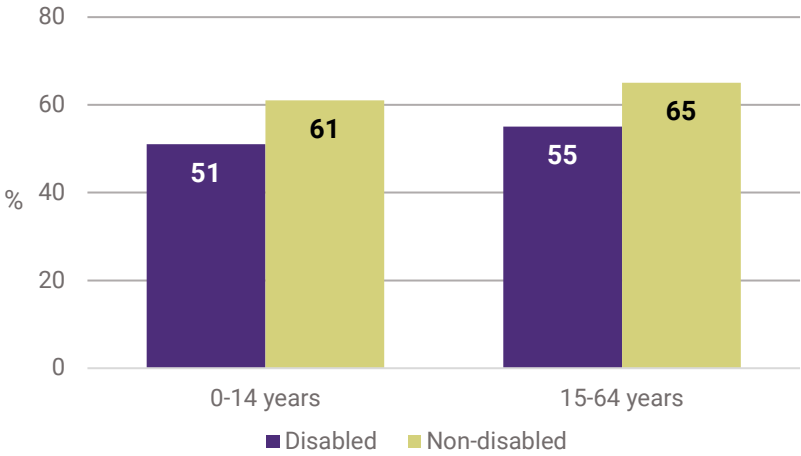


Disabled children and working age adults less likely to live in an owner-occupied home

% of people who live in a home owned, partly owned, or held in family trust, by disability status and age group



- The differences in home ownership become **non-significant** when comparing disabled people and non-disabled people of all ages.
- This is because **33% of disabled people** are aged 65 years and over, compared with **17% of non-disabled people**. People in this age range are more likely to own a home.
- People living in **owner-occupied homes** are less likely to experience housing quality issues such as **dampness** and **mould**.

Source: Household Disability Survey 2023

Disabled young people more likely to move home

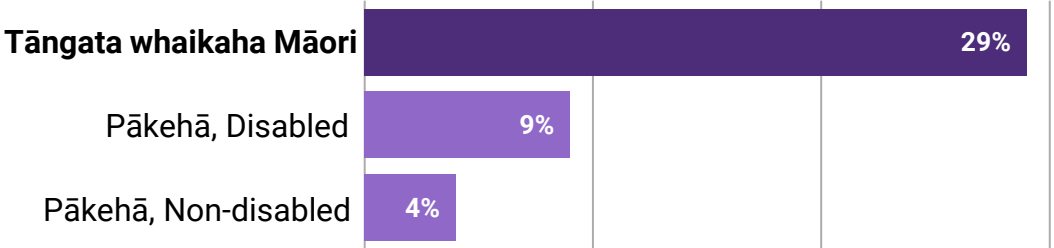
% of students in secondary schools who had moved in the past 12 months, by group



Source: Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2021

Housing instability for young people

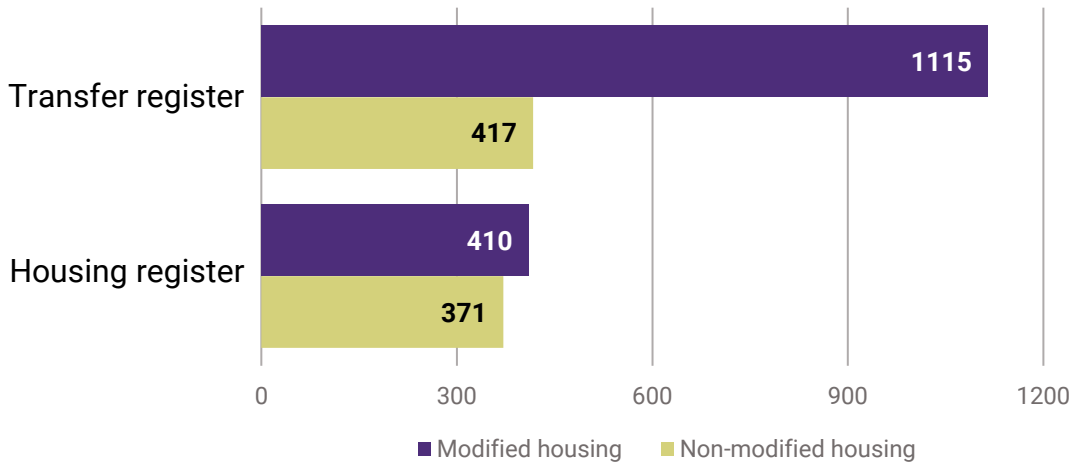
% of students in secondary schools who had to sleep or live in challenging conditions due to housing costs, by group



