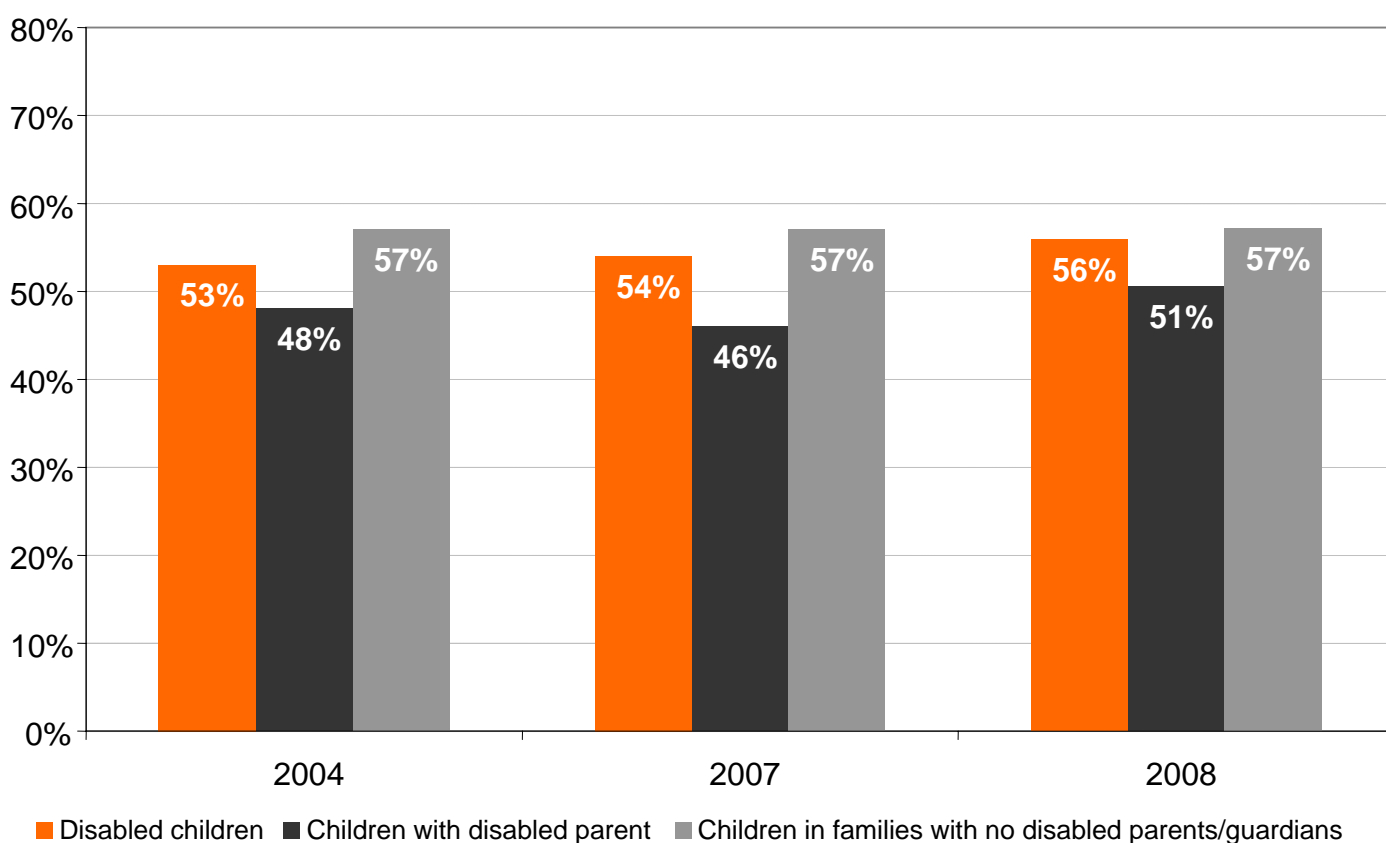


A1 – Use of childcare

Baseline and Trends: Baseline year – 2004. Figures from 2008 show that children with disabled parents/guardians were significantly less likely to use childcare than children in families with no disabled parents/guardians. The gap between families with disabled children and families with no disabled parents/guardians was not significant. In 2008, 51% of families with children with at least one disabled parent used childcare compared to 57% of families with children with no disabled parents/guardians. In the same period, 56% of families with disabled children took up childcare. These figures have not significantly changed since the baseline.

Use of Childcare



Definition: Data on children with disabled parents is taken from questions on whether the respondent to the survey, and/or the respondent's partner (if they have one) are disabled. The data covers use of any childcare, both formal and informal in the past week. Data covers England.

Note: The group formerly referred to as “families where no-one is disabled” is now is now referred to as “families with no disabled parents/guardians.”

Independent Living Strategy (ILS): This indicator is also used to monitor the Independent Living Strategy, for which the baseline is 2007.

Data Source: Childcare and Early Years Survey of Parents