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Introduction

Welcome to the May 2007 edition of the DRC Disability Briefing. The Disability Briefing is a compendium of official statistics on disability, produced by the DRC. The Briefing is divided into three sections:

Section One includes core data on disabled people's participation in the labour market using April-June 2006 Labour Force Survey (LFS) data. This section also includes time series analysis using LFS quarterly data back to 1999, to highlight changes and trends over time. Please note revised LFS data for 1998 and 2001 is currently unavailable from the ONS, so this data is not included in the time-series (see background note for further details).

Section Two presents the latest estimates on the disabled population in Britain from the Family Resources Survey (FRS).

Section Three presents a short progress report on research projects undertaken and completed at the DRC over the past year.

If you have any comments on content or additional suggestions for future briefings, please contact Breda Twomey at the DRC by email breda.twomey@drc-gb.org.

Background notes

1. Change from seasonal to calendar quarter in the Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Readers should note that since the publication of the DRC March 2006 Disability Briefing, the structure of the LFS has switched from a seasonal-quarter basis to a calendar-quarter basis. This means that quarterly LFS results referred to in previous Briefings as Spring (March-May), Summer (June-August), Autumn (September-November) and Winter (December-February), are from 2006 structured on the following basis; Quarter 1 (January-March); Quarter 2 (April-June); Quarter 3 (July-September) and Quarter 4 (October-December).

To ensure a consistent time series of data and in order to allow users to make meaningful comparisons over time, we have revised the time series of disability data back to 1998 to reflect the switch. Please note that we are unable to provide a complete time series from April-June 1998 to April-June 2006, as the Office of National Statistics (ONS) are unable to supply revised data for 1998 and 2000.

For further information on the switch, see Madouros, V 'Impact of the switch from seasonal to calendar quarters in the Labour Force Survey', Labour Market Trends, June 2006, pp.191-202

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/labour_market_trends/CQ_article.pdf

2. Population coverage

a. Labour Force Survey (LFS)

As the LFS does not collect disability related information for people over state pension age on a comprehensive basis, all the LFS data provided within the briefing is limited to adults of working age, i.e. men aged 16-64 and women aged 16-59.

b. Family Resources Survey (FRS),

- an adult is defined as anyone aged 16 and over, except for 16 to 18 year olds in full time non-advanced education.

- a child is defined as someone aged under 16, and aged 16 to 18 year olds who is in full-time non advanced education and living at home

2. Definitions of disability used in the LFS

Since spring 1998, the LFS has provided information about disability using the following range of definitions:

Current DDA disabled: Includes people who have a long term health problem or disability which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Work limiting disabled: Includes people who have a long-term health problem or disability which affects the kind or amount of paid work which a person might do.

Long term disabled: Includes people who meet the criteria for either current DDA or work-limiting definitions of disability (or both – as is often the case) are defined as having a current long-term disability.

Clearly, estimates for the different definitions may vary, and it should be noted that the difference between the DDA definition estimates and those based on work-limiting disabilities may be exaggerated due to people not being able to assess the extent to which their work limiting disability would also affect their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. It follows that including all those with current long term disabilities improves the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the estimates.

Throughout this briefing, people who are ‘long term disabled’ will be referred to as ‘All disabled’, unless otherwise specified.

Further information on the disability questions in the LFS is included in the *Technical Note* at the end of this briefing.

3. Definitions of Impairment/health problems used in the LFS

Please note that the LFS data on impairments/health problem used in this Briefing (See **Tables 6, D1, D2, D3, E**) are based on the LFS Health variable. At present, this variable has 17 different health problem/impairment categories. In **Appendix 2** at the end of

this document, we have provided a note to clarify how each impairment category is defined in the Labour Force Survey.

The broad impairment categories used in the time series tables, Tables D, D1, D2, D3 and Table E are modified from the standard LFS main health problem/impairment categories mentioned above.

Definition of disability used in the Family Resources Survey (FRS)

The Family Resources Survey (FRS) disability estimates are based on 'the number of people with a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity, and who have a significant difficulty with day-to-day activities'.

4. LFS data on Benefits

Users of LFS data on benefits in this briefing should note that due to a discontinuity in LFS benefits variable (when child benefit recipients were only included from 2001), all benefits estimates exclude people on child benefits.

Key Facts and Figures

Analysis from the **Apr-June 2006** LFS indicates that:

- There are 6.9 million disabled people of working age in Britain, one fifth of the total working age population. Fifty one per cent (3.5 million) are men and forty eight per cent (3.3 million) are women.
- There has been a gradual increase in the size of the working age disabled population over time, from 6.4 million in 1999 to 6.9 million in 2006 – a growth of eight per cent over a seven year period. Over the same period, the non disabled population increased by 2 per cent.
- Across Britain, there are regional variations in the prevalence of disability. The North East of England and Wales have the highest proportions of disabled people, with one quarter of the local working age population in these regions disabled – 25 per cent and 24 per cent respectively. London, the South East and East of England have lower than average proportions of disabled people at 17 per cent.
- Disability rates increase with age; whilst 9 per cent of adults aged 16-24 are disabled, this increased to 44 per cent in the 50 to retirement age category.
- Many disabled people work or want to work. Half of disabled people of working age, 3.5 million people, are in work and 1.3 million disabled people without a job, want to work.
- Since 1999, disabled people's overall employment rate has increased steadily by 4 percentage points, from 47 per cent to 50 per cent. Despite this, inequalities in the proportions of disabled and non disabled people in work persists, with only half of disabled people in work, compared with over four fifths of the non disabled population in work
- Employment rates vary greatly according to the type of impairment a person has. Disabled people with mental health problems have the lowest employment rates of all impairment categories, at only 21 per cent.

- Disabled people in employment are more likely to work in manual and lower occupations, and less likely to work in managerial, professional and high-skilled occupations.
- At £10.28 per hour, the average gross hourly pay of disabled employees is about 10 per cent less than that of non disabled employees (£11.3 per hour).
- Disabled people are still only half as likely as non disabled people to be qualified to degree level and are twice as likely as non disabled people to have no qualification at all. This pattern of inequality has not changed over time.
- Disabled people continue to experience high rates of unemployment: the unemployment rate for disabled people in 2006 was 9 per cent, compared with 5 per cent for non disabled people.
- Nearly half of the disabled population of working age in Britain are economically inactive. However, one third of inactive disabled people would like to work, compared with just under one quarter of non disabled people.
- According to the LFS, there are 2.4 million disabled people out of work and on state benefits: over one third of the total disabled population of working age.

Section One: Apr-Jun 2006 LFS Core Data

Table 1 Economic status of disabled people in Britain

Great Britain, April -June 2006 LFS, not seasonally adjusted.

