



# Measuring Disability to support the follow up and review of SDGs

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# Approaches used to Measure Disability through Censuses, Surveys and administrative sources: National Experiences – Antigua and Barbuda

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# Overview of the Presentation

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- Background
- Measurement of Disability Statistics using Census and Surveys
- Collection of Administrative Data
- Conclusion

# Background

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- Limited data on disability statistics
- Data collected primarily from Censuses (1991, 2001, 2011)
- No surveys conducted specifically to collect disability data
- Historically limited resources or focus on the collection of disability statistics
- Challenges in reporting disability statistics

# Census 2011 – Disability Statistics

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## CENSUS 2011

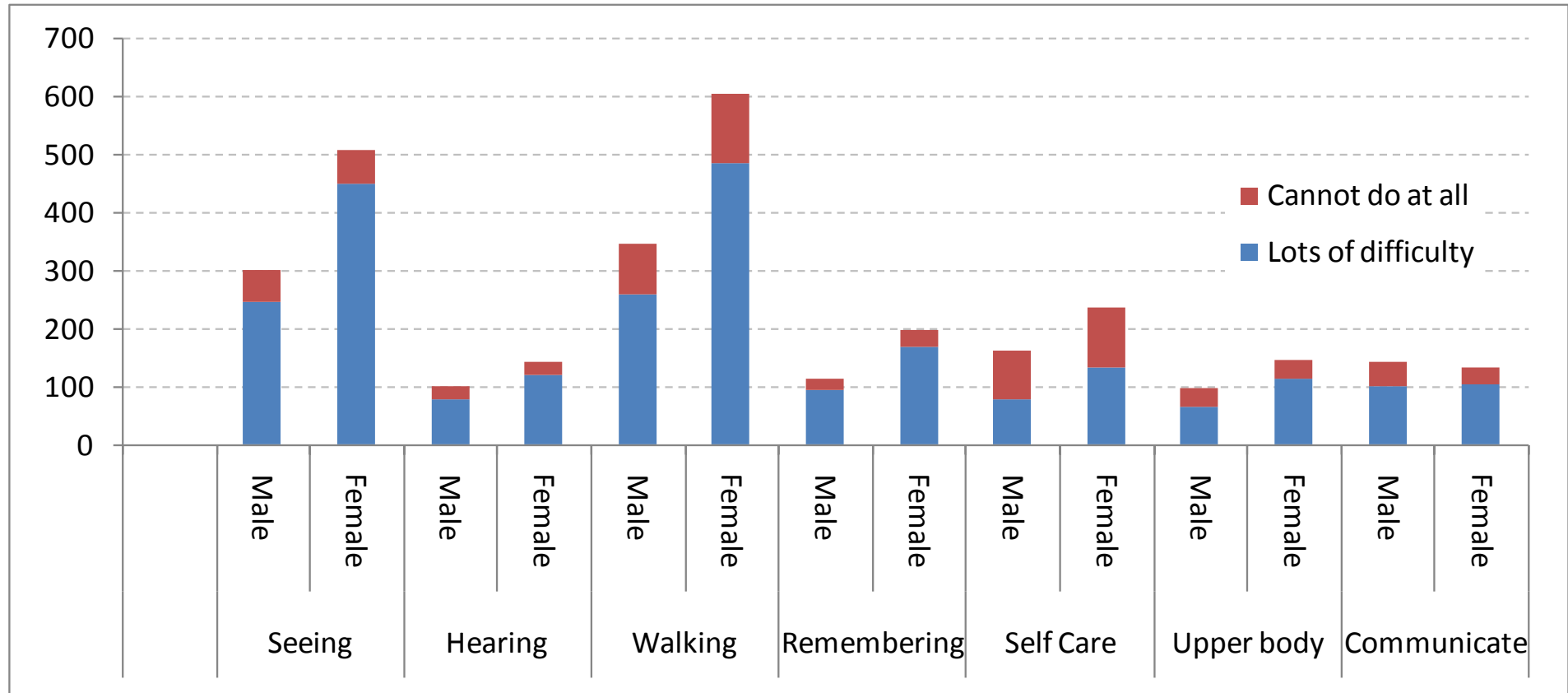
- In 2010 discussions were held with stakeholders pertaining to disability questions
- Section dedicated to Disability and Health in Census Questionnaire (Section 6)
- 2 questions derived from the CARICOM Countries Common Questionnaire (9)
  - In Census 2001, 7 questions were asked
- Tables included in the Census 2011 Report
- Release Analytical Report with Disability

## DISABILITY QUESTIONS

- Do you/does ... have difficulty?
  - Seeing
  - Hearing
  - Walking, standing or climbing stairs
  - Remembering or concentrating
  - Upper Body function
  - Communication
- What is the origin of your .... 's disability?

