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Tēnā koe Miss T Nicol

### Official Information Act (OIA) request: Information from the 2023 Disability Survey

On 21 August 2024, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. The date on which the entire survey will be made publicly accessible.*
- 2. If advance access to the general statistic for the percentage of New Zealanders that identify as disabled is possible by way of response to this request (i.e. the new version of the statistic since the 2013 survey, which found that 24% of New Zealanders identified as disabled).*

Regarding part one of your request, results from the 2023 Disability Survey will be shared in an upcoming statistical release, Disability Statistics (2023). The original date for release was Wednesday, 4 December 2024 but publication will now occur at a later date (likely early next year).

We will advise a new date soon on our online [Release calendar | Stats NZ](#). If you would like to stay updated, you can subscribe to receive notifications at [Subscribe to information release notifications | Stats NZ](#).

Once they are published, you will be able to access the Disability Statistics (2023) via our Release calendar (which will link you through to the relevant web page).

We are refusing part two of your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the grounds that it will soon be made publicly available (at the date and location mentioned above).

Unfortunately, we do not generally allow anyone advanced access to statistics prior to publication, as we operate on the principle of providing equal access to official statistics for all users at the same time.

As an exception, topical or market-sensitive statistical releases may be released under strict embargo to key stakeholders (such as ministers and media representatives) up to 24 hours before they are published, at the discretion of the Government Statistician. The

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reason for this is to allow key stakeholder to get across content and be ready to respond if approached for comment straight after publication.

Our website has more information on our [release policy](#), and [release practices](#) – including [what releases are provided under embargo and who receives them](#).

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: [OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz](mailto:OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

It is Stats NZ's policy to proactively release its responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Nāku noa, nā



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