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Presentation

The Survey on Disabilities, Impairments and State of Health is a large-scale statistical project in the form of a macro-survey (approximately 79,000 dwellings and 220,000 people) that responds to an urgent demand by the government and different non-governmental organization users.

This survey is geared towards covering the need for information on disabilities, dependency, the aging of the population and the state of health of the population living in Spain.

Disabilities are analyzed in line with the previous survey, carried out in 1986, but adapted to the current situation and expanded in fundamental areas such as the types of assistance, the degree of severity of the different disabilities, training and employment for affected groups, and other items that will allow essential indicators to be obtained, such as, for example, the disability-free life expectancy.

To analyze the subject of dependency, which covers the entire age structure, although focusing in particular on the elderly as a result of the aging of the population, special emphasis was placed on the factors that most determine dependency, such as the assistance of another person, the characteristics of the caregivers and the degree of severity of the disabilities.

Regarding the population's general state of health, subjects of general interest are analyzed, such as the self-evaluation of one's state of health, life habits, accident rate, chronic diseases, and the use of services, among others.

The methodology's basic aspects take into account the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding the use of the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps.

This publication provides a general view of people with disabilities, and constitutes the first in a series of descriptive publications and special studies that will appear as more results are available. This publication in its entirety may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the INE server at www.ine.es.

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