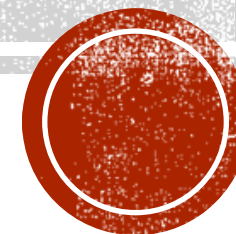


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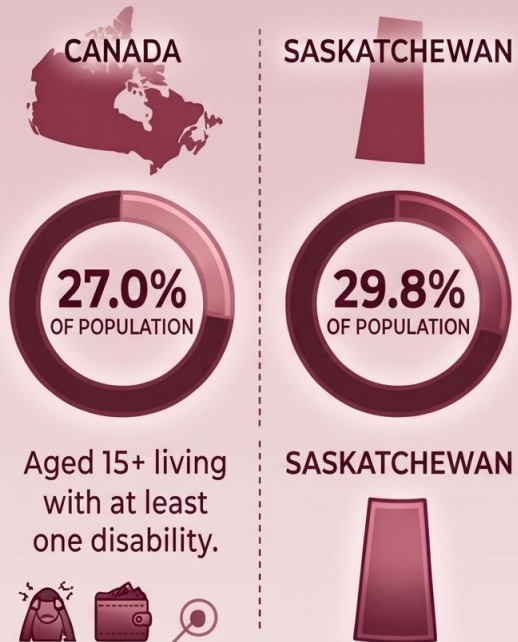
HOUSING ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25, 1948
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, Article 11, 1966
- National Housing Strategy Act, 2019
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), 2006: articles 5, 9, 19, 28
- Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018
- Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (SK)
- The Accessible Saskatchewan Act (Bill 103), December 3, 2023

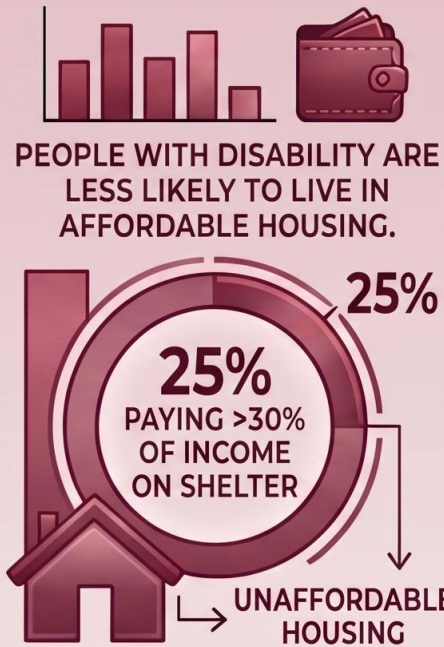


DISABILITY & HOUSING IN CANADA: KEY FACTS & FINDINGS

PREVALENCE OF DISABILITY



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGE



SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH



IMPACT ON WELL-BEING



Sources: Statistics Canada 2021, 2022
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THE GAP BETWEEN COMMITMENT AND REALITY: SASKATOON 2024 PIT COUNT

I. PREVALENCE OF DISABILITIES



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- 48% Physical Limitation
- 39.2% Learning / Cognitive Limitation
- 37.1% Hearing or Seeing Issues
- 29.2% Acquired Brain Injury

II. ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS



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- 37% REQUIRE help with Disability **Accessibility** to find stable housing

III. FINANCIAL BARRIERS



FINANCIAL BARRIERS

- Only 20.8% receive Disability Benefits
- 88.2% stated 'MORE MONEY' is primary factor needed for stable housing

IV. KEY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS



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- 81.6% Navigational Help (Finding Affordable Options)
- 71.7% Application Assistance (Housing Applications)
- 57.4% Mental Health Support (for long-term stability)
- 69.8% Transportation Access (to view options)

Source: Based on data from the Saskatoon Point-in-Time Homelessness Count 2024.

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HOUSING ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: TURNING COMMITMENT INTO ACTION

- **Strong foundations already exist**
 - Human rights commitments, accessibility frameworks, and growing recognition of housing as a social determinant of health
- **The opportunity is implementation**
 - Stronger enforcement, expanded accessible housing, and inclusive design as a standard practice
- **Benefits extend beyond disability**
 - Accessible housing supports, health dignity, and future-ready communities for all