Source: A Youth19 Brief: Rangatahi Māori with a Disability or Chronic Condition

Wait times for modified social housing longer

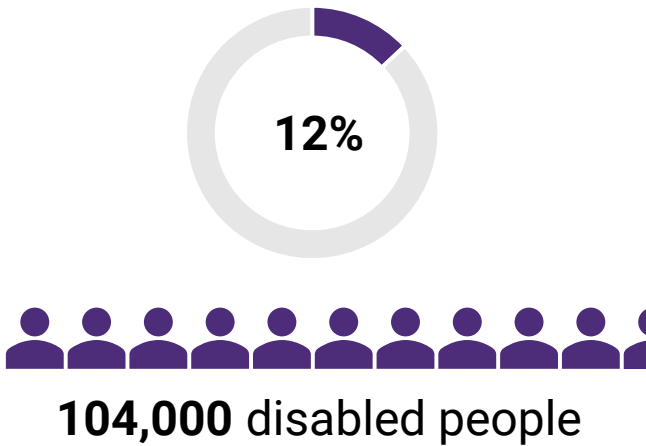
Average days spent on waitlist for social housing, by register and modification status of housing needed



Source: Data from January 2025, supplied by MSD

Unmet accessibility needs in households

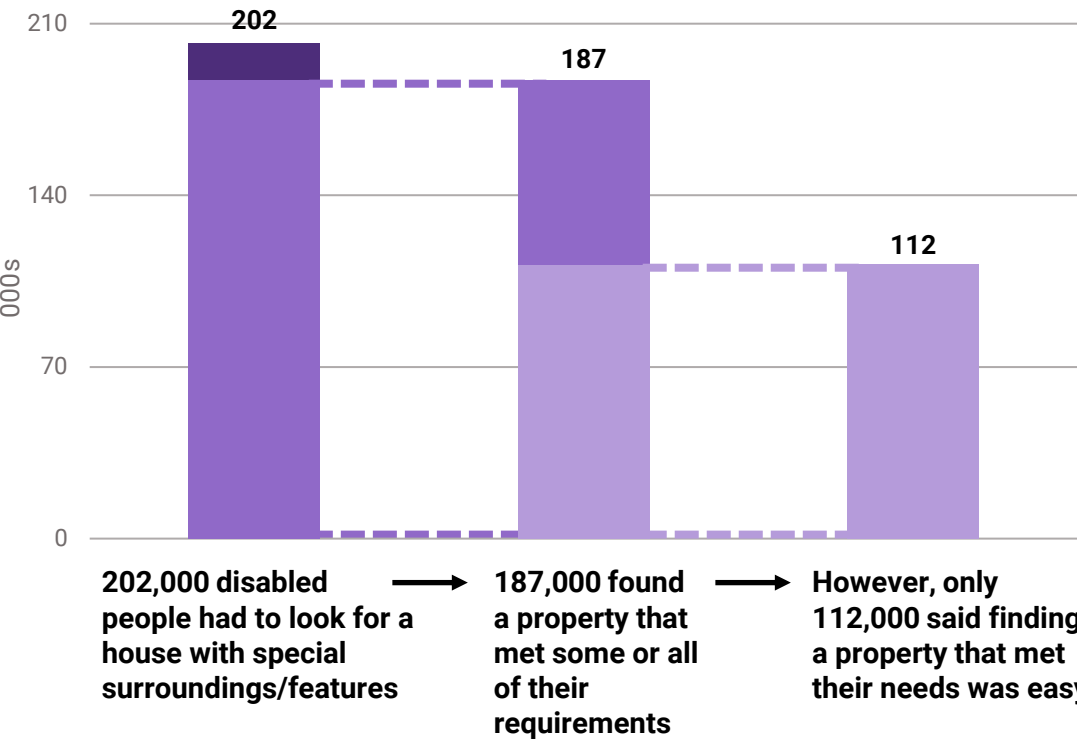
% and number (000s) of disabled people with unmet need for accessibility modifications to current home



