

## Description of general questions on disability

	General Measure	Types of conditions specified	Availability of Results	Proportion of persons with disabilities	ICF Domain	Duration specified	Response categories	Attribution to a health condition	Use of neutral terminology in question	Use of reference or norm	Complexity	Age-oriented	Specific reference to mental functioning		Number of questions to identify persons with disabilities	Total number of questions on disability
													In the screening	In the types of conditions		
<b>Australia: 2001 Disability Module</b> (used in non-disability surveys)	Yes (screener questions)	Yes	Yes	<sup>1</sup>	BS, BF A/P	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Dichotomous (checklist of conditions)	Yes	No (uses words "restricted", "limited")	No	Q1: simple Q2: complex	No	Yes: cognitive and psychological	Yes: cognitive and psychological	2 (2 questions; 1 with 11 parts, 1 with 6 parts)	10 (in module)
<b>Australia: 1998 Test for 2001 Census</b>	Yes	No	Yes (1998 field test)	14.5%	BF, A/P	No: It is a response option for Q2 <sup>3</sup>	Q1: 7 dichotomous questions Q2: 7 response options	No: It is a response option for Q2	Yes (but uses word "disability")	Yes	Simple	Yes	Yes: cognitive	No (not applicable)	2 (8 parts)	2
<b>Canada: 1991, 1996 Census/Survey</b>	Yes	No	Yes	17.7% <sub>≥15 yrs</sub> <sup>2</sup> (1991)	A/P, BS, BF <sup>4</sup>	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Dichotomous	Yes	No (uses word "limited")	No	Complex	No	Yes: cognitive / psychological not specified	No	2 (2 questions, 1 with 3 parts)	2
<b>Canada: 2001 Census/Survey</b>	Yes	No	Yes	14.6% <sub>≥15 yrs</sub> ; 12.4% total <sup>2</sup>	BF, A/P	No	Yes, sometimes Yes, often No	Yes	Yes	No	Simple	No	Yes: cognitive, psychological not specified	No	2 (2 questions, 1 with 3 parts)	2
<b>Hungary: 1990 Census</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes		BS, BF, A/P (and administrative definition)	Yes: asks age of onset	Q1 (screener): Dichotomous Q2, Q3: Dichotomous Q4, Q6, Q7: Multiple Q5: Open ended	No	No	No	Simple	No	Yes: Cognitive	Yes: Cognitive	1	7
<b>Israel: 1999/2000 Health Survey</b>	Yes (screener question)	No	Yes		BF, A/P	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Dichotomous	No	Yes (but uses word disability)	No	Complex	No	No	No	1	11 (in module)
<b>New Zealand: 2001 Census</b>	Yes	No	Yes	20% <sup>2</sup>	A/P, BS, BF <sup>4</sup>	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Q1: 4 options Q2: Dichotomous	Yes	Yes (but uses word disability)	Yes	Complex	Yes	No	No	2 (2 questions, 1 with 4 parts)	2
<b>Poland: 1988 Census</b>	Yes	No	Yes	9.90%	A/P (and legal definition)	Yes: "long lasting"	Q1: 3 options Q2: 4 options	Yes	No	Yes	Complex	Yes	No	No	2	2
<b>Poland: 1996 Polish Health Interview Survey</b>	Yes (2 screener questions)	No	Yes	14.05% (children and adults)	A/P (and legal definition)	Yes: chronic	Q1: 3 options Q2: 4 options	Yes	No	Yes	Complex	Yes	No	No	2	2
<b>United States: 1990 Census</b>	Yes	No	Yes	11.96% (16+ yrs of age)	A/P	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Dichotomous	Yes	No (uses word "limited")	No	Complex	No	Yes: cognitive / psychological not specified	No	2 (4 parts)	2 (4 parts)
<b>United States: 2000 Census</b>	Yes	Yes: sensory	Yes	15.76% (5+ yrs of age)	BF A/P	Yes: Long term <sup>3</sup>	Dichotomous	Yes	No (uses word "limited")	No	Complex	No	Yes: cognitive / psychological not specified	No	2 (6 parts)	2 (6 parts)

<sup>1</sup> Screener questions identified respondents for disability module; they are not used for obtaining prevalence estimates

<sup>2</sup> Census questions identified respondents for a post-censal disability survey from which prevalence estimates were obtained

<sup>3</sup> Long-term = disabilities or conditions that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more

<sup>4</sup> The question of the type "are you disabled/handicapped?" is assumed to cover the most severe types of disabilities linked to BF and BS