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Labour Force Survey analysis of disabled people by region and main health problem

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Table 1: Working age people in Great Britain who are Equality Act Core Disabled

Government Office Region	Q4 (October - December) 2013			Q4 (October - December) 2014		
	Number of working age disabled people	Of which are in employment	Disabled employment rate	Number of working age disabled people	Of which are in employment	Disabled employment rate
North East	345,600	134,300	38.8%	335,900	146,600	43.7%
North West	875,600	326,000	37.2%	873,600	351,300	40.2%
Yorkshire & Humberside	575,000	250,700	43.6%	603,300	269,700	44.7%
East Midlands	485,200	224,000	46.2%	506,400	250,300	49.4%
West Midlands	607,000	253,100	41.7%	612,800	265,500	43.3%
East	563,300	270,100	48.0%	567,900	295,900	52.1%
London	799,700	363,100	45.4%	811,400	363,400	44.8%
South East	768,500	414,000	53.9%	804,100	438,300	54.5%
South West	543,400	273,700	50.4%	528,200	279,800	53.0%
Wales	372,000	153,600	41.3%	391,400	149,600	38.2%
Scotland	586,300	242,100	41.3%	576,100	235,300	40.8%
GB Total	6,521,800	2,904,700	44.5%	6,611,100	3,045,800	46.1%

Table 2: Working age people in Great Britain by main health problem

Main Health Problem	Q4 (October - December) 2013			Q4 (October - December) 2014		
	Total	Of which are in employment	Employment rate	Total	Of which are in employment	Employment rate
Problems with arms or hands	515,800	305,500	59.2%	590,900	359,300	60.8%
Problems with legs or feet	1,086,900	601,000	55.3%	1,096,600	661,800	60.4%
Problems with back or neck	1,320,700	778,700	59.0%	1,293,900	749,300	57.9%
Difficulty in seeing	176,700	89,300	50.5%	129,100	68,100	52.7%
Difficulty in hearing	165,500	109,900	66.4%	152,400	111,600	73.2%
Speech impediment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Severe disfigurement, skin conditions, allergies	229,800	164,500	71.6%	256,800	190,000	74.0%
Chest or breathing problems, asthma, bronchitis	1,284,100	853,600	66.5%	1,342,900	939,100	69.9%
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	1,339,600	892,500	66.6%	1,281,500	893,900	69.8%
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive problems	643,900	419,000	65.1%	698,600	462,500	66.2%
Diabetes	731,300	521,600	71.3%	728,800	519,800	71.3%
Mental illness, phobia, panics, nervous disorders (including depression, bad nerves or anxiety)	1,492,800	599,600	40.2%	1,567,700	670,100	42.7%
Epilepsy	204,000	105,500	51.7%	165,700	85,200	51.4%
Severe or specific learning difficulties	-	-	-	-	-	-
Progressive illness not included elsewhere	430,800	192,000	44.6%	478,800	213,600	44.6%
Other health problems or disabilities	1,214,700	757,000	62.3%	1,209,800	733,800	60.7%
<i>Long-term health condition</i>	11,202,700	6,510,700	58.1%	11,362,800	6,777,100	59.6%
<i>Equality Act Disabled</i>	6,521,800	2,904,700	44.5%	6,611,100	3,045,800	46.1%
Total GB Working Age	39,414,400	28,494,200	72.3%	39,500,100	29,051,800	73.5%

The source of all information presented here is the quarterly Labour Force Survey Q4 (October - December) 2013 and Q4 2014

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Percentages are rounded to 1 decimal place.
3. "-" indicates sample cell size is less than 100 and deemed to small too be statistically reliable.
4. Estimates are based on small sample sizes and are therefore subject to a margin of uncertainty. They should therefore be treated with caution. Due to these small sample sizes, some of the differences between years may not be statistically significant.

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