



## Education

Below are some facts and stats that show how disabled people in the UK are systematically discriminated against.

**The Department for Work and Pensions found in its *Disabled for life? Attitudes towards, and experiences of, disability in Britain 2002* survey:**

- that disabled people left full-time education at a much younger age than non-disabled people and, as a consequence, were less qualified. Over half (54%) of disabled people had no qualifications at all compared with 28% of non-disabled people
- the majority of disabled children (86%) went to mainstream schools rather than specialist schools, but that most mainstream schools did not have any special provision for disabled children
- most respondents who were disabled during their school years had a positive experience of mainstream education (63%), reporting that they did well academically, formed friendships and had a sense of belonging
- non-disabled people were twice as likely to have studied at higher education than disabled people
- overall, 44% of all disabled people were economically active, compared with 79% of non-disabled people