DISABILITY STATISTICS

16.7 MILLION

In the UK, 12% of children, 23% of working-age adults and 45% of pension-age adults are disabled.



Nearly half of people living in poverty are disabled or live in a family with a disabled person.

Adults with learning disabilities die, on average, **19 years younger** than the general population. Around **39%** of deaths are classified as avoidable.



Disabled households face extra costs averaging **£1,095 a month.**



Only 4% of new homes planned in England over the next decade are expected to meet wheelchair-user housing standards.

During some natural disasters, disabled people have experienced mortality rates two to four times higher than non-disabled people.

43% of disabled adults who looked for work in the last 10 years believe their disability affected their chances of getting a job.



Disabled households face energy bills averaging **25% higher** than non-disabled households.



3 out of 4 disabled people have experienced negative attitudes or behaviour in the last 5 years.



Almost **3 in 4 (74%)** people referred to Trussell food banks in 2024 were disabled.

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Sources: DWP; Joseph Rowntree Foundation; NHS England (LeDeR); Scope; Habinteg; UNDRR; Trussell, Sense.