

Compendium

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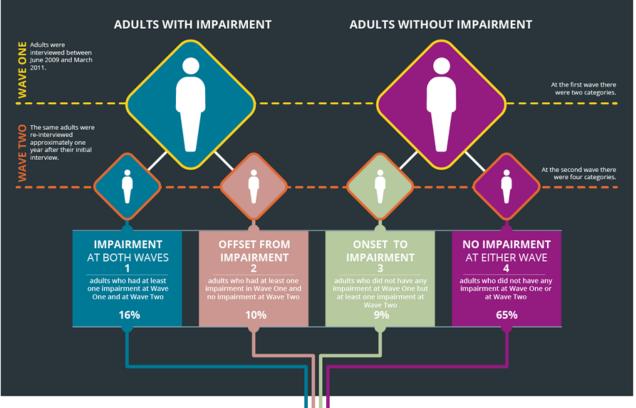
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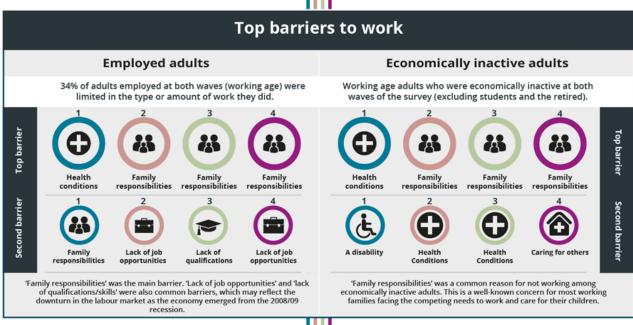
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Life Opportunities Survey, 2009-2012

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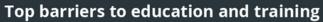






cost of fuel prices over the period covered by the two waves of the survey.





20% of working age adults didn't have access to all the education and training they wanted.



















Second barrier

The economic climate between 2009 and 2012 might be behind the reporting of 'financial reasons' as a common barrier.



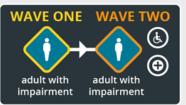
Main findings



Most barriers reported fell into common themes relating to cost ('financial reasons/lack of money/can't afford to'), lack of time ('too busy/not enough time'), and family or caring responsibilities.



Generally, cost-related barriers were the main barriers reported for education and training, and transport, whereas 'family responsibilities' was the main barrier reported for work



Having an impairment may be associated with experiencing impairment-based barriers (for example, health conditions). Unlike other groups, adults with impairment at both waves tended to report impairment-based barriers in addition to the main barriers experienced by other groups.



Barriers tended to be reported at only one of the waves, rather than consistently at both waves. This suggests that barriers were likely to be influenced by changes in people's situation and circumstances.



For example, most adults who were economically inactive at both waves tended to report 'family' responsibilities' at both waves as their reason for not working or seeking work.

Explanation of barriers







Lack of job opportunities Including not



Financial Lack of



Vehicle not Vehicle not



For example,





Too busy/not

enough time





Transp Local buses, long-distance trains and

Disability-related reasons

cost of fuel, insurance, fares/tickets

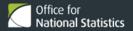
money/can't afford to making use of existing qualifications in a job

needed

For example looking after older or disabled

qualifications ncluding lack /skills

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