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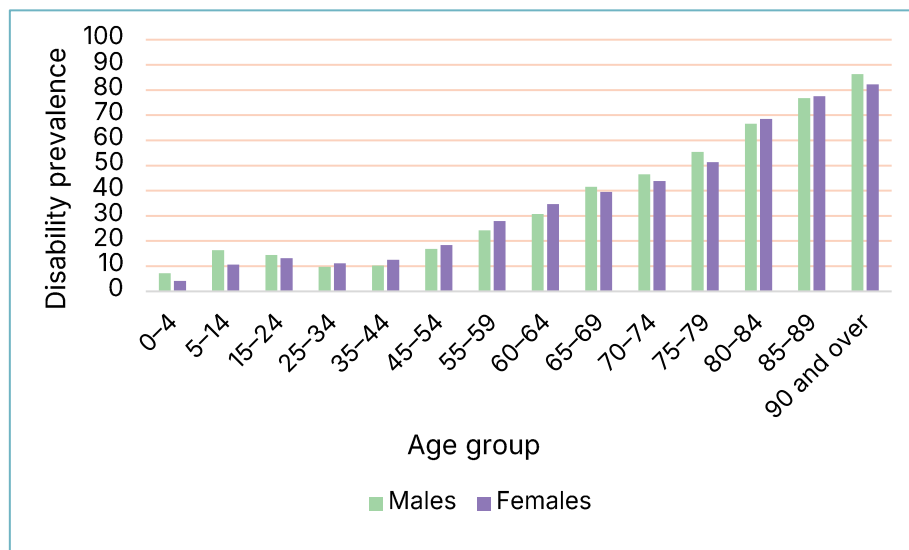
DISABILITY IN AUSTRALIA

Disability is a broad and diverse experience that touches many aspects of life in Australia. People with disability have experiences that differ across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and locations. Rates of disability increase with age, which means the ageing of Australia's population will have important impacts on both the number and the proportion of Australians living with disability. Understanding disability helps governments, services, and communities design more inclusive environments that support full participation and independence.

- In 2022, **21.4% of Australians had disability**, up from 17.7% in 2018.
- Overall, disability prevalence is **similar for males and females**.
- Australians with disability are more likely to experience physical and/or threatened assault than those without disability
- **More than half of older Australians** (aged 65 and over) have disability.
- Approximately **3 million Australians are informal carers**.

There were
5.5 million
Australians
with disability
in 2022

DISABILITY PREVALENCE BY AGE AND SEX



Disability Prevalence by age and sex, 2022 (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

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