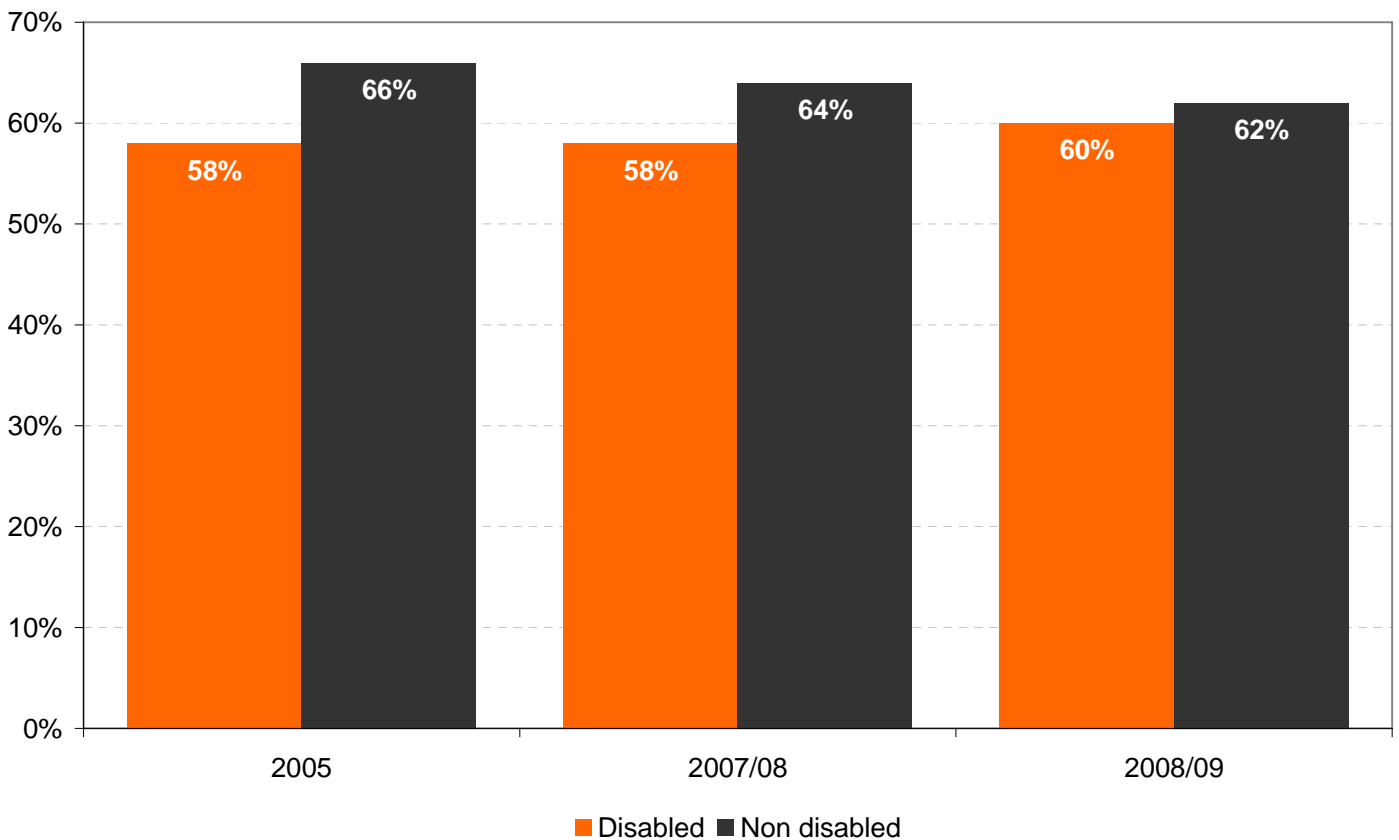


## E2 – Civic involvement

**Baseline and Trends:** Baseline year – 2005. Figures from 2008/09 show that disabled people were just as likely to have engaged in civic involvement<sup>1</sup> as non disabled people. In 2008/09, 60 per cent of disabled people undertook at least one activity of civic involvement in the last 12 months compared to 62 per cent of non disabled people. The percentage of non disabled people engaged in civic involvement has significantly decreased since the baseline. No other figures have significantly changed since the baseline.

### Civic involvement



<sup>1</sup> Civic involvement includes formal volunteering, civic activism, civic participation and civic consultation. Please see definition section for further details.

## Civic participation, consultation and activism

Disaggregated by activity, figures from 2008/09 show that disabled people were significantly more likely to have been involved in civic participation and were just as likely to have been involved in civic consultation and civic activism compared to non disabled people.

In 2008/09, 42 per cent of disabled people were engaged in civic participation compared to 37 per cent of non disabled people. In the same period, 20 per cent of both disabled people and non disabled people were involved in civic consultation and 10 per cent of both disabled people and non disabled people were involved in civic activism. The percentage of non disabled people involved in civic activism has significantly increased since the baseline. No other figures have significantly changed since the baseline.

### Civic participation, consultation and activism

	2005		2007/08		2008/09	
	Disabled	Non Disabled	Disabled	Non Disabled	Disabled	Non Disabled
<b>Civic participation</b>	38%	38%	38%	39%	42%	37%
<b>Civic consultation</b>	20%	20%	21%	21%	20%	20%
<b>Civic activism</b>	8%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%

**Definition:** Disability is defined as having a long standing illness or disability that limits activity. Data covers England and includes adults only (aged 16 or over). Civic involvement is defined by an individual reporting that they had undertaken at least one of the activities below in the past 12 months:

- Civic participation - contacting a local councillor, MP, local council official, government official, attending a public meeting or rally, taking part in a public demonstration, or protest, signing a petition

- Civic consultation - taking part in consultation by completing a questionnaire, attending a public meeting or being involved in a group to discuss local services
- Civic activism - being a local councillor, school governor, a volunteer Special Constable or a Magistrate; being a member of a decision making group about local services e.g., local health services
- Formal volunteering - unpaid help to groups, clubs or organisations (this information is located in indicator E1)

**Independent Living Strategy (ILS):** The civic participation sub-indicator is used to monitor the Independent Living Strategy, for which the baseline is 2007/08.

**Data Source:** Citizenship Survey