Thousands, per cent, £

| | All long-term disabled | DDA current disabled | Work limiting disabled | Not disabled |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| All persons | 6,871 | 5,750 | 5,245 | 28,660 |
| Per cent of total population | 19.3 | 16.2 | 14.8 | 80.7 |
| Per cent from ethnic minority group | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 10.8 |
| Per cent women ¹ | 48.6 | 49.4 | 47.8 | 48.6 |
| Per cent with no qualifications | 25 | 26.4 | 28.7 | 11 |
| On state benefits² and not in work | 2,443 | 2,274 | 2,338 | 1,227 |
| Per cent of total population | 35.6 | 39.5 | 44.6 | 4.3 |
| ...would like work and available to start in a fortnight | 360 | 293 | 323 | 579 |
| Per cent of total population | 5.2 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 2.0 |
| In work | 3,465 | 2,729 | 2,132 | 22,986 |
| Per cent | 50.4 | 47.5 | 40.6 | 80.2 |
| Self-employed | 14.4 | 14.3 | 15.5 | 11.9 |
| Working part-time | 29.2 | 29.8 | 33.2 | 23.2 |
| In a permanent job | 95.0 | 95.0 | 94.3 | 94.5 |
| Average gross hourly wage (£) | £10.28 | £10.4 | £11.16 | £11.3 |
| ILO unemployed | 336 | 247 | 287 | 1,209 |
| ILO unemployment rate (%) | 8.8 | 8.3 | 11.8 | 5 |
| ... who are unemployed for a year or more (%) | 32.4 | 32.5 | 34.1 | 18.6 |
| Inactive | 3,071 | 2,775 | 2,827 | 4,465 |
| Per cent of population | 44.7 | 48.3 | 53.9 | 15.6 |
| ..would like work | 937 | 852 | 866 | 1,099 |
| Per cent of total inactive | 30.5 | 30.7 | 30.6 | 24.6 |

Base: All people of working age (men 16-64, women 16-59)

Source: Labour Force Survey

¹ Lower numbers may reflect the fact that women aged 60-64 are not included in the working age population.

Table 2: Economic status of disabled people of working age in England, Scotland and Wales

Great Britain, Apr-Jun 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted.

Thousands and per cent

| | Great Britain | England | Scotland | Wales |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| All disabled | 6,871 | 5,796 | 661 | 414 |
| Economically Active | 3,801 | 3,266 | 334 | 201 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 55.3 | 56.3 | 50.5 | 48.5 |
| In employment | 3,465 | 2,979 | 305 | 181 |
| Employment rate (%) | 50.4 | 51.4 | 46.1 | 43.7 |
| ILO unemployed | 336 | 287 | 29 | 20 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 9.8 |
| Economically Inactive | 3,071 | 2,530 | 327 | 213 |
| All not disabled | 28,660 | 24,860 | 2,461 | 1,339 |
| Economically Active | 24,195 | 20,942 | 2,132 | 1,121 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 84.4 | 84.2 | 86.6 | 83.7 |
| In employment | 22,986 | 19,905 | 2,018 | 1,063 |
| Employment rate (%) | 80.2 | 80.1 | 82.0 | 79.4 |
| ILO unemployed | 1,209 | 1,037 | 115 | 58 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| Economically Inactive | 4,465 | 3,918 | 329 | 218 |

Source: Labour Force Survey

Base: All people of working age (men 16-64, women 16-59)

Table 3: Disabled people by age and ethnic group

Great Britain, Apr-June 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted.

Thousands and per cent

| | All aged 16-59/64 | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35-49 | 50-59/64 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| All disabled | 6,871 100% | 668 100 | 850 100 | 2,353 100 | 3,001 100 |
| White | 6,260 91% | 603 90 | 760 89 | 2,089 89 | 2,808 94 |
| Mixed | 51 0.7% | 12 1.8 | 14 1.6 | 16 0.7 | * * |
| Asian and Asian British | 318 4.6% | 27 4.0 | 41 4.9 | 132 5.6 | 117 3.9 |
| Black and Black British | 120 1.7% | 12 1.7 | 16 1.9 | 58 2.5 | 34 1.1 |
| Chinese | 13 0.2% | * * | * * | * * | * * |
| Other ethnic minority groups | 106 1.5% | 11 1.6 | 17 2.0 | 52 2.2 | 27 0.9 |

Per cent

| | All aged 16-59/64 = 100% | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35-49 | 50-59/64 |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| All disabled | 6,871 | 9.7 | 12.4 | 34.2 | 43.7 |
| White | 6,260 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 33.3 | 44.8 |
| Mixed | 51 | 23.5 | 27.5 | 31.3 | * |
| Asian and Asian British | 318 | 8.5 | 12.9 | 41.5 | 36.8 |
| Black and Black British | 120 | 10 | 13.3 | 48.3 | 28.3 |
| Chinese | 13 | * | * | * | * |
| Other ethnic minority group | 106 | 10.3 | 16.1 | 49.1 | 25.5 |

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Sample size too small for a reliable estimate

Table 4: Highest qualification attained and employment rates of disabled and not disabled people

Great Britain, Apr-June 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted.

Thousands and per cent

| | Disabled | | Not disabled | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Total (000s) | Employment rate (%) | Total (000s) | Employment rate (%) |
| Total¹ | 6,871 | 50.4 | 28,660 | 80.2 |
| Degree or equivalent | 767 | 75.7 | 5,895 | 89.8 |
| Higher education | 497 | 67.2 | 2,429 | 88.6 |
| GCE A Level or equivalent | 1,425 | 59.5 | 6,890 | 81.6 |
| GCSE grades A-C or equivalent | 1,438 | 56.0 | 6,670 | 78.0 |
| Other qualifications | 992 | 48.7 | 3,475 | 77.7 |
| No qualification | 1,721 | 23.2 | 3,063 | 60.1 |

1 – The numbers in this column do not add up to the total as there is a small proportion of disabled people for whom highest qualification is not known.

Table 5: Proportion of disabled and non disabled people with no qualifications by age group

Great Britain, Apr-June 2006, not seasonally adjusted.

Thousands and per cent

| | All aged 16-59/64 | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35-49 | 50-59/64 |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| All persons | 4,783 13.5 | 929 14.2 | 585 8 | 1,422 11.2 | 1,847 20.8 |
| Long-term disabled (percent of all without qualifications) | 1,721 36.0 | 148 15.9 | 150 25.6 | 502 35.3 | 921 49.9 |
| Not disabled (percent of all without qualifications) | 3,063 64.0 | 781 84.1 | 435 74.4 | 920 64.7 | 926 50.1 |

Table 6: Employment and unemployment rates by main type of impairment: Great Britain, Apr-June 2006

Thousands and per cent

| | Number with this as main disability (% of all disabled) | Number in employment and employment rate (% of total) | ILO unemployed and unemployment rate (%) | Number on state benefits and not in work (% of total) |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| All long-term disabled in GB | 6,871 19 | 3,465 50 | 336 9 | 2,425 35 |
| Problems with ...arms, hands¹ | 397 6 | 205 52 | 16 7 | 137 35 |
| ...legs, feet | 775 11 | 356 46 | 34 9 | 319 41 |
| ...back, neck | 1,085 16 | 532 49 | 52 9 | 407 37 |
| Difficulty in seeing | 112 2 | 53 47 | * 14 | 41 36 |
| Difficulty in hearing | 108 2 | 68 63 | * * | 22 20 |
| Speech impediment | * * | * * | * * | * * |
| Skin conditions, allergies | 102 1 | 73 72 | * * | 12 12 |
| Chest, breathing problems | 762 11 | 490 64 | 42 8 | 162 21 |
| Heart, blood pressure | 787 11 | 465 59 | 23 5 | 211 27 |
| Stomach, liver, kidney, digestion | 363 5 | 220 61 | 18 8 | 88 24 |
| Diabetes | 415 6 | 282 68 | 15 5 | 68 16 |
| Mental illness | 680 10 | 146 22 | 43 23 | 450 66 |
| Epilepsy | 146 2 | 64 44 | * 10 | 68 46 |
| Learning difficulties | 179 3 | 42 23 | 26 38 | 107 60 |
| Progressive illness n.e.c.² | 329 5 | 123 37 | * * | 163 50 |
| Other problems, disabilities | 586 9 | 328 56 | 28 8 | 166 28 |

¹ including arthritis or rheumatism.

