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Type	Unknown
Description	<p>Activity limitations is a new output topic in the 2018 Census. In previous censuses, disability questions were designed to inform the sample selection for the Household Disability Survey and were not intended for output.</p> <p>A person is regarded as disabled if they have 'a lot of difficulty' or 'cannot do at all' one or more of the six activities in the Activity limitations questions. These six questions are the Washington Group Short Set of questions on Disability and are referred to as Activity limitations in the 2018 Census.</p> <p>The questions ask whether people have difficulty performing any of six basic universal activities (walking, seeing, hearing, cognition, self-care, and communication) and were designed for use with the general population. The questions were not designed to measure all domains of functioning with which people may have difficulty, but rather those domains that are likely to identify a majority of people at risk of participation restrictions.</p> <p>Disability status is derived from six activity questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - difficulty seeing - difficulty hearing - difficulty walking or climbing steps - difficulty remembering or concentrating - difficulty washing all over or dressing - difficulty communicating. <p>The questions were designed to allow comparisons to be made between average outcomes for disabled and non-disabled populations. They were not designed to identify the disabled population.</p>

Other Variable Information	<p>Priority level</p> <p>Priority level 3</p> <p>We assign a priority level to all census variables: Priority 1, 2, or 3 (with 1 being highest and 3 being the lowest priority).</p> <p>Activity limitations is a priority 3 variable. Priority 3 variables do not fit in directly with the main purpose of a census but are still important to certain groups. These variables are given third priority in terms of quality, time, and resources across all phases of a census.</p> <p>Quality Management Strategy has more information on the priority rating.</p> <p>Overall quality rating for 2018 Census</p> <p>Poor quality</p> <p>Data quality processes section below has more detail on the rating for this variable.</p> <p>The External Data Quality Panel has commented on the quality of this variable. Final report of the 2018 Census External Data Quality Panel has more information.</p> <p>Caution is advised when using this variable at small geographies. Please see Recommendations for use and further information section below</p> <p>Subject population</p> <p>Census usually resident population aged 5 years and over</p> <p>'Subject population' means the people, families, households, or dwellings to whom the variable applies.</p> <p>How this data is classified</p> <p>Activity limitationsV2.2.0</p> <p>Activity limitations is a flat classification with the following categories for each of the six activities:</p> <p>01 No difficulty 02 Some difficulty 03 A lot of difficulty 04 Can't do at all 99 Not elsewhere included</p> <p>'Not elsewhere included' contains the residual categories of 'response unidentifiable' and 'not stated'.</p> <p>Census Disability IndicatorV4.0.0</p> <p>The disability indicator is derived from responses to the six activity limitation indicators. It is a flat classification with the following categories:</p> <p>00 Not disabled 01 Disabled 99 Not elsewhere included</p> <p>'Not elsewhere included' contains the residual categories of 'response unidentifiable' and 'not stated'.</p> <p>Explanatory note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The activity limitation questions are used to derive the disability indicator. The Washington Group further explains the output categories and options. To be counted as disabled (and therefore classified as '1 Disabled' for the disability indicator), a respondent must have indicated that they experience 'a lot of difficulty' or 'cannot do at all' one or more of the six activity limitation questions. <p>The Standards and Classifications page provides background information on</p>
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