



1.1.9 Disability

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities defines a **young person as having a disability** if they have a physical, psychological, intellectual or sensory impairment that, in interaction with attitudinal and environmental barriers, is highly likely to impair their equal participation in society for longer than six months.

- Including all forms of disability as defined in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), the number of children and adolescents with a disability was approx. 415,780 at the start of 2022, or around 3% of all children and adolescents in Germany.
- In the 2021/2022 school year, roughly 600,000 pupils needed socio-educational support. Of these, pupils in need of support with learning made up the largest group (39.5%)
- 14,400 children and adolescents with integration support needs live in full-time residential care: approx. 9,800 in facilities run by child and youth services, and approx. 4,600 in facilities run by disability organisations.