



# Disability Data Measures

Collecting data about disability  
in Australia

Easy Read version



# How to use this document



We are the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

We wrote this document.

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We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.



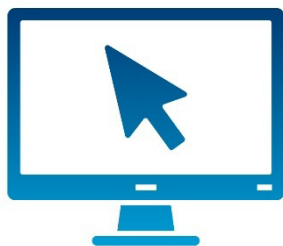
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- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

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# About the Disability Data Measures project



We ran the Disability Data Measures project.

We just call it the project.



The project was about how we collect **data** about disability.



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing helped us run the project.



The project looked into creating survey questions that organisations across Australia could use to learn about disability.



The questions will support organisations to ask about disability in the same way.



The project followed ideas from the **Disability Royal Commission.**

The Disability Royal Commission looked into problems that people with disability experienced.



It helped the Australian Government find out:

- what went wrong
- what needs to improve.

# What we did



We talked with people about:

- what disability data they need
- the best ways to collect disability data.

We talked with:



- people with disability



- disability organisations.

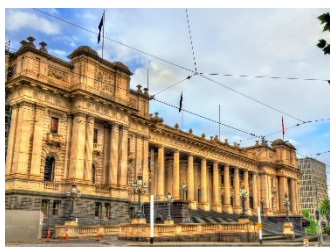
We also talked with:



- research experts



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments.



We looked at questions about disability that people already use:



- in Australia



- overseas.



We came up with different questions about disability.



We worked with people with disability and people without disability to find out which questions work best.

# What we found out

We found that it is better when organisations:



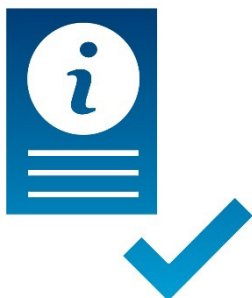
- use the same questions to get disability data



- understand disability in the same way.



We found that it's better to ask more than one question to find out if someone has a disability.



This helps to get:

- clearer information
- more details.



We also found that asking more questions will get more data.



For example, how much support a person with disability might need.

## Next steps



We don't know enough to decide on the best questions yet.

We need to talk with more people about:



- the way they understand disability



- how to collect data with some short questions.



We also need to do more testing to find out which questions work best.

## Contact us



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