

# DISABILITY STATISTICS IN MONGOLIA

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- Law on Statistics;
- Law on "The protection of rights of persons with disabilities";
- International conventions and other policy documents;



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- Training manual on Disability statistics, released by UNESCAP in 2008;
- Current indicators and definitions are complied with the short set of questions and its definitions developed by Washington Group on Disability Statistics, UN within the framework of International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF-2001);



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#### Data sources

Statistics on persons with disabilities come from the following sources.

- Official statistics / since 1997/;
- Sample survey 2004;
- Labour Force Survey / since 2006 /;
- Household Socio-Economic Survey / in even years since 2008 /;
- Population and Housing Census 2010;
- Household and population in the census database
  / 2015 /;



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# **Population and Housing Census**

# Legal framework:

- Mongolian law on Population and Housing Census;
- law on Statistics;

# Method:

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- face-to-face interview;
- register-based census

# Census time:

- The pilot was conducted census in 2009;
- Census from 11-17 of November 2010;
- Mid-term census was conducted in 2015;

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Goals and objectives:

The 2010 census included questions on disabilities. The main purpose was to see the big picture of persons with disabilities, to study about their demographic, socio-economic and housing conditions.

•To identify and analyze the age and sex structure of persons with disabilities, by types of disabilities;

•To study and analyze about their education and literacy level and their school and pre-school enrollment according to different regions and urban and rural settings;

•To study and cross-analyze about their economic activities by economic sectors, reasons of unemployment and other economic indicators;

•To analyze about marital status and number of households with persons with disabilities, their household structure, and as well as housing conditions;

•To study about certain indicators against indicators of other countries and regional and international average;

### Questionnaire and manuals

Pilot census:

Question:

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- 1. Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?
- 2. Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?
- 3. Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?
- 4. Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing?
- 5. Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?
- 6. Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

#### Answer:

The following 4 answer categories were used. They are:

- a. No no difficulty
- b. Yes some difficulty
- c. Yes a lot of difficulty
- d. Cannot do at all



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#### **Pilot census result**

The pilot census revealed that the questions on disabilities were not easily understood and in often cases the respondent would correlate the questions with medical conditions.

And additionally, the respondents were not able to determine their own disability status. It could have been related to the fact that pilot census enumerators were mainly senior citizens and unemployed persons and they might have had trouble asking the questions in correct manner and had trouble understanding the responses correctly.



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# Population and Housing census:

12. DO YOU HAVE ANY DISABILITY? IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY.				
No	1			
	Question 14			
Yes: Congenital	2			
Acquired	3			
13. IF YOU HAVE ANY DISABILITY, PLEASE				
SPECIFY THE TYPE.				
Visual	1			
	1			
Speaking	-			
Speaking Hearing	2			
Hearing				

The answer choices were: Seeing, Speaking, Hearing, Mobility, and Cognitive.

If the respondent had multiple disabilities, only one as considered more prominent or main should be chosen.

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#### Data dissemination:



Based on the 2010 census results, a monograph on persons with disabilities was developed and published. It included detailed information about the number of persons with disabilities and their age and sex structure, marital status, education and economic activities as well as housing conditions.

### Intercensal survey of 2015. (Mid-term census):

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The 2015 intercensal survey was conducted using the household and population register based method for the first time. The database is developed based on the household and population registration booklet that are kept and recorded at the primary administrative units of bag and khoroo.

The information of persons with disabilities were collected in accordance with the 2010 census and the results are not finalized and published yet.

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# Number of persons with disabilities:

The latest statistics on persons with disabilities are shown in the following table. The percentage of persons with disabilities in total population is 3.3 - 4.1 percent.

	Official data /2014/	Population and housing census- 2010	Household Socio Economic Survey /2014/	Labour Force Survey /2014/
Persons with disability	99 573	108 071	122 833	105 219
Percent of the total				
poplation	3.3	4.1	4.1	3.5

#### Current situation and future activities:

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The statistics on persons with disabilities are collected from many sources and therefore much different from one another.
Persons with disabilities are determined only according to their physical and bodily functioning and not according to their independent functioning, limitation in movement and social participation.

• The disability statistics are not internationally comparable.



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• Incorporate Washington group short set of questions into sample survey questionnaires and in preparation for that, study about experiences of other countries that have collected information with this short set and hire a consultant;

- Learn the experiences and results of other countries that have piloted the children's functioning set of questions and cooperate with them;
- Develop indicators to assess the implementation of Incheon Strategy on Disabilities and exchange ideas with other countries;
- Employ the ICF in Mongolia in full and ensure the implementation.





# Thank you for your attention