

Disability is the full or partial inability to engage in economic activity or to lead a normal life due to a physical or mental impairment that is likely to be either permanent or to persist beyond a minimum prescribed period. Disability function covers benefits that:

- provide an income to persons below [reference retirement age](#) as established in the reference [scheme](#) whose ability to work and earn is impaired beyond a minimum level laid down by legislation by a physical or mental disability;
- provide rehabilitation services specifically required by disabilities;
- provide goods and services other than medical care to disabled people.

Further information

[European system of integrated social protection statistics — ESSPROS Manual and User guidelines. 2019 edition](#)

Statistical data

[Social protection statistics - Disability related benefits](#)