



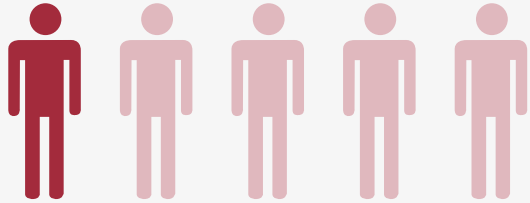
# Disability Health Network

## Health disparities for people with disability

### Disability in Australia

**1 in 5**

Australians live with disability



**6%**

of Australians have severe or profound disability



That's around 1.4 million people

**10%**

of Western Australian children aged 0 - 14 identify with a disability

### Health status

People with severe or profound disability, aged 15-64, in comparison to people without disability are:

**3X**

more likely to have 3+ long term health conditions

**6X**

more likely to have mental health problems

**2X**

more likely to be obese

**2X**

more likely to be daily smokers

**1 in 2**

people with disability reported poor to fair health

### Accessing services

**1 in 5**

people with disability who needed to see a medical specialist did not go mainly due to cost



People with severe or profound disability, aged 15-64, in comparison to people without disability are:



**3.5x**

more likely to see specialist doctors



**5x**

more likely to see specialist doctors along with other health professionals



**10x**

more likely to see General Practitioners

Legend: People without disability People with disability

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