² Progressive illness not elsewhere classified (e.g. cancer, multiple sclerosis, symptomatic HIV, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy)

Table 7: Employment and unemployment rates of disabled people by region

Great Britain, April-Jun 2006, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | Total number of disabled (000s) and as a per cent of local population | In employment (000s) and employment rate (%) | ILO unemployed and unemployment rate | On state benefits¹ and not in work (000s and as % of total) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| All long-term disabled | 6,871 19.3 | 3,465 50.4 | 336 8.8 | 2,443 35.6 |
| North East | 383 25.1 | 172 45.0 | 15 7.8 | 161 42.2 |
| North West & Merseyside | 873 21.3 | 391 45 | 31 7.4 | 368 42.2 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 609 19.9 | 308 50.6 | 33 9.7 | 222 36.5 |
| East Midlands | 503 19.4 | 281 55.8 | 25 8.1 | 156 31.0 |
| West Midlands | 633 19.8 | 318 50.2 | 28 8.2 | 222 35.1 |
| East | 550 16.5 | 312 56.7 | 25 7.3 | 156 28.3 |
| London | 821 16.9 | 357 4.4 | 63 15 | 330 40.1 |
| South East | 853 17.1 | 510 59.8 | 47 8.4 | 221 25.8 |
| South West | 571 19.1 | 329 57.6 | 20 5.9 | 162 28.4 |
| Wales | 414 23.6 | 181 43.7 | 20 9.8 | 176 42.4 |
| Scotland | 661 21.2 | 305 46.1 | 29 8.7 | 270 41 |

Source: Labour Force Survey

¹ This includes state pension, allowances or National Insurance credits, and excludes child benefit.

Table 8: Disabled people in employment by occupation

Great Britain, April-Jun 2006, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | Total | Disabled | Not disabled |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| All in employment | 26,451 | 3,465 | 22,986 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Managers and Senior Officials | 4,0445 | 474 | 3,571 |
| | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| Professional occupations | 3,473 | 376 | 3,097 |
| | 13 | 11 | 13 |
| Associate Professional and Technical | 3,822 | 438 | 3,384 |
| | 14 | 13 | 15 |
| Administrative and Secretarial | 3,130 | 423 | 2,708 |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Skilled Trades Occupations | 2,858 | 378 | 2,480 |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Personal Service Occupations | 2,070 | 318 | 1,752 |
| | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| Sales and Customer Service Occupations | 2,029 | 269 | 1,760 |
| | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Process Plant and Machine Operatives | 1,988 | 316 | 1,671 |
| | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Elementary Occupations | 2,983 | 462 | 2,521 |
| | 11 | 13 | 11 |

Table 9: Disabled people in employment by industry sector

Great Britain, April-Jun 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | Total | Disabled | Not disabled |
|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| All in Employment (000s) | 26,389 100 | 3,453 100 | 22,936 100 |
| Agriculture & fishing | 307 1 | 44 1 | 263 1 |
| Energy & water | 266 1 | 29 1 | 236 1 |
| Manufacturing | 3,466 13 | 431 12 | 3,034 13 |
| Construction | 2,142 8 | 258 7 | 1,884 8 |
| Distribution hotels & restaurants | 4,994 19 | 656 19 | 4,338 19 |
| Transport & communication | 1,817 7 | 244 7 | 1,573 7 |
| Banking finance & insurance etc | 4,222 16 | 466 13 | 3,756 16 |
| Public admin education & health | 7,565 29 | 1,105 32 | 6,460 28 |
| Other services | 1,606 6 | 219 6 | 1,386 6 |

Source: Labour Force Survey

Table 10: Labour market status of disabled people and benefit¹ receipt

Great Britain, April-Jun 2006 LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | All disabled | | Not disabled | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Number | % of total population | Number | % of total population |
| Total number | 6,871 | 100 | 28,660 | 100 |
| IN WORK | | | | |
| Total number | 3,465 | 50.4 | 22,986 | 80.2 |
| Not on state benefits | 2,477 | 36.0 | 17,577 | 61.3 |
| Receiving state benefits | 398 | 5.8 | 899 | 3.1 |
| ...Receiving sickness/disability benefits | 212 | 3.1 | 72 | 0.3 |
| ...Receiving Incapacity Benefit (IB) | 56 | 0.8 | 12 | * |
| NOT IN WORK | | | | |
| Total number | 3,407 | 49.6 | 5,674 | 19.8 |
| Not on state benefits | 669 | 9.7 | 3,205 | 11.2 |
| Receiving state benefits | 2,443 | 35.6 | 1,227 | 4.3 |
| ...and would like work | 937 | 13.6 | 779 | 2.7 |
| ...and available for work | 360 | 5.2 | 579 | 2.0 |
| ...and would not like work | 1,506 | 21.9 | 448 | 1.6 |
| Receiving sickness/disability benefits | 1,801 | 26.2 | 150 | 0.5 |
| ...and would like work | 604 | 8.8 | 58 | 0.2 |
| ...and available for work | 155 | 2.2 | 18 | 0.1 |
| ...and would not like work | 1,197 | 17.4 | 91 | 0.3 |
| Receiving Incapacity Benefit (IB) | 1,189 | 17.3 | 38 | 0.1 |
| ...and would like work | 408 | 5.9 | 21 | 0.1 |
| ...and available for work | 98 | 1.4 | 8 | 0.03 |
| ...and would not like work | 782 | 11.4 | 17 | 0.1 |

¹ This includes state pensions, allowances or National Insurance credits, and excludes child benefit.

Table 11 Average gross hourly pay (£) for disabled and non disabled employees

April-June 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted, Great Britain

| | (£) |
|---------------------|--------------|
| All Disabled | 10.28 |
| Men | 11.14 |
| Women | 9.46 |
| | |
| Not Disabled | 11.30 |
| Men | 12.63 |
| Women | 9.87 |

