

Experiences of Disability and Accessibility Barriers in Nova Scotia



In 2023, among Nova Scotians with disabilities...

74% are comfortable telling others they have a disability

- 74% in 2022

56% experience barriers due to their disability

- 54% in 2022
- 53% in 2021

The most common barriers are experienced in:

- the built environment
- employment
- stigma and negative attitudes on disability

Source: Annual Public Opinion Telephone Research Survey (February/March 2021-2023)

47% have experienced discrimination in the last two years

42% have asked for employment supports or accommodations at work.

Of these:

- One third (32%) did not receive any supports
- One quarter (25%) received some of the supports
- Four in ten (42%) received all of the supports

Source: Annual Public Opinion Telephone Research Survey (February/March 2022)

Awareness of Accessibility and Disability in Nova Scotia



In 2023, among Nova Scotians...

89% know that accessibility is a human right

- 90% in 2022
- 85% in 2021
- 88% in 2020

52% know Nova Scotia has a goal to be accessible by 2030

- 60% in 2022
- 59% in 2021

92% know that disabilities can be visible and invisible

- 97% in 2022
- 93% in 2021

73% say accessibility is very important to them

- 81% in 2022
- 77% in 2021

Source: Annual Public Opinion Telephone Research Survey (February/March 2019-2023)

Awareness of Accessibility and Disability in Nova Scotia



In 2023, among Nova Scotians...

82% know there are barriers other than accessing buildings and public spaces

- 86% in 2022
- 83% in 2021

26% interact daily with someone who has a disability

- 34% in 2022
- 25% in 2021

How would you rate accessibility in Nova Scotia?

(1 is poor and 10 is excellent)

2023	6.0
2022	5.9
2021	6.3
2020	5.9
2019	5.7

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