



2022 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

What we learned about Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander
peoples with disability

Easy Read version



Acknowledgement of Country



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of Australia.



They have always looked after Country.

Country means the land, water, sky and everything within them.



We respect the important connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with Country.



And we respect their Elders from past and now.

How to use this fact sheet



The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) wrote this fact sheet.

When you read the word 'we', it means the ABS.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.



This is an Easy Read summary of another fact sheet.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

www.abs.gov.au/articles/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-disability-2022

We also wrote a plain language version of the other fact sheet.



You can find it on our website.

www.abs.gov.au/articles/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-disability-2022/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-disability-2022-key-findings-plain-language



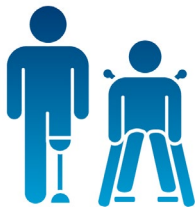
You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

About our survey



We ran a survey in 2022 called the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.



It collected information about the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with disability.



The survey included people living in private homes in most of Australia.

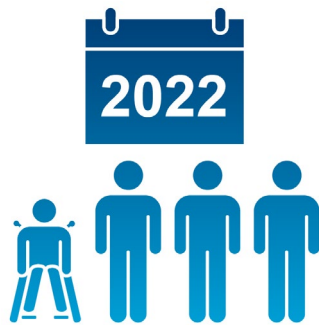


A private home can include:

- a house
- an apartment.

What we learned

The number of people with disability



In 2022, we learned that **just over 25%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a disability.

This is **183,700** people.

This is about the same as:

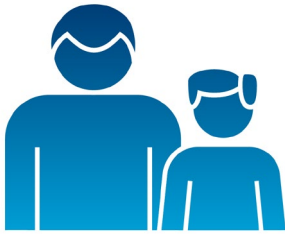


- **24%** in 2018



- **just under 24%** in 2015.

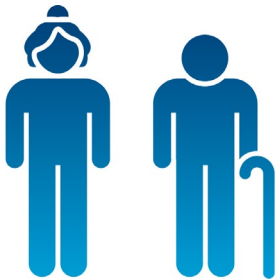
In 2022, we learned that:



- **just under 25%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and boys had a disability



- **just under 26%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls had a disability.



We also learned more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were older than 55 years old.



We learned that **just over 48%** of people from this group had disability.



We learned that **just under 8%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a **mild or moderate disability**.



Mild or moderate disability is when someone doesn't need support from another person to:

- move
- communicate
- care for themselves.

But they might:



- find some activities difficult



- use equipment for support.

We also learned **over 11%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a:



- **severe disability** – when someone needs support from another person some of the time

Or



- **profound disability** – when someone needs support from another person all of the time.

People who needed extra support



We learned that **just under 65%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability needed support with at least one everyday activity.



For example, support to cook a meal.

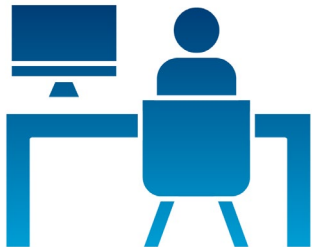
We also learned how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people needed support to:



- take part in school



- find a job



- keep a job.



We learned that **just over 70%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were older than 5 years old needed support to do these things.

Word list

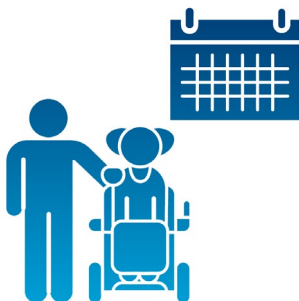
This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



Mild or moderate disability

Mild or moderate disability is when someone doesn't need support from another person to:

- move
- communicate
- care for themselves.



Profound disability

Profound disability is when someone needs support from another person all of the time.



Severe disability

Severe disability is when someone needs support from another person some of the time.

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