Source: Labour Force Survey

Revised Time Series 1999-2006 LFS data

Table A: Economic status of disabled people in Britain

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All disabled | 6,359 | .. | 6,5137 | 6,671 | 6,692 | 6,792 | 6,786 | 6,871 |
| Economically Active | 3,308 | .. | 3,348 | 3,503 | 3,569 | 3,665 | 3,686 | 3,801 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 52.0 | .. | 51.2 | 52.5 | 53.3 | 54.0 | 54.3 | 55.3 |
| In employment | 2,968 | .. | 3,074 | 3,224 | 3,291 | 3,411 | 3,406 | 3,465 |
| Employment rate (%) | 46.7 | .. | 47.0 | 48.3 | 49.2 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.4 |
| ILO unemployed | 339 | .. | 274 | 279 | 278 | 254 | 280 | 336 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 10.3 | .. | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 8.8 |
| Economically Inactive | 3,051 | .. | 3,189 | 3,168 | 3,123 | 3,127 | 3,100 | 3,071 |
| Not disabled | 28,027 | .. | 28,237 | 28,292 | 28,412 | 28,457 | 28,599 | 28,660 |
| Economically Active | 23,707 | .. | 23,926 | 23,936 | 23,999 | 23,972 | 24,045 | 24,195 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 84.6 | .. | 84.7 | 84.6 | 84.5 | 84.2 | 84.1 | 84.4 |
| In employment | 22,426 | .. | 22,850 | 22,820 | 22,932 | 22,910 | 23,014 | 22,986 |
| Employment rate (%) | 80.0 | .. | 80.9 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 80.5 | 80.2 |
| ILO unemployed | 1,281 | .. | 1,076 | 1,115 | 1,067 | 1,062 | 1,031 | 1,209 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.4 | .. | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| Economically Inactive | 4,320 | .. | 4,311 | 4,356 | 4,413 | 4,485 | 4,554 | 4,465 |

Table A.1: Economic status of disabled and non disabled people of working age; ENGLAND

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| ENGLAND | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| All Disabled | 5,355 | .. | 5,517 | 5,658 | 5,666 | 5,722 | 5,709 | 5,796 |
| Economically Active | 2,868 | .. | 2,917 | 3,078 | 3,077 | 3,137 | 3,157 | 3,266 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 53.6 | .. | 52.9 | 54.4 | 54.3 | 54.8 | 55.3 | 56.3 |
| In employment | 2,587 | .. | 2,688 | 2,844 | 2,842 | 2,927 | 2,917 | 2,979 |
| Employment rate (%) | 48.3 | .. | 48.7 | 50.3 | 50.2 | 51.2 | 51.1 | 51.4 |
| ILO unemployed | 282 | .. | 229 | 234 | 234 | 209 | 240 | 287 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 9.8 | .. | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 8.8 |
| Economically Inactive | 2,487 | .. | 2,600 | 2,580 | 2,589 | 2,586 | 2,552 | 2,530 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Not disabled | 24,201 | .. | 24,410 | 24,443 | 24,572 | 24,656 | 24,805 | 24,860 |
| Economically Active | 20,486 | .. | 20,663 | 20,646 | 20,703 | 20,699 | 20,796 | 20,942 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 84.6 | .. | 84.7 | 84.5 | 84.3 | 84.0 | 83.8 | 84.2 |
| In employment | 19,418 | .. | 19,774 | 19,715 | 19,785 | 19,804 | 19,928 | 19,905 |
| Employment rate (%) | 80.2 | .. | 81.0 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 80.1 |
| ILO unemployed | 1,067 | .. | 889 | 932 | 917 | 896 | 868 | 1,037 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.2 | .. | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| Economically Inactive | 3,715 | .. | 3,747 | 3,797 | 3,869 | 3,957 | 4,008 | 3,918 |

Table A.2: Economic status of disabled and non disabled people of working age; SCOTLAND

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and Per cent

| SCOTLAND | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All disabled | 605 | .. | 623 | 613 | 629 | 652 | 671 | 661 |
| Economically Active | 267 | .. | 281 | 256 | 310 | 333 | 343 | 334 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 44.2 | .. | 45.2 | 41.8 | 49.3 | 51.1 | 51.1 | 50.5 |
| In employment | 230 | .. | 251 | 225 | 280 | 305 | 316 | 305 |
| Employment rate (%) | 38.0 | .. | 40.3 | 37.7 | 44.4 | 46.8 | 47.1 | 46.1 |
| ILO unemployed | 37 | .. | 31 | 31 | 31 | 28 | 27 | 29 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 14.0 | .. | 10.9 | 12.3 | 9.9 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 8.7 |
| Economically Inactive | 337 | .. | 341 | 357 | 319 | 319 | 328 | 327 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Not disabled | 2,514 | .. | 2,501 | 2,514 | 2,497 | 2,474 | 2,452 | 2,461 |
| Economically Active | 2,132 | .. | 2,168 | 2,192 | 2,155 | 2,151 | 2,133 | 2,132 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 84.8 | .. | 86.7 | 87.2 | 86.3 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 86.6 |
| In employment | 1,993 | .. | 2,042 | 2,065 | 2,052 | 2,025 | 2,017 | 2,018 |
| Employment rate (%) | 79.3 | .. | 81.6 | 82.1 | 82.2 | 81.9 | 82.3 | 82.0 |
| ILO unemployed | 139 | .. | 126 | 127 | 104 | 126 | 116 | 115 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 6.5 | .. | 5.8 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Economically Inactive | 382 | .. | 333 | 323 | 342 | 322 | 319 | 329 |

Table A.3: Economic status of disabled and non disabled people of working age; WALES

April-Jun 1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| WALES | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All disabled | 399 | .. | 398 | 400 | 397 | 418 | 406 | 414 |
| Economically Active | 172 | .. | 150 | 169 | 182 | 195 | 186 | 201 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 43.2 | .. | 37.6 | 42.2 | 46 | 46.6 | 45.7 | 48.5 |
| In employment | 152 | .. | 135 | 156 | 169 | 179 | 173 | 181 |
| Employment rate (%) | 38.1 | .. | 33.9 | 38.9 | 43 | 42.7 | 42.6 | 43.7 |
| ILO unemployed | 20 | .. | 15 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 20 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 11.8 | .. | 9.8 | 7.9 | 7 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 9.8 |
| Economically Inactive | 227 | .. | 248 | 231 | 215 | 223 | 221 | 213 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Not disabled | 1,312 | .. | 1,326 | 1,334 | 1,343 | 1,327 | 1,343 | 1,339 |
| Economically Active | 1,089 | .. | 1,095 | 1,098 | 1,141 | 1,122 | 1,116 | 1,121 |
| Economic Activity Rate (%) | 83.0 | .. | 82.6 | 82.3 | 85.0 | 84.5 | 83.1 | 83.7 |
| In employment | 1,015 | .. | 1,035 | 1,041 | 1,095 | 1,082 | 1,069 | 1,063 |
| Employment rate (%) | 77.4 | .. | 78.1 | 78.0 | 82 | 81.5 | 79.6 | 79.4 |
| ILO unemployed | 74 | .. | 60 | 57 | 46 | 40 | 48 | 58 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 6.8 | .. | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| Economically Inactive | 223 | .. | 231 | 236 | 201 | 205 | 226 | 218 |

Table B: Highest Qualifications held by disabled and non disabled people, Great Britain

