

In England, the proportion of disabled people decreased between censuses (from 19.3% in 2011 to 17.7% in 2021). However, there was an increase in the number of disabled people (from 9.4 million in 2011 to 9.8 million in 2021).

(The information on disability in England & Wales is from Census 2021 data)

There are just over 1.07 million adults aged 18 and over in Hampshire, accounting for 79% of the total population. Hampshire has an older population compared to England with a higher proportion of the population aged 45 years and fewer young working aged people (aged 20-39).

The proportion of residents with a limiting long-term illness or disability is comparable to England. However, the size of the Hampshire population means that the absolute numbers of people experiencing ill health or disability are large. There are approximately 87,900 people in Hampshire (6.7%) with a long-term health problem or disability which greatly limits their day-to-day activities.

Musculoskeletal diseases are an important cause of ill-health and disability in Hampshire. In terms of future need, population projections suggest that across Hampshire over the next 5 years there will be approximately 2,000 more people with a moderate or severe physical disability.

(The information above is from Hampshire County Council Services – Living Well 2016-2019).