

# Waverley's Disability Inclusion Profile



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Waverley Council is committed to supporting an inclusive community for everyone.

## Overview

No two people experience disability in the same way.

1:5

Australians have a disability.

Almost 1:3

of people with disability have a profound or severe disability.

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people with a disability said their main long term health condition was mental or behavioural.

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or 14.9% of people with disability use mobility aids.

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or 25.9% of people with disability use a communication aid.

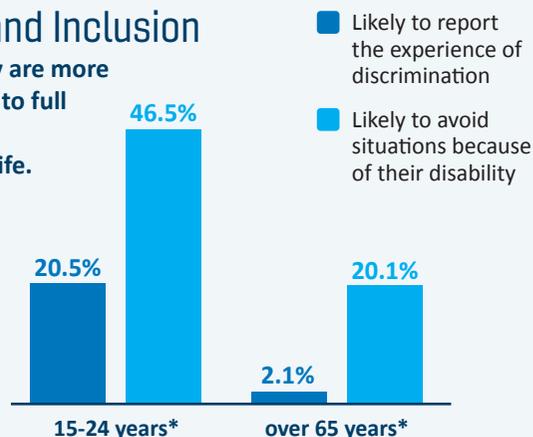
## Participation and Inclusion

People with disability are more likely to face barriers to full participation in key areas of community life.

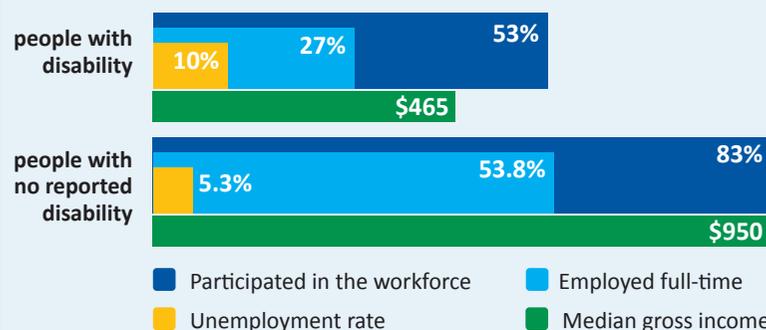


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people with disability say they experience discrimination



## Employment and income (people aged between 15 and 64)



## Assistance / Care

57.6%

of Australians with disability and who need assistance, receive assistance from formal providers.

37.8%

Over one-third of primary carers live with a disability themselves.

3.3%

of Waverley's population report a need for help with tasks of daily living for communication, self-care, or mobility.

11.4%

of Waverley's population provide unpaid assistance to a person with disability – similar to the national figure of 11%

## Accommodation and living arrangements

Mainstream housing design does not meet the needs of people throughout their life course – universal design benefits people with disability, people as they age, parents with young children.



Renters with disability are a vulnerable group and are twice as likely to be evicted without cause than other renters.\*\*

Almost 500,000 people

modified their bathroom, toilet or laundry, installed grab rails or ramps.

## Waverley values and supports an inclusive community by:

- Implementing the Regional Disability Inclusion Framework and Waverley Action Plan
- Waverley Community Living Program (WCPL) provides supports and accommodation for adults with an intellectual disability to live fulfilling and independent lives.
- Working with services, business and the community to take practical actions to improve the inclusion of everyone
- Designing and making facilities, the public domain and open space safe and accessible for all to use.
- Advocating for improved mainstream housing design to better meet the needs of people across their life stages

## SOURCES

2015 Survey of Disability Ageing and Carers (SDAC)

\*\* National Renter survey 2019 Choice, National Shelter and the National Association of Tenant Organisations (NATO)

\*\*\* Sited Australian Network for Universal Design – Aging and Disability: Implications for the Housing Industry and Housing Policy in the United States