

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

Labour force participation of women with disabilities

What is the labour force participation of women with disabilities broken down by State and Territory, including across: (a) Age groups (b) Trends (c) In comparison to men with disabilities (d) In comparison with non-disabled women?

Answer

Except where stipulated, this response has been compiled using the Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009.

(a) The labour force participation rate of women with disabilities by age, 2009:

State	Age (years)				
	15-24 (%)	25-34 (%)	35-44 (%)	45-54 (%)	55-64 (%)
NSW	56.2	56.8	56.9	52.9	34.5
VIC	58.0	48.8	60.5	58.1	31.7
QLD	70.0	54.1	51.1	56.7	30.5
WA	62.4	53.6	65.1	68.1	36.5
SA	55.9	74.4	58.3	59.9	35.4
TAS	23.5	70.4	63.1	52.4	27.8
ACT	54.8	73.5	80.7	72.4	48.4
NT	48.7	66.0	74.0	64.4	50.5

Source:

Disability 2010–11: Comparing performance across Australia, Statistical supplement, Report to the Council of Australian Governments 30 April 2012 - based on Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009.

(b) The labour force participation rate of women with disabilities aged 15–64 years, by year:

State	Trends (year)		
	1998 ^a (%)	2003 ^b (%)	2009 (%)
NSW	40.7	46.0	47.7
VIC	45.8	47.0	48.0
QLD	50.4	45.0	47.0
WA	52.0	50.2	54.8
SA	45.0	47.1	51.1
TAS	35.9	50.6	45.9
ACT	65.8	65.7	65.1 ^c
NT	43.7	not available	62.8 ^c

Source:

- ^a Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 1998
- ^b Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2003
- ^c Disability 2010–11: Comparing performance across Australia, Statistical supplement, Report to the Council of Australian Governments 30 April 2012 - based on Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009.

(c) & (d) The labour force participation rate of women with disabilities compared to men with disabilities and women without disability, all aged 15–64 years, 2009.

State	Women with disabilities (%)	Men with disabilities (%)	Women without disability (%)
NSW	47.7	59.1	75.3
VIC	48.0	57.6	76.5
QLD	47.0	57.7	77.7
WA	54.8	70.7	77.1
SA	51.1	58.3	77.8
TAS	45.9	55.7	74.8
ACT	65.1 ^a	80.1 ^a	not available
NT	62.8 ^a	66.7 ^a	not available

Source:

- ^a Disability 2010–11: Comparing performance across Australia, Statistical supplement, Report to the Council of Australian Governments 30 April 2012 - based on Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009.