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| Disabled | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total | 6,358 | .. | 6,537 | 6,671 | 6,692 | 6,789 | 6,785 | 6,870 |
| Degree or equivalent | 467 | .. | 526 | 589 | 619 | 670 | 723 | 767 |
| Higher education | 439 | .. | 434 | 470 | 499 | 513 | 522 | 497 |
| GCE A Level or equivalent | 1,321 | .. | 1,387 | 1,416 | 1,432 | 1,481 | 1,400 | 1,425 |
| GCSE grades A-C or equivalent | 1,073 | .. | 1,171 | 1,255 | 1,241 | 1,259 | 1,355 | 1,438 |
| Other qualifications | 1,062 | .. | 1,038 | 1,044 | 1,082 | 996 | 1,033 | 992 |
| No qualification | 1,947 | .. | 1,948 | 1,867 | 1,788 | 1,837 | 1,711 | 1,721 |
| Don't know | 50 | .. | 33 | 29 | 31 | 33 | 41 | 29 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Not disabled | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Total | 28,018 | .. | 28,220 | 28,278 | 28,396 | 28,413 | 28,573 | 28,634 |
| Degree or equivalent | 4,343 | .. | 4,788 | 4,884 | 5,098 | 5,387 | 5,566 | 5,895 |
| Higher education | 2,448 | .. | 2,427 | 2,411 | 2,480 | 2,545 | 2,463 | 2,429 |
| GCE A Level or equivalent | 6,696 | .. | 6,813 | 7,003 | 6,947 | 6,912 | 6,910 | 6,890 |
| GCSE grades A-C or equivalent | 6,483 | .. | 6,558 | 6,420 | 6,422 | 6,403 | 6,774 | 6,670 |
| Other qualifications | 3,897 | .. | 3,725 | 3,725 | 3,797 | 3,632 | 3,445 | 3,475 |
| No qualification | 3,879 | .. | 3,716 | 3,635 | 3,463 | 3,377 | 3,217 | 3,063 |
| Don't know | 272 | .. | 194 | 200 | 189 | 157 | 199 | 212 |

Table D: Type of broad impairment category reported by disabled people of working age in Britain

Apr-June 1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

| | Thousands | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Total | 6,359 | .. | 6,537 | 6,671 | 6,692 | 6,792 | 6,786 | 6,781 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 2,349 | .. | 2,280 | 2,289 | 2,320 | 2,261 | 2,198 | 2,256 |
| Sensory | 256 | .. | 239 | 237 | 230 | 246 | 208 | 227 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 1,016 | .. | 1,055 | 1,101 | 1,083 | 1,129 | 1,153 | 1,149 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin conditions or allergies | 1,039 | .. | 968 | 948 | 962 | 906 | 865 | 864 |
| Diabetes | 267 | .. | 319 | 327 | 335 | 388 | 403 | 415 |
| Mental health | 493 | .. | 560 | 597 | 619 | 657 | 689 | 680 |
| Learning difficulties | 144 | .. | 132 | 160 | 156 | 163 | 188 | 179 |
| Other | 775 | .. | 963 | 984 | 947 | 1,005 | 1,041 | 1,061 |

| | Per cent | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 36.9 | .. | 34.9 | 34.3 | 34.7 | 33.3 | 32.4 | 32.8 |
| Sensory | 4.0 | .. | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 16.0 | .. | 16.1 | 16.5 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 17.0 | 16.7 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 16.3 | .. | 14.8 | 14.2 | 14.4 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 12.6 |
| Diabetes | 4.2 | .. | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Mental health | 7.7 | .. | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.9 |
| Learning difficulties | 2.3 | .. | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Other | 12.2 | .. | 14.7 | 14.8 | 14.2 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 15.4 |

Table D.1: Type of broad impairment category reported by disabled people of working age in ENGLAND

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| ENGLAND | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 5,355 | .. | 5,517 | 5,658 | 5,666 | 5,722 | 5,709 | 5,796 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 1,984 | .. | 1,908 | 1,937 | 1,974 | 1,899 | 1,868 | 1,930 |
| Sensory | 218 | .. | 208 | 207 | 200 | 215 | 177 | 193 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 836 | .. | 890 | 945 | 905 | 943 | 961 | 976 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 887 | .. | 827 | 811 | 816 | 771 | 722 | 725 |
| Diabetes | 231 | .. | 278 | 282 | 286 | 327 | 343 | 353 |
| Mental health | 403 | .. | 464 | 478 | 509 | 537 | 564 | 543 |
| Learning difficulties | 121 | .. | 105 | 137 | 132 | 142 | 161 | 151 |
| Other | 659 | .. | 819 | 837 | 811 | 860 | 878 | 891 |

Per cent

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 37.0 | .. | 34.6 | 34.2 | 34.8 | 33.2 | 32.7 | 33.3 |
| Sensory | 4.1 | .. | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 15.6 | .. | 16.1 | 16.7 | 16.0 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 16.8 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 16.6 | .. | 15.0 | 14.3 | 14.4 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 12.5 |
| Diabetes | 4.3 | .. | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| Mental health | 7.5 | .. | 8.4 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 |
| Learning difficulties | 2.3 | .. | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Other | 12.3 | .. | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.3 | 15.0 | 15.4 | 15.4 |

Table D.2: Type of broad impairment category reported by disabled people of working age in SCOTLAND

Apr-June 1998-2005, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| SCOTLAND | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | 605 | .. | 623 | 613 | 629 | 653 | 671 | 661 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 207 | .. | 213 | 196 | 200 | 215 | 200 | 191 |
| Sensory | 21 | .. | 19 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 20 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 104 | .. | 105 | 95 | 109 | 114 | 119 | 112 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 97 | .. | 86 | 88 | 93 | 84 | 88 | 80 |
| Diabetes | 24 | .. | 29 | 25 | 31 | 35 | 40 | 42 |
| Mental health | 57 | .. | 58 | 77 | 65 | 74 | 83 | 89 |
| Learning difficulties | 15 | .. | 18 | 16 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| Other | 79 | .. | 92 | 95 | 93 | 95 | 106 | 105 |

Per cent

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 34.3 | .. | 34.1 | 31.9 | 31.8 | 33.0 | 29.8 | 28.9 |
| Sensory | 3.4 | .. | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 17.3 | .. | 16.9 | 15.5 | 17.3 | 17.5 | 17.7 | 17.0 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 16.0 | .. | 13.9 | 14.4 | 14.8 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 12.1 |
| Diabetes | 3.9 | .. | 4.6 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| Mental health | 9.5 | .. | 9.4 | 12.6 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 13.5 |
| Learning difficulties | 2.5 | .. | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| Other | 13.1 | .. | 14.8 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 14.5 | 15.8 | 15.9 |

Table D.3: Type of broad impairment category reported by disabled people of working age in WALES

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| WALES | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | 399 | .. | 398 | 400 | 397 | 418 | 406 | 414 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 158 | .. | 159 | 156 | 145 | 146 | 131 | 135 |
| Sensory | 17 | .. | 12 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 76 | .. | 60 | 61 | 69 | 72 | 73 | 62 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 55 | .. | 54 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 55 | 59 |
| Diabetes | 12 | .. | 12 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 20 |
| Mental health | 33 | .. | 37 | 42 | 45 | 46 | 43 | 48 |
| Learning difficulties | * | .. | * | * | * | * | 11 | * |
| Other | 37 | .. | 52 | 53 | 43 | 50 | 57 | 65 |

Per cent

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 39.6 | .. | 40.0 | 39.0 | 36.5 | 35.0 | 32.1 | 32.6 |
| Sensory | 4.3 | .. | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 19.1 | .. | 15.0 | 15.3 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 14.9 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 13.8 | .. | 13.5 | 12.2 | 13.3 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 14.2 |
| Diabetes | 3.0 | .. | 3.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Mental health | 8.2 | .. | 9.4 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 11.5 |
| Learning difficulties | * | .. | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Other | 9.3 | .. | 13.1 | 13.3 | 10.7 | 11.9 | 14.1 | 15.7 |

