

Public Attitudes to Disability in Northern Ireland

This factsheet presents an analysis of the disability part of the Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey, which was conducted by the Central Survey Unit of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2001. The most recent survey was commissioned by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland while the earlier surveys were conducted on behalf of the Northern Ireland Disability Council. The factsheet presents the findings of the 2001 survey and comparisons are drawn with the earlier surveys where statistically significant change has occurred.

Awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA)

Non-disabled people are more likely to know about the DDA than disabled people. Although levels of awareness have improved slightly among disabled people only 43% were aware of the DDA in 2001. Almost three fifths of respondents in 2001 who were not disabled knew about the DDA (57%), up from 44% in 1997.

Figure 1 Awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

