

Factsheet – Civic Participation

- About 1 in 20 civil servants are disabled. This number has increased since 2001 when this same figure stood at around 1 in 33.¹
- Although this figure has risen, it is still below the national average of approximately 1 in 5 people in Great Britain being disabled.²
- There is a trend of disabled people being a decreasing proportion of employees within the Civil Service as the responsibility of the job post increases. Declared disabled people make up 3.4% of Senior Civil Servants, 4.3% of Grade 6/7 posts and 6.3% of all other employees.³
- Nearly 4 in 10 disabled and non-disabled people participated in civic life⁴. This figure has not significantly changed since 2001.⁵
- 1 in 100 disabled people compared to 1 in 50 non disabled people participated in a civic role (i.e. being local councillor, school governor, volunteer special constable, or magistrate).⁶
- Around 1 in 8 local councillors had either a long term illness, impairment or a disability. However, this figure did vary across regions with the South-East employing 1 in 10 disabled people in this role compared to 1 in 5 disabled people in the North-East.⁷

¹ http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/images/statistics/Homepage_disability_large.jpg (civil service statistics - 2006 Sept.).

² Family Resources Survey

³ [Civil Service Statistics 2006 report, http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/CivilService2006TablesandCharts.xls](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/CivilService2006TablesandCharts.xls)

⁴ Civic participation is defined as undertaking at least one of the following activities in the previous 12 months: contact a councillor, local official, government official or MP; attending public meeting or rally; taking part in demonstration or signing petition

⁵ Citizenship Survey 2005

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⁷ National Census of Local Authority Councillors in England 2004

- Just over 9 in 20 disabled people formally volunteered in 2006/7 compared to 13 in 20 non-disabled people.⁸
- In 2006/7 health and disability was the most popular causes of charitable donation.⁹

⁸ Helping out: A national Survey of Volunteers and charitable giving. - http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/upload/assets/www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/helping_out_national_survey_2007.pdf

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