Table E: Employment Rates of broad impairment category. Great Britain

April-Jun1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | 46.7 | .. | 47.0 | 48.3 | 49.2 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.4 |
| Musculo-skeletal | 45.0 | .. | 44.8 | 45.4 | 47.6 | 48.5 | 48.3 | 48.4 |
| Sensory | 57.9 | .. | 55.0 | 53.1 | 53.0 | 57.8 | 54.8 | 53.8 |
| Circulation or digestive problems | 48.6 | .. | 50.5 | 53.1 | 53.4 | 56.7 | 57.2 | 59.5 |
| Chest, Breathing problems, skin problems or allergies | 59.4 | .. | 62.0 | 64.6 | 65.0 | 64.1 | 61.3 | 65.2 |
| Diabetes | 65.5 | .. | 60.3 | 64.5 | 66.3 | 68.1 | 65.7 | 67.9 |
| Mental health | 16.5 | .. | 20.4 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 20.3 | 20.8 | 21.5 |
| Learning difficulties | 24.1 | .. | 24.1 | 22.2 | 28.0 | 29.9 | 24.4 | 23.2 |
| Other | 45.8 | .. | 45.8 | 49.3 | 48.5 | 48.9 | 51.3 | 48.6 |

Table F: Disabled population of working age by region, Great Britain

Apr-June 1999-2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands

| All Disabled | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 6,359 | .. | 6,537 | 6,671 | 6,692 | 6,792 | 6,786 | 6,871 |
| North East | 361 | .. | 349 | 366 | 381 | 376 | 366 | 383 |
| North West and Merseyside | 799 | .. | 836 | 874 | 823 | 838 | 876 | 873 |
| Yorkshire and Humberside | 594 | .. | 627 | 618 | 611 | 619 | 617 | 609 |
| East Midlands | 459 | .. | 445 | 478 | 477 | 519 | 528 | 503 |
| West Midlands | 625 | .. | 640 | 628 | 641 | 651 | 623 | 633 |
| Eastern | 509 | .. | 539 | 564 | 563 | 539 | 529 | 550 |
| London | 738 | .. | 783 | 796 | 794 | 772 | 774 | 821 |
| South East | 754 | .. | 789 | 781 | 804 | 852 | 842 | 853 |
| South West | 515 | .. | 510 | 552 | 571 | 558 | 554 | 571 |
| Wales | 399 | .. | 398 | 400 | 397 | 418 | 406 | 414 |
| Scotland | 605 | .. | 623 | 613 | 629 | 652 | 671 | 661 |

Per cent

| All Disabled | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 100 | .. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| North East | 5.7 | .. | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| North West and Merseyside | 12.6 | .. | 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.9 | 12.7 |
| Yorkshire and Humberside | 9.3 | .. | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 |
| East Midlands | 7.2 | .. | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.3 |
| West Midlands | 9.8 | .. | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Eastern | 8.0 | .. | 8.2 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.0 |
| London | 11.6 | .. | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.0 |
| South East | 11.9 | .. | 12.1 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| South West | 8.1 | .. | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| Wales | 6.3 | .. | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Scotland | 9.5 | .. | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 9.6 |

Table G: Employment rates for disabled and non-disabled people by region, Great Britain

Apr-June 1999 -2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Per cent

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All Disabled | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 46.7 | .. | 47.0 | 48.3 | 49.2 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.4 |
| North East | 33.7 | .. | 37.1 | 36.6 | 39.9 | 38.7 | 40.2 | 45.0 |
| North West (inc Merseyside) | 38.8 | .. | 42.4 | 43.4 | 44.8 | 45.0 | 45.5 | 47.2 |
| Yorkshire and Humberside | 46.1 | .. | 45.1 | 47.1 | 49.5 | 49.8 | 50.3 | 50.6 |
| East Midlands | 48.2 | .. | 48.7 | 51.0 | 51.8 | 51.4 | 52.7 | 55.8 |
| West Midlands | 48.4 | .. | 45.9 | 50.7 | 48.2 | 51.7 | 49.6 | 50.2 |
| Eastern | 53.9 | .. | 54.6 | 58.0 | 55.7 | 59.1 | 57.2 | 56.7 |
| London | 45.9 | .. | 46.2 | 45.5 | 43.6 | 44.3 | 43.3 | 43.5 |
| South East | 59.4 | .. | 60.6 | 60.6 | 59.4 | 60.7 | 61.7 | 59.8 |
| South West | 57.5 | .. | 54.4 | 56.9 | 57.1 | 56.7 | 57.3 | 57.6 |
| Wales | 38.1 | .. | 33.9 | 38.9 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 42.6 | 43.7 |
| Scotland | 38.0 | .. | 40.3 | 36.7 | 44.4 | 46.8 | 47.1 | 46.1 |

Per cent

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Not disabled | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 80.0 | .. | 80.9 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 80.5 | 80.2 |
| North East | 75.1 | .. | 77.1 | 78.2 | 77.2 | 79.5 | 79.5 | 80.3 |
| North West (inc Merseyside) | 79.0 | .. | 80.7 | 79.7 | 80.6 | 80.9 | 80.6 | 80.3 |
| Yorkshire and Humberside | 79.2 | .. | 80.1 | 79.6 | 80.3 | 80.2 | 80.1 | 79.7 |
| East Midlands | 81.9 | .. | 80.9 | 82.3 | 81.3 | 82.1 | 82.0 | 81.5 |
| West Midlands | 79.6 | .. | 80.5 | 79.9 | 80.1 | 79.4 | 80.4 | 79.6 |
| Eastern | 82.4 | .. | 84.0 | 83.3 | 83.2 | 82.6 | 82.5 | 80.5 |
| London | 76.9 | .. | 76.5 | 75.8 | 75.2 | 74.9 | 74.3 | 74.5 |
| South East | 83.1 | .. | 83.8 | 83.4 | 82.8 | 82.1 | 82.2 | 82.6 |
| South West | 82.8 | .. | 84.1 | 84.1 | 83.9 | 82.8 | 83.4 | 83.1 |
| Wales | 77.4 | .. | 78.1 | 78.0 | 81.6 | 81.5 | 79.6 | 79.4 |
| Scotland | 79.3 | .. | 81.6 | 82.1 | 82.2 | 81.9 | 82.3 | 82.0 |

Table H: Labour market status and benefit receipt for disabled and non-disabled people, Great Britain