Source: Household Disability Survey 2023

Disabled people during last housing search

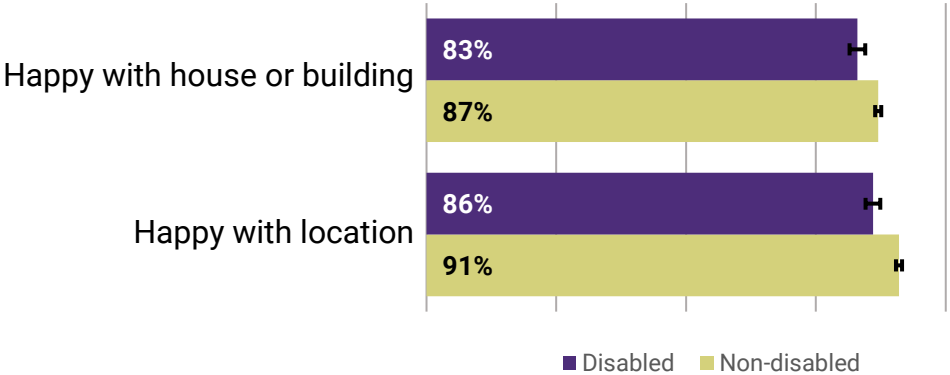
Number of disabled people who agreed with the following statements about their last housing search



Source : Household Disability Survey 2023

Most disabled people happy with building and location

% of people happy with housing characteristic, by disability status



Source: Household Disability Survey 2023

Disabled people less likely to live in right size home

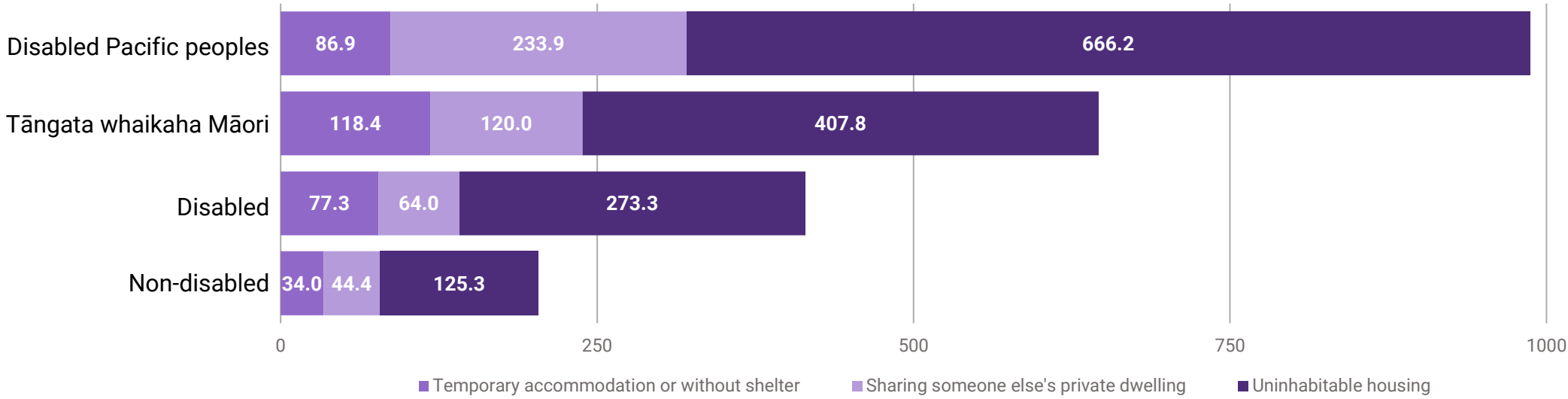
% of people who reported home was right size, by disability status



