

# Ageing and disability

## ► We need to prepare for an ageing population.

The number of people with a disability is set to rise over the next 20 years. The most significant increase will be among people aged 65 and over, with the number of disabled people expected to double.



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# Living with disability

As our population ages the proportion of people with a disability is increasing, due in large part to age-related impairment.



— Nearly 60% of people aged 65+  
have some form of disability

— 24% of New Zealanders are disabled

Disabled people need housing that is safe, warm and easy to maintain. They need access to transport and health services.

▶ **Will you be able to stay in your own home as you get older?**

## Have your say

Between 29 June and 24 August we're asking New Zealanders of all ages what they want for the future. Have your say. Find out about community workshops near you – or set up one of your own.

▶ [superseniors.msd.govt.nz/ageingpopulation](https://superseniors.msd.govt.nz/ageingpopulation)

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