## WOMEN with DISABILITIES

Research has shown that people with disabilities are more likely than people without disabilities to experience social exclusion and discrimination, which can result in unequal access to social, cultural, political, and economic resources.

Disability is the interaction of an individual's health condition, or functional limitations, and unsupportive personal or environmental factors.\*

2.1 MILLION WOMEN (14.9%) 1.7 MILLION MEN (12.5%) 2012 in Canada

> aged 15 or older reported having one or more disabilities that limited them in their daily activities.

report using at least one aid or assistive device

women with disabilities

\*Disability was determined in the Canadian Survey on Disability by assessing the frequency with which one's daily activities were limited and the degree of difficulty experienced for conditions that had lasted or were expected to last six months or more.

MOST COMMON TYPES OF DISABILITIES in women aged 15 or older 11.2% 8.5% 4% **Mobility Flexibility** Pain-related **Dexterity** 

2011

LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER



15.7% women with disabilities

> 30.7% women without

> > disabilities

Women with disabilities are HALF as likely to have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher compared with women without disabilities.

4 Some other types of disabilities include hearing, seeing, learning, memory, mental health-related and developmental. It is not uncommon for women with disabilities to experience more than one type.





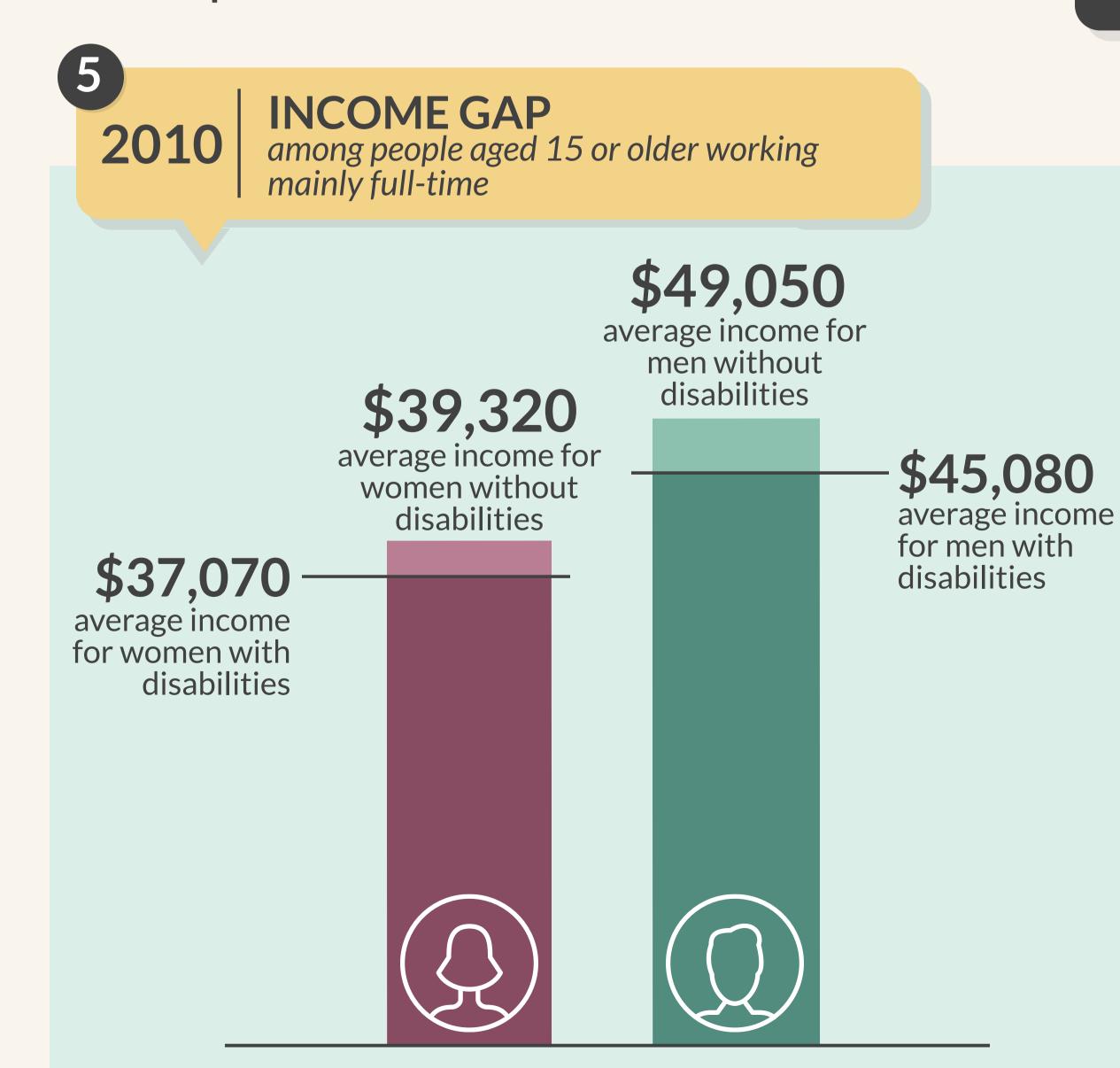


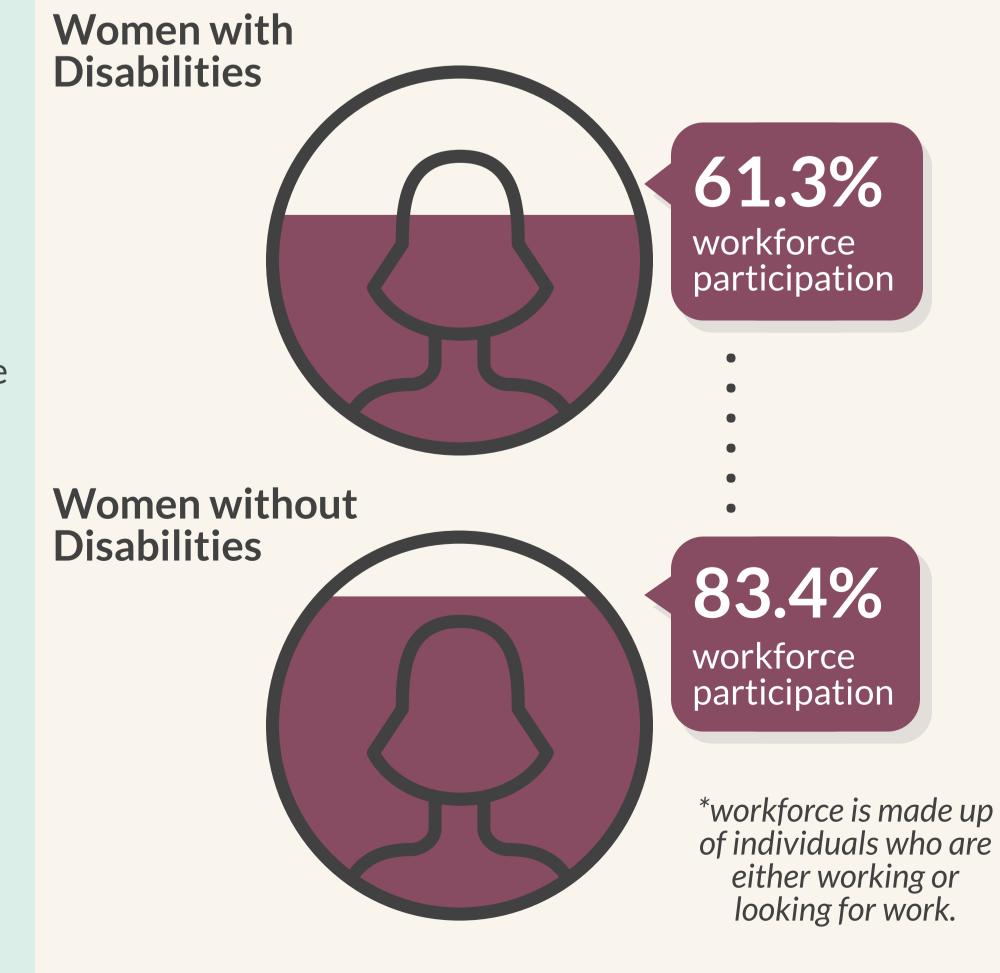


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**WORKFORCE\* PARTICIPATION** for people aged 25 to 54

Nearly half of women and men with disabilities feel disadvantaged in employment due to their condition.





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