Source : Household Disability Survey 2023

Housing deprivation rate higher for disabled people

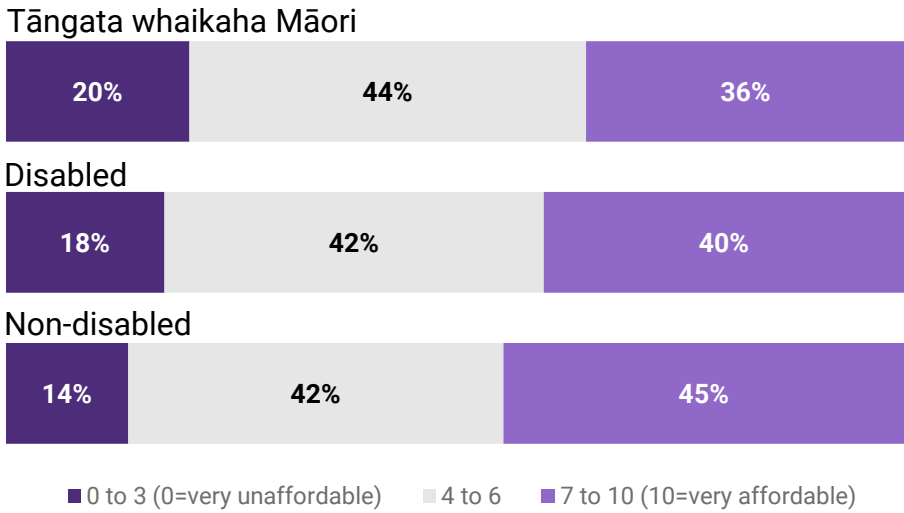
Housing deprivation rate per 10,000 people, by disability status



Source: Census 2023

Home affordability

% of adults (15+ years), by perceived affordability of home and group



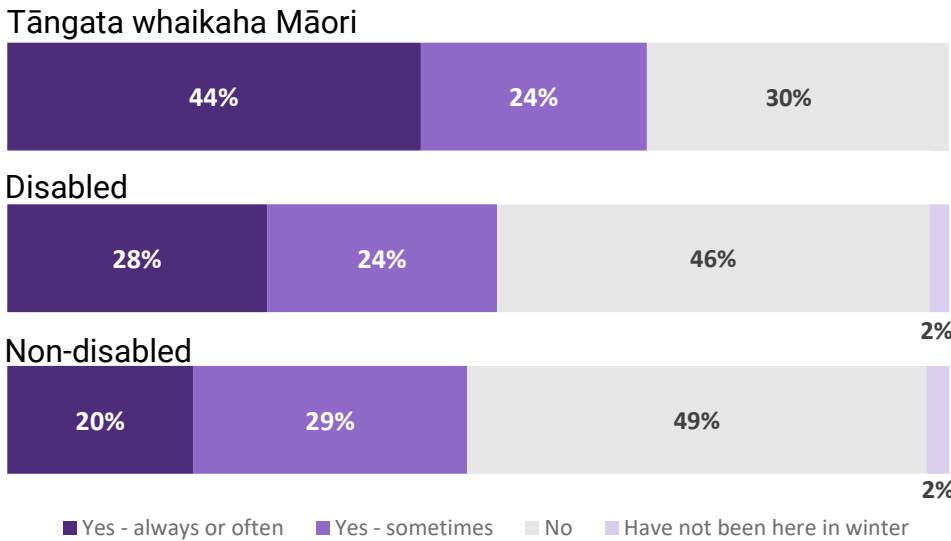
Source: General Social Survey 2023 (WGSS)

The **housing affordability gap** between disabled and non-disabled people may be influenced by multiple factors, including:

- Disabled people having lower average incomes
- Disabled people being less likely to be employed
- Additional accessibility requirements
- Disabled people being less likely to live in an owner-occupied home
- Increased costs associated with disability

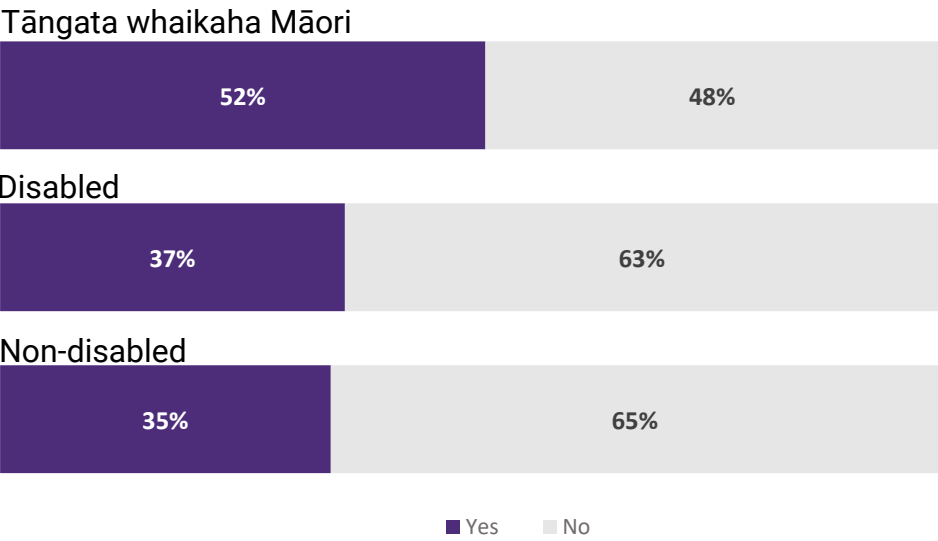
Cold homes

% of adults (15+ years), by whether house is colder than they would like during winter and group



