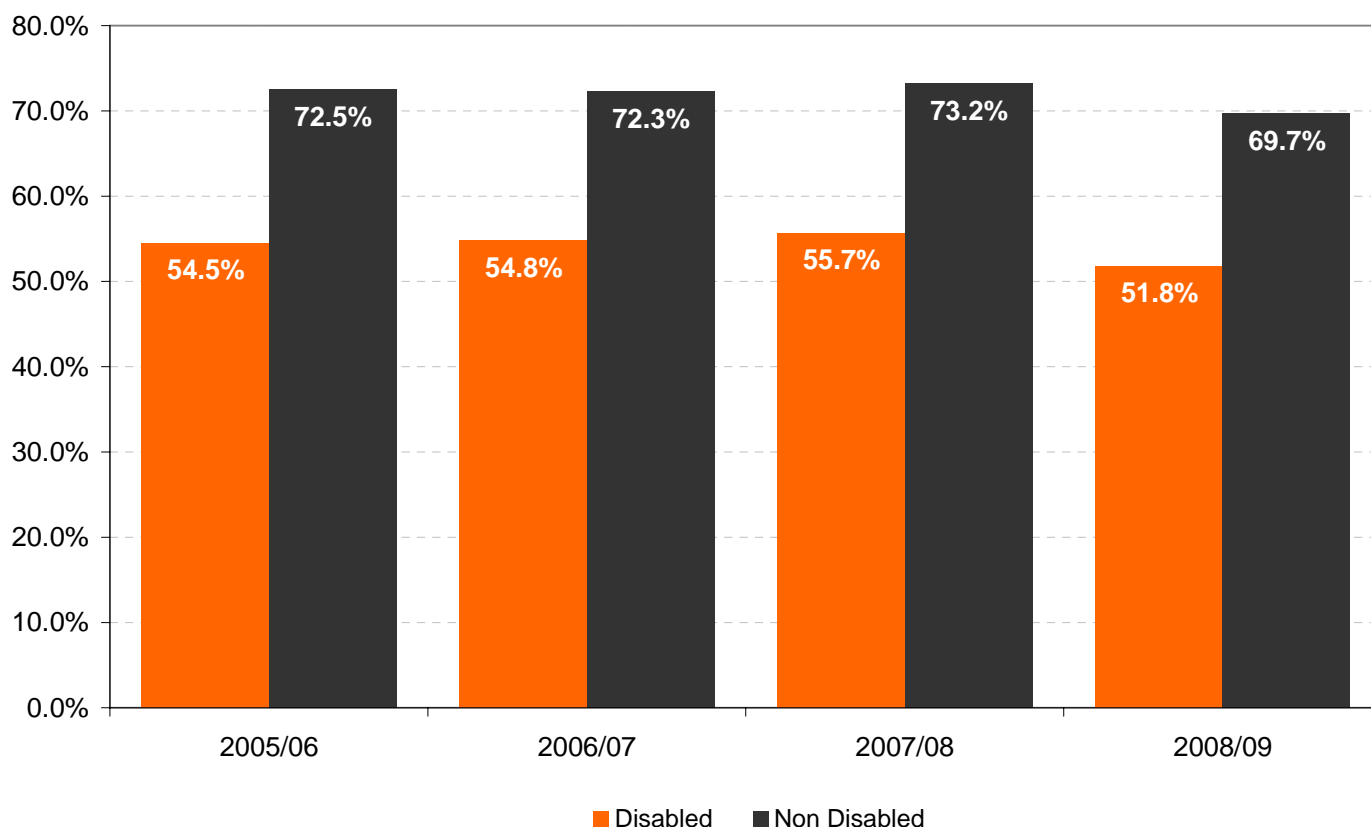


E3 – Participation in cultural, leisure and sporting activities

Baseline and Trends: Baseline year – 2005/06. Figures from 2008/09 show that disabled people remain significantly less likely to participate in cultural, leisure and sporting activities than non disabled people¹. In 2008/09, 51.8 per cent of disabled people engaged in cultural, leisure and sporting activities compared to 69.7 per cent of non disabled people. The percentages of both disabled people and non disabled people participating in cultural, leisure and sporting activities have significantly decreased since the baseline.

Participation in cultural, leisure and sporting activities



¹ Participation in cultural, leisure and sporting activities is defined as taking part in two or more of the following cultural or sport sectors for the required a frequency of participation:

- Used a public library service at least once in the past 12 months
- Attended a museum, gallery or archive at least once in the past 12 months
- Engaged in the arts at least three times in the past 12 months
- Visited at least two historic environment sites in the past 12 months
- Participated in 30 minutes of moderate intensity level sport and active recreation on three or more days in the past week

Participation in culture, leisure and sports by activity

A breakdown of participation in culture, leisure and sports by sector reveals significant differences between disabled and non-disabled people. In 2008/09, disabled people were significantly less likely to have:

- engaged with the arts;
- participated in moderate intensity level sports;
- attended a historic environment site, museum or gallery;
- attended a cinema or library.

Participation in culture, leisure and sports by activity

	2005/06		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	Disabled	Non Disabled	Disabled	Non Disabled	Disabled	Non Disabled	Disabled	Non Disabled
Arts attendance	24.1%	36.3%	24.2%	35.4%	25.1%	36.7%	N/A	N/A
Arts participation	18.9%	25.6%	19.8%	23.7%	18.7%	23.6%	N/A	N/A
Engagement with the arts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.1%	62.0%
Moderate-intensity level sport	9.5%	24.2%	9.4%	24.9%	9.7%	25.8%	9.2%	26.1%
Cinema	32.6%	57.7%	32.0%	57.3%	30.5%	57.1%	33.7%	55.7%
Libraries	42.2%	49.8%	39.1%	48.0%	40.6%	46.2%	37.0%	42.1%
Historic environment sites	59.5%	72.7%	60.2%	71.7%	60.9%	73.7%	46.6%	59.6%
Museums and galleries	32.1%	45.1%	31.1%	44.4%	33.1%	46.2%	34.4%	47.1%

Definition: Disability is defined as having any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity that limits activity in any way. Data covers England. Definitions of participation are as follows:

- Arts attendance and arts participation - attendance/participation at least twice in the past 12 months
- Engagement with the arts - attendance/participation at least three times in the past 12 months
- Moderate intensity level sport - participation in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity level sport on at least three separate occasions in the past week
- Historic environment, museums and galleries, cinema and libraries - attendance at least once in the past 12 months

As of 2008/09, the Taking Part Survey no longer collects information regarding participation in active sports. In addition, arts attendance and arts participation has become a combined measure known as engagement with the arts.

Note: Previously published figures may have changed due to revisions made to the data.

Data Source: Taking Part Survey