Apr-Jun1999 – 2006, LFS, not seasonally adjusted

Thousands and per cent

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All disabled | 6,359 | .. | 6,537 | 6,671 | 6,692 | 6,792 | 6,786 | 6,871 |
| IN WORK | | | | | | | | |
| Total number | 2,968 | .. | 3,074 | 3,224 | 3,291 | 3,411 | 3,406 | 3,465 |
| Not on state benefits | 2,596 | .. | 2,281 | 2,305 | 2,427 | 2,094 | 2,438 | 2,477 |
| Receiving state benefits | 372 | .. | 454 | 506 | 365 | 444- | 426 | 398 |
| ...Receiving sickness/disability benefits | 193 | .. | 194 | 201 | 184 | 168- | 206 | 212 |
| ...Receiving Incapacity Benefit (IB) | 52 | .. | 48 | 51 | 56 | 57- | 59 | 56 |
| NOT IN WORK | | | | | | | | |
| Total number | 3,390 | .. | 3,464 | 3,447 | 3,401 | 3,381 | 3,380 | 3,407 |
| Not on benefits | 802 | .. | 673 | 637 | 678 | 660 | 666 | 669 |
| Receiving state benefits | 2,582 | .. | 2,604 | 2,580 | 2,432 | 2,463 | 2,441 | 2,443 |
| ...and would like work | 1,097 | .. | 1,015 | 1,016 | 963 | 873 | 872 | 937 |
| ...and available to start | 375 | .. | 327 | 338 | 321 | 281 | 306 | 360 |
| ...and would not like work | 1,485 | .. | 1,589 | 1,564 | 1,469 | 1,590 | 1,569 | 1,506 |
| Receiving sickness/disability benefits | 1,914 | .. | 1,888 | 1,907 | 1,583 | 1,863 | 1,828 | 1,801 |
| ...and would like work | 702 | .. | 643 | 656 | 552 | 588 | 564 | 604 |
| ...and available to start | 128 | .. | 129 | 125 | 114 | 122 | 128 | 155 |
| ...and would not like work | 1,211 | .. | 1,244 | 1,252 | 1,031 | 1,275 | 1,264 | 1,197 |
| Receiving Incapacity Benefit | 1,347 | .. | 1,270 | 1,278 | 1,089 | 1,229 | 1,221 | 1,189 |
| ...and would like work | 516 | .. | 451 | 457 | 383 | 397 | 391 | 408 |
| ...and available to start | 81 | .. | 75 | 86 | 68 | 78 | 89 | 98 |
| ...and would not like work | 830 | .. | 819 | 821 | 706 | 832- | 830 | 782 |

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Not disabled | 28,027 | .. | 28,292 | 28,290 | 28,232 | 28,457 | 28,599 | 28,660 |
| IN WORK | | | | | | | | |
| Total number | 22,426 | .. | 22,820 | 22,820 | 22,932 | 22,910 | 23,014 | 22,986 |
| Not on state benefits | 21,485 | .. | 18,072 | 17,367 | 17,842 | 17,497 | 17,521 | 17,577 |
| Receiving state benefits | 934 | .. | 1,476 | 2,020 | 858 | -1,195 | 1,183 | 899 |
| ...Receiving sickness/ disability benefits | 115 | .. | 104 | 119 | 86 | -84 | 84 | 72 |
| ...Receiving Incapacity Benefit (IB) | 11 | .. | 13 | * | 10 | -* | 11 | * |
| NOT IN WORK | | | | | | | | |
| Total number | 5,601 | .. | 5,387 | 5,471 | 5,479 | -5,547 | 5,585 | 5,674 |
| Not on state benefits | 3,850 | .. | 2,907 | 2,928 | 2,991 | -3,082 | 3,150 | 3,205 |
| Receiving state benefits | 1,739 | .. | 1,521 | 1,471 | 1,277 | 1,263 | 1,230 | 1,227 |
| ...and would like work | 1,173 | .. | 956 | 927 | 778 | 746 | 716 | 779 |
| ...and available to start in next 2 weeks | 874 | .. | 682 | 660 | 561 | 550 | 512 | 579 |
| ...and would not like work | 565 | .. | 566 | 545 | 499 | 517 | 514 | 448 |
| ...Receiving sickness/ disability benefits | 196 | .. | 177 | 179 | 138 | 165 | 168 | 150 |
| ...and would like work | 80 | .. | 71 | 74 | 54 | 64 | 66 | 58 |
| ...and available to start | 28 | .. | 25 | 25 | 19 | 29 | 23 | 18 |
| ...and would not like work | 115 | .. | 105 | 105 | 83 | 101 | 102 | 91 |
| ...Receiving Incapacity Benefit (IB) | 44 | .. | 42 | 43 | 36 | 45 | 42 | 38 |
| ...and would like work | 25 | .. | 29 | 23 | 22 | 28 | 23 | 21 |
| ...and available to start | 12 | .. | 12 | * | 12 | 15 | 10 | * |
| ...and would not like work | 19 | .. | 13 | 20 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 17 |

NOTE: To ensure continuity in the data over time, all benefits data included in this table excludes people on child benefits, as child benefit recipients were only included in the LFS benefit variable from 2001

Table I: Average gross hourly pay (£) for disabled and not disabled employees

Apr-June 1999- 2006 LFS, not seasonally adjusted, Great Britain

(£)

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| All Disabled | 7.33 | .. | 8.33 | 8.69 | 9.13 | 9.42 | 9.73 | 10.28 |
| Men | 8.22 | .. | 9.38 | 9.69 | 10.38 | 10.58 | 10.92 | 11.14 |
| Women | 6.36 | .. | 7.2 | 7.59 | 7.79 | 8.14 | 8.54 | 9.46 |
| Not disabled | 8.39 | .. | 9.26 | 9.66 | 9.89 | 10.5 | 10.9 | 11.3 |
| Men | 9.53 | .. | 10.43 | 10.88 | 11.06 | 11.82 | 12.13 | 12.63 |
| Women | 7.16 | .. | 8 | 8.35 | 8.62 | 9.1 | 9.58 | 9.87 |

Section 2: Disability estimates from the Family Resources Survey (FRS) 2003/4- 2005/6

The Family Resources Survey (FRS) provides prevalence estimates for disabled adults and disabled children, including breakdowns by region, age group, gender and ethnicity. These are also available from the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) website and will be updated annually by ODI analysts. See <http://www.officefordisability.gov.uk/publications/research.asp>

Notes for users of the FRS data

1. This estimate covers 'the number of people with a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity, and who have a significant difficulty with day-to-day activities'. It is based on data taken from the Family Resources Survey (FRS).
2. Everyone in this group would meet the definition of disability in the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA); however, these estimates do not reflect the total number of people covered by the DDA as the FRS does not collect this information.
3. The figures are estimates based on a sample survey and are therefore subject to sampling variation. Caution should be exercised in the interpretation of small year-on-year fluctuations and identification of trends should be based on several years of data.
4. The estimates are based on sample counts that have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the FRS to Government Office Region populations by age and sex. Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining response bias.

Please note that all the following estimates based on the FRS have been rounded to the nearest 100,000 to ensure sample sizes are robust. Therefore, in some cases, numbers in columns may not add up to the totals.

Disabled people in Britain, including people with limiting long standing illness

Disabled people in Britain by Region

| | Millions | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
| Britain | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
| North East | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| North West and Merseyside | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Yorkshire and Humber | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| East Midlands | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| West Midlands | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Eastern | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| London | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| South East | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| South West | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Wales | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Scotland | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled people by age-group

Millions

| | 2003/04 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All disabled people | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
| Under 16 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 16-24 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 25-34 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 35-44 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| 45-54 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| 55-64 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| 65+ | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled people by gender

Millions

| | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
| Male | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| Female | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled people by ethnic group

Millions

| | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
| White | 9.7 | 9.6 | 10.2 |
| Non White | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled Children, including those with a limiting long standing illness

In the Family Resources Survey (FRS) a **child** is defined as someone aged under 16, and aged 16 to 18 year olds who is in full-time non advanced education and living at home.

