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# *Facts and Figures on Disability Welfare*



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## Foreword

This booklet “Facts and Figures on Disability Welfare” is a pictographic summary of the main findings of the OECD Report *Transforming Disability into Ability. Policies to Promote Work and Income Security for People with Disabilities* (Paris 2003).

All data is taken from the OECD database on programmes for disabled persons, which contains macro data on disability benefits and programmes as well as micro data from national population surveys.<sup>1</sup> For the full story and interpretation of the results, and the far-reaching policy conclusions derived therefrom, reading the OECD report will be indispensable.<sup>2</sup>

The main purpose of this somewhat unusual booklet is to promote the findings and to make readers aware of and familiar with facts and dilemmas related to disability policies for the working-age population. Visualizing core findings in a complementary brochure has been considered valuable to reach as broad an audience as possible in this European Year of People with Disabilities 2003.

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<sup>1</sup> The following surveys had been used: European Community Household Panel wave 1997 for Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom; Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 1998 for Australia; National Population Health Survey 1998 for Canada; National Survey on Disabled Persons 2000 for Korea; National Survey on Employment and Social Security 1996 for Mexico; Living Level Survey 1998 for Norway; Labour Force Survey 2000 for Poland; Health Survey 1997 for Switzerland; Survey of Income and Programme Participation 1997 for the United States.

<sup>2</sup> Primary sources for the charts as well as detailed definitions for many of the terms used – e.g. severe disability, moderate disability, income, employment, benefit recipiency, etc. – can be looked up in the OECD report.