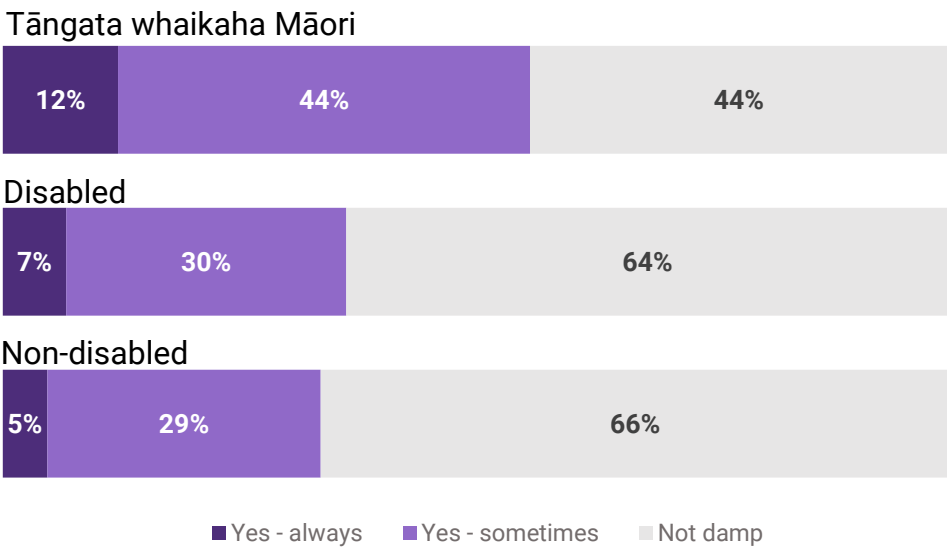
Mouldy homes

% of adults (15+ years), by whether house or flat is mouldy and group



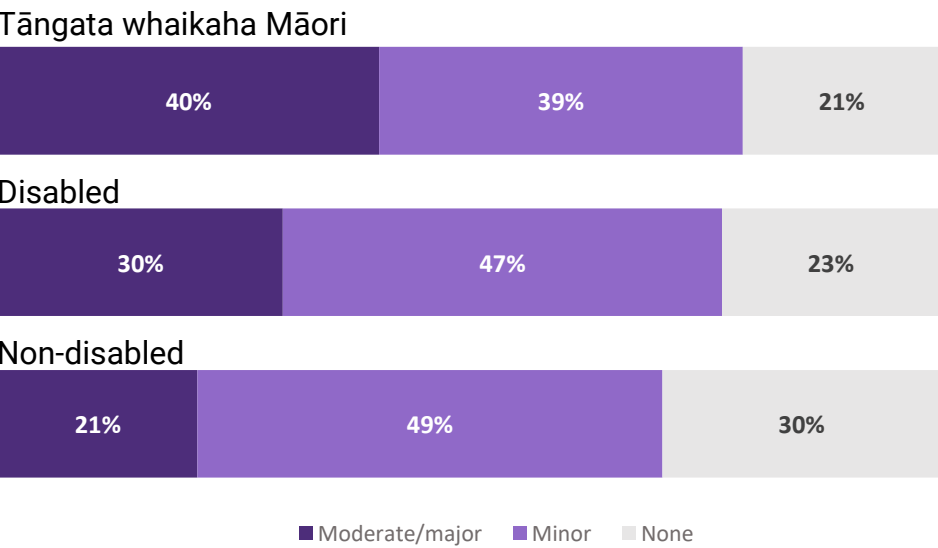
Damp homes

% of people, by whether home damp and group



Home repairs

% of people, by level of repairs needed and group



Source for all data: General Social Survey 2023 (WGSS)