Disabled Children by Region

| | Millions | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
| Britain | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| North East | - | - | - |
| North West and Merseyside | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Yorkshire and Humber | - | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| East Midlands | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| West Midlands | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Eastern | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| London | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| South East | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| South West | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Wales | 0.1 | - | - |
| Scotland | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled Children by age-group

Millions

| Age group | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Less than 5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 5 to less than 12 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 12 to less than 19 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Disabled Children by gender

Millions

| | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Male | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Female | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Source: Family Resources Survey, Great Britain

Section 3 DRC Research Project Update

Secondary analysis of existing data on disabled people's use and experiences of public transport in Great Britain. October 2006

This research report was produced by the Centre for Disability Studies at the University of Leeds, on behalf of the DRC, in October 2006 to investigate the availability of existing data on disabled people's use of public transport to present findings in support of the commission's transport campaign. The research team produced a list of more than 300 potential datasets, together with an initial analysis of their usefulness. The final phase of the research involved more specific investigation of questions and themes on a subset of key datasets for more detailed analysis as particularly relevant to the DRC (e.g. regional differences, changes over time, breakdown by ethnicity and impairment etc.). The report includes a combination of findings and commentary from the various stages of the project.

The full report is available to download from the DRC website:
http://www.drc.org.uk/docs/Transport_Campaign_Research_Report.doc

Disability Module in the 2005 British Social Attitudes Survey

The DRC commissioned a module on disability in 2005 British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey undertaken by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen). The findings from the BSA survey are intended to provide a baseline on attitudes towards disability and disabled people in Great Britain.

An analysis of findings from the disability module have been published in the 23rd BSA report in a chapter entitled "Disabling attitudes? Public perspectives on disabled people" by John Rigg. See: '*British Social Attitudes: the 23rd Report – Perspectives on a changing society*, published by Sage for NatCen. See their website

[:http://www.sagepub.co.uk/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book230670](http://www.sagepub.co.uk/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book230670)

A separate report presenting all the questions and findings from the disability module will be available on the DRC website shortly.

School, my family, my life: Telling it like it is - a study detailing the experiences of disabled children, young people and their families on Great Britain in 2006"

This report draws on the main findings and recommendations from four linked projects (2004–6), funded and published by the Disability Rights Commission (DRC) and carried out by a team from the University of Birmingham, into the experiences of disabled children, young people and their families. This report focuses mainly on the findings from the individual and group case studies of disabled children and young people which made up the fourth and final project. These case studies were gathered in England, Scotland and Wales from a range of mainstream primary and secondary schools, specialist units within mainstream schools, colleges of further education and special schools.

The full report, including executive summary, is available from the DRC website:

http://www.drc.org.uk/library/research/education/my_school_my_family_my_life.aspx

Research commissioned as part of the DRC's Formal Investigation (FI) into Fitness Standards in Teaching, Nursing and Social Work

The DRC launched its Formal Investigation (FI) into Fitness Standards in Teaching, Nursing and Social Work on 22 May 2006.. An interim report was published in November 2006 reporting mainly on the findings of the review of regulatory frameworks. See www.drc-gb.org/fitness

Two research projects commissioned as part of the FI have recently been completed:

(a) research into disabled people's disclosure of information about their impairments or health conditions disclosure; and

(b) research into decision-making around fitness issues.

The FI is currently analyzing responses to the call for written evidence and a series of inquiry panel sessions are being convened to discuss evidence with key organisations in order to develop recommendations. Outputs and further information relating to this FI can be found at: <http://www.drc.org.uk/fitness>.”

Disclosing Disability: Disabled students and practitioners in social work, nursing and teaching

This qualitative research study was commissioned by the Disability Rights Commission as part of its Formal Investigation into Fitness Standards in Social Work, Nursing and Teaching. It explored the process and consequences of disclosing disability from the perspectives of disabled professionals and asked how they felt disclosure could be promoted. The research focused on professionals with unseen disabilities in statutory agencies; however, those with visible disabilities were also included. Sixty professionals (both students and qualified practitioners) across the three professions and from England, Scotland and Wales, volunteered to participate in interviews with the research team. The study reported in February 2007.”

Full report can be found at:

<http://www.drc.org.uk/Docs/DisclosingDisabilityReport07.doc>

Disabled peoples’ experiences of anti-social behaviour and harassment in social housing: a critical review

The Disability Rights Commission has commissioned researchers at Sheffield Hallam University to undertake a critical review of the evidence base on disabled people’s experiences of harassment and anti social behaviour within the social housing context in Britain. In examining the evidence this study will consider the position of disabled people both as victims of anti-social behaviour and as alleged perpetrators.

The final report will be available from the DRC website in June 2007.

Appendix 1 Technical Note

The Labour Force Survey Questions on Disability

The focus of and number of questions in the health and disability module of the LFS changed in the spring 1997 to reflect the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA). Since spring 1997 all working age LFS respondents have been asked:

- Do you have any health problems or disabilities that you expect will last more than a year?
If they answer 'yes' to this question, they are also asked to say what kind(s) of health problem or disability(ies) they have, based on a list read to them by the interviewer.

If they then answer '**yes**' to the following question:

- Does this (do these) health problem(s) or disability(ies) (when taken singly or together) substantially limit your ability to carry out normal day to day activities?

OR

- They said that they had the following health problems: progressive illnesses not included elsewhere (e.g. cancer, multiple sclerosis, symptomatic HIV, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy)

Then they are defined as having a **current DDA disability**.

People whose health problem(s) or disability(ies) are expected to last more than a year are also asked the following questions:

- 'Does this health problem affect the KIND of work that you might do?'
- '..... or the AMOUNT of paid work you might do?'

If the respondent fulfils either of these criteria they are defined as having a **work-limiting disability**.

Those people who meet the criteria for either current DDA or work-limiting definitions of disability (or both – as is usually the case) are defined as having a **current long-term disability**.

Appendix 2 LFS Impairment/Health problem classification

We thought it might be useful to include notes used by the LFS when asking questions on different health problem/impairment, in order to clarify for users what is included in each of the LFS impairment categories. For further information, please see Labour Force Survey User Guide Volume 3 on http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LFSUG_Vol3_2003.pdf

Difficulty in seeing - should not be considered a disability if it is effectively compensated for by wearing glasses or contact lenses.

Difficulty in hearing - should be considered without the use of a hearing aid

Severe disfigurement - excludes those arising from tattooing or body piercing but would include scars, birthmarks, limb or postural deformation or disease of the skin.

Chest or breathing problem, asthma, bronchitis - excludes hay fever (seasonal allergic rhinitis) except where it aggravates the effects of an existing condition

Learning difficulties - specific learning difficulties include conditions such as dyslexia or dyscalculia; severe learning difficulties covers mental impairments or mental handicap

Mental illness - includes a wide range of conditions related to mental functioning but should be a clinically well recognised illness. Mental illness that should not be included are; the tendency to commit arson or to steal, the tendency to physically or sexually abuse others, exhibitionism or voyeurism are not included.

Progressive illness - should be recorded if there is some effect on the respondent's normal day to day activities, even if it is minor at the time of interview. If the respondent has been diagnosed with a progressive illness, but they are not suffering from any

symptoms which affect their activities yet, then they should not be included.

Addiction to or dependency on alcohol, nicotine, drugs or other substance (unless resulting from the substance being prescribed for the respondent) should not be included.

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