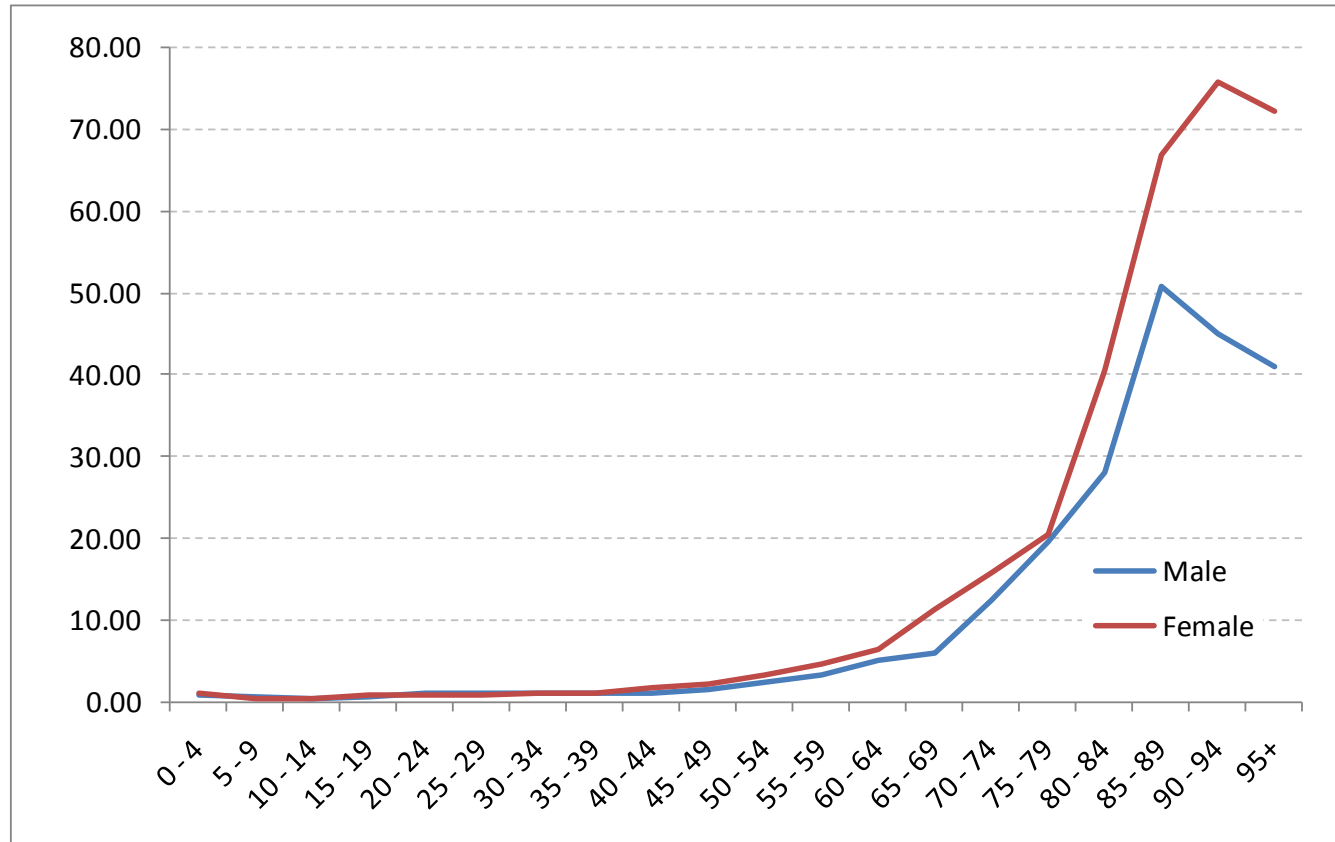
# Census 2011 – Disability Statistics

Number of Persons by Type of Disability, Sex and Severity of Disability



# Census 2011 – Disability Statistics

Percentage of Persons with a Disability by Sex and 5 Year Age Groups



# Census 2011 – Disability Statistics

Percentage of Persons by type of Disability and Cause of Disability

Disability	Cause of Disability						Total number of cases
	From Birth	Illness	Accident	Old age	Other	Don't know/Not stated	
Seeing	7.86	44.00	9.38	35.17	3.59	84	809
Hearing	24.09	20.45	9.09	43.18	3.18	22	242
Walking	4.88	41.61	18.82	30.95	3.74	76	958
Remembering	12.63	27.02	7.37	45.26	7.72	27	312
Self care	9.52	34.73	7.28	39.50	8.96	43	400
Upper body	9.42	43.05	14.35	30.04	3.14	20	243
Communicating	35.80	34.16	4.94	20.58	4.53	32	275



# Collection of Administrative Data

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- Ministry of Health has limited data on disability statistics
- Ministry of Social Transformation has some data on the disabled population who access social programs
  - However, their data are collected in silos and are not harmonized
  - Does not cover the entire disabled population
  - Duplication and limited variables
- Limited data from Disability Groups

# Conclusion

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- Need to strengthen administrative sources
  - Harmonization of the different registers and databases maintained by the Ministry of Social Transformation
  - Improve coordination between potential data sources and data users (Health, Social Transformation, Economic Development, Education and Finance)
- Developing capacity in the measurement of disability statistics

# Conclusion

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- Decisions at the national level on the priority for measurement of disability statistics
- Conduct of surveys to collect disability statistics
- Building on regional activities to improve poverty and labour statistics to include disability statistics



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Thank You