computer with specialized software or adaptations, communication aids, accessible elevators, adapted washrooms, or specialized transportation.

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