

2001 PALS: TENURE OF HOME AND BARRIERS TO ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN HOME OR TO ENTER OR LEAVE HOME

Are Ontario Adults with Disabilities as Likely as Their Non-Disabled Peers to be Living in a Home that is Owned by a Household member?

No. Of the 1,436,045 Ontario adults with disabilities, 67% or 966,215 adults live in a home that is owned by a household member. Contrast this to non-disabled Ontario adults, where 74% live in a home that is owned by a household member.

Do Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Owned by a Household Member and who Now Use Specialized Features have Any Unmet Needs?

Yes. Of the 966,215 Ontario adults with disabilities who live in a home that is owned by a household member, 9% or 84,880 now use specialized features within their home or to enter or leave their home, and of these, 20% or 17,020 individuals still need more.

Of the 84,880 who now use specialized features,

- 37% use ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 20% use automatic or easy open doors (including lever handles);
- 19% use widened doorways or hallways;
- 12% use an elevator or lift device;
- 7% use visual alarms or audio warning devices;
- 68% use grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom);
- 5% use lowered counters in the kitchen; and
- 36% use other features that are not specified.

Of the 17,020 individuals who now use some specialized features but still need other features,

- 24% need ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 18% need automatic or easy open doors (including lever handles);
- 10% need widened doorways or hallways;
- 25% need an elevator or lift device;
- 15% need grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom);
- 14% need lowered counters in the kitchen; and
- 34% need other features that are not specified.

Of the 17,020 individuals who now use some specialized features but still need other features, the reasons given for not having those features include:

- 47% state that the feature required is not covered by insurance; and
- 56% say the feature required is too expensive.

Are there Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Owned by a Household Member who Require Specialized Features that Do Not Have Any of the Features that They Need?

Yes. Of the 881,335 Ontario adults with disabilities, 5% of 39,985 need specialized features within their home or to enter or leave their home. Among those,

- 28% need ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 10% need automatic or easy open doors (including lever handles);
- 6% need widened doorways or hallways;
- 23% need an elevator or lift device;
- 52% need grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom); and
- 30% need other features that are not specified.

The reasons given for not having the specialized features that are needed include:

- 51% report that the feature needed is not covered by insurance; and
- 65% report that the feature needed is too expensive.

Does the Design and Layout of the Homes of Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Owned by a Household Member Make it Difficult to Participate in the Activities that They Want or Need to Do?

Yes, for some. There were 48,435 Ontario adults with disabilities who live in a home that is owned by a household member who reported that the design and layout of their home, including the entrances and exits, made it difficult to participate in the activities that they wanted or needed to do. Of those,

- 68% said that their activities were curtailed on a daily basis;
- 12% said it affected those activities that they needed or wanted to do once a week; and
- 18% said that the difficulty occurred monthly or less often.

When asked the extent to which this affected their lives, 63% stated that it was a “big” problem.

Do Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Rented by a Household Member and who Now Use Specialized Features have Any Unmet Needs?

Yes. Of the 465,830 Ontario adults with disabilities who live in a home that is rented by a household member, 14% or 67,165 now use specialized features within their home or to enter or leave their home, and of these, 12% or 7,675 individuals still need more.

Of the 67,165 who now use specialized features,

- 50% use ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 42% use automatic or easy open doors (including lever handles);
- 25% use widened doorways or hallways;

- 55% use an elevator or lift device;
- 25% use visual alarms or audio warning devices;
- 78% use grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom);
- 4% use lowered counters in the kitchen; and
- 19% use other features that are not specified.

Of the 7,675 individuals who now use some specialized features but still need other features,

- 17% need ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 30% need grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom); and
- 15% need lowered counters in the kitchen.

Of the 7,675 individuals who now use some specialized features but still need other features, the reasons given for not having those features include:

- 33% state that the feature required is not covered by insurance; and
- 47% say the feature required is too expensive.

Are there Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Rented by a Household Member who Require Specialized Features that Do Not Have Any of the Features that They Need?

Yes. Of the 398,660 Ontario adults with disabilities, 3% of 12,430 need specialized features within their home or to enter or leave their home. Among those,

- 58% need ramps or street level entrances to access their home;
- 42% need an elevator or lift device;
- 52% need grab bars or a bath lift (in the bathroom); and
- 23% need other features that are not specified.

The reasons given for not having the specialized features that are needed include:

- 22% report that the feature needed is not covered by insurance; and
- 60% report that the feature needed is too expensive.

Does the Design and Layout of the Homes of Ontario Adults with Disabilities who Live in a Home that is Rented by a Household Member Make it Difficult to Participate in the Activities that They Want or Need to Do?

Yes, for some. There were 23,810 Ontario adults with disabilities who live in a home that is rented by a household member who reported that the design and layout of their home, including the entrances and exits, made it difficult to participate in the activities that they wanted or needed to do. Of those,

- 63% said that their activities were curtailed on a daily basis; and
- 22% said it affected those activities that they needed or wanted to do once a week.

When asked the extent to which this affected their lives, 45% stated that it was a “big” problem.