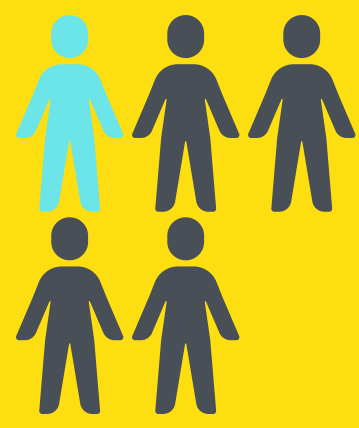
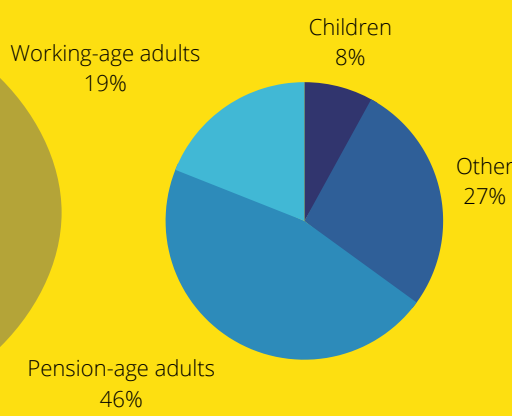




BUDS FACTS AND FIGURES

Population

There are over 14 million disabled people in the UK. 8% of children are disabled. 19% of working-age adults are disabled. 46% of pension age adults are disabled.^[1]

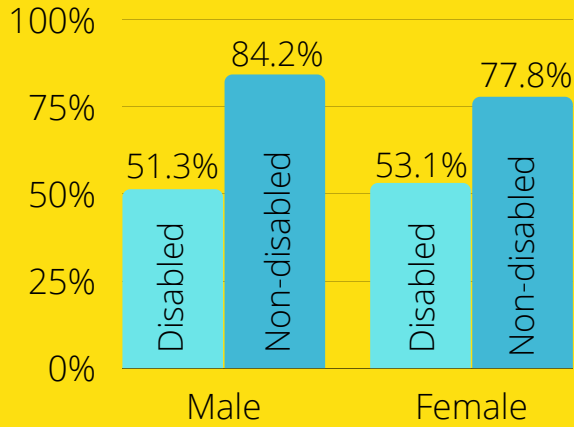


Impairment at birth?

Fewer than one in five disabled people were born with their impairments. The majority of disabled people acquire their impairment later in life.^[2]

Gender

The gap between the employment rate for disabled women and those who are not disabled (24.7%) was smaller than the equivalent gap for men (33.0%).^[3]



Bucks population

Out of 316,100 Buckinghamshire residents aged 18-64, 8.2% have physical and learning disabilities. Of the 103,600 aged 65+, 20.8% have physical and learning disabilities.^[4]

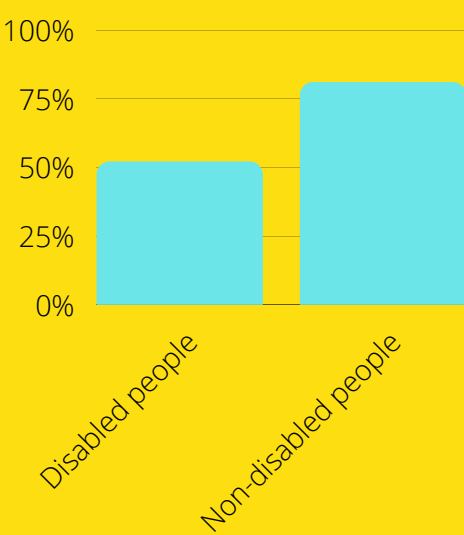
Unemployment

Disabled people are nearly 4 times as likely to be unemployed or involuntarily out of work as non-disabled people.^[2]



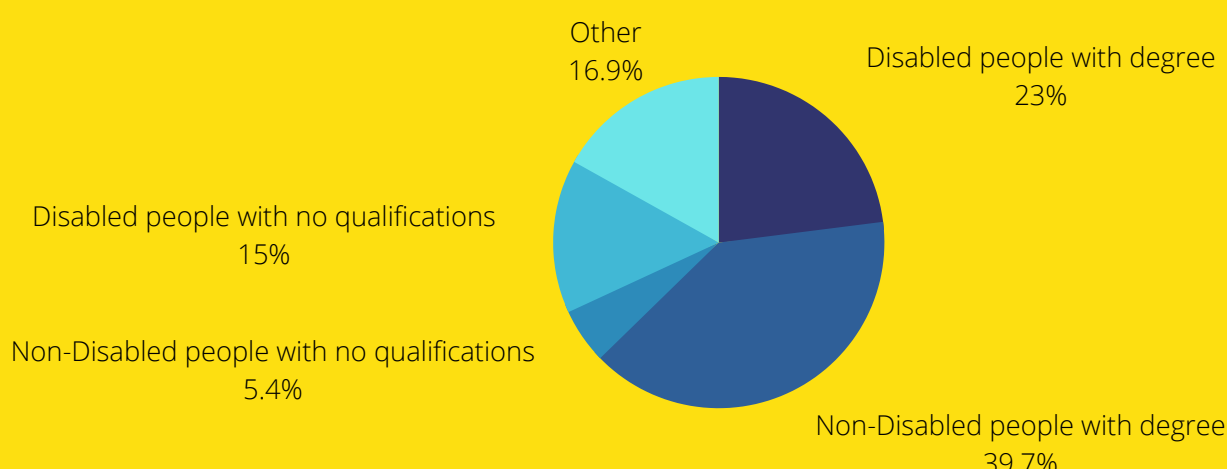
Employment

Around half of disabled people aged 16 to 64 years (52.1%) in the UK were in employment compared with around 8 in 10 (81.3%) for non-disabled people (July to September 2020); disabled people with autism were among those disabled people with the lowest employment rate.^[5]



Education

23% of disabled people aged 21 to 64 years had a degree or equivalent as their highest qualification, compared with 39.7% of non-disabled people. 15.1% of disabled people had no qualifications, which is almost three times the proportion of non-disabled people (5.4%). Similar proportions of disabled and non-disabled people had higher education or GCE A level or equivalent as their highest qualification.^[6]



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