

Explanatory notes

Average values shown in charts show the arithmetic averages of the values across countries. World and regional estimates are also calculated as arithmetic averages of country data.

(WG) indicates data in which persons with disabilities were identified using the six questions of the short set on functioning of Washington Group on Disability Statistics, that is, persons who indicated that they had a lot of difficulty or were unable to: see (even if wearing glasses), hear (even if using a hearing aid), walk or climb stairs, remember or concentrate, wash all over or dress, understand or being understood.

(MDS) indicates data in which persons with disabilities were identified by those having severe disabilities using the Model Disability Survey, unless otherwise indicated.

Eurostat data show persons with some or severe difficulties.

In all other data, persons with disabilities are identified according to the definition of disability used in the national data collection.

National estimates calculated on the basis of data from DHS, IPUMS and SINTEF data were calculated or commissioned by UNDESA, unless otherwise stated.