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Information request

I was just hoping to get my hands on the stats on the number of young people (aged 14-25) with disabilities (split into physical and mental) living in England.

DWP response

In response to your question the information requested is given in the table below.

	Number of 14 to 25 year olds in England
Physical disability	300,000
Mental disability	400,000

Source: Family Resources Survey 2012/13.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100,000.
2. The Family Resources Survey is a nationally representative sample of approximately 20,000 UK private households. Data for 2012/13, the latest year available, were collected between April 2012 and March 2013.
3. The figures from the Family Resources Survey are based on a sample of households which have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the Family Resources Survey to Government Office Region population by age and sex. Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining non-response error.
4. The Family Resources Survey defines a disabled person as having a long-standing illness, disability or impairment which causes substantial difficulty with day-to-day activities. Everyone classified as disabled under this definition would also be classified as disabled under the general definition of disability in the Equality Act (EA) which has applied since 1 October 2010. However, some individuals classified as disabled and having rights under the EA would not be captured by this definition.
5. Physical disability includes the following impairments: Vision, Hearing, Mobility, Dexterity and Stamina/breathing/fatigue.
6. Mental disability includes the following impairments: Learning, Memory, Mental Health and Social/behavioural.

The latest Family Resources Survey publication can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/family-resources-survey--2>