

B3 – Economic activity

Baseline and Trends: Baseline year – 2005. Figures from 2005 state disabled people have been significantly less likely than non disabled people to be employees (40.3% compared to 70%) or self-employed (6.2% compared to 9.5%), and significantly more likely to be economically inactive (49.4% compared to 16.3%) or unemployed (7.1% compared to 4.5%). Latest data from 2008 shows that disabled people remain less likely than non disabled people to be employees (41.1% compared to 69.4%) or self-employed (6.7% compared to 9.7%), and more likely to be economically inactive (47.1% compared to 16.1%) or unemployed (8.6% compared to 5.1%).

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		Employee	Self Employed	Unemployed	Inactive
2002	Disabled	38.4%	5.7%	6.9%	52.2%
	Not Disabled	70.5%	9.1%	4.9%	15.8%
2003	Disabled	38.8%	6.2%	7.3%	51%
	Not Disabled	70.2%	9.6%	4.6%	15.9%
2004	Disabled	39.8%	6.6%	6.4%	50%
	Not Disabled	69.8%	9.7%	4.6%	16.1%
2005	Disabled	40.3%	6.2%	7.1%	49.4%
	Not Disabled	70%	9.5%	4.5%	16.3%
2006	Disabled	40.3%	6.8%	8.4%	48.2%
	Not Disabled	69.8%	9.5%	5.2%	15.9%
2007	Disabled	40.3%	6.5%	8.4%	48.4%
	Not Disabled	69.4%	9.7%	5.1%	16.2%
2008	Disabled	41.1%	6.7%	8.6%	47.1%
	Not Disabled	69.4%	9.7%	5.1%	16.1%

Definition: The data covers all working age adults (males aged 16-64, females aged 16-59). Respondents who report a current disability consistent with the Disability Discrimination Act are defined as disabled. Data is for Great Britain.

Note: All previously published Labour Force Survey figures have slightly changed due to the recent re-weighting of the survey population. Previously published figures regarding the 'Unemployed' category have been recalculated as a percentage of the economically active population, rather than the total working age population (which includes those who are inactive). The consequent increase in these figures does not

represent an increase in the actual unemployment rate, but it is a direct consequence of such calculation methodology.

Data Source: Labour Force Survey, Q2