

Factsheet – Housing

- In 2005/6, 75% of disabled persons were satisfied that they lived in suitable accommodation, compared to 80% in 2004/5.
- The number of wheelchair users is estimated to be 648,000 in 2005/6, of 20% thought their accommodation was unsuitable. 73% of non wheelchair users thought their accommodation was suitable.
- Unsuitable housing is most prevalent in the privately rented sector, with 53% of disabled people living in privately rented accommodation finding it suitable compared to 75% in social sector accommodation.
- Suitability of accommodation in the owner occupied sector is the highest amongst all sectors at 78%. The gap between the owner occupied rate between disabled people and non disabled people is 10%, with 64% of disabled people living in owner occupied accommodation compared to 74% of non-disabled people¹.
- Looking at suitability of accommodation by age groups, 53% of 0-15 year olds with a disability lived in unsuitable accommodation in 2005/6, compared with less than 20% of all those over 65.
- In 2005, 28.6% of disabled households lived in non-decent accommodation compared to 25.9% of non-disabled households.²

¹ Family Resources Survey 2005/2006

² English Home Condition Survey 2005. Decent accommodation is defined as a dwelling that meets the minimum statutory standard for housing, is in a reasonable state of repair, has reasonable modern facilities and services and has both efficient heating and effective insulation.

Note- All other data comes from Survey for English Housing (except for whole population household type, from Labour Force Survey). Disability determined by answer to 'Can I check, do you (or anyone in this household) have a serious medical condition or disability?', suitability of housing determined by answer to 'Is your accommodation suitable for the person(s) who has/have this medical condition or disability?' and wheelchair use determined by answer to 'Do you (or person named at HAS441) use a wheelchair?'.