



ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS

NEWSLETTER

Accessibility Facts for Kids

Accessibility is equal access for people with disabilities to any environment, movement, information or communication. It means that a person with a disability should be able to use a product or service to access society at the same level as a person without a disability.

Examples of accessibility include:

- Buildings that have access ramps for people in wheelchairs or motorized scooters
- Closed captioning on television and subtitles on DVDs for people who cannot hear
- Sign language that allows deaf people to communicate other people
- Braille for people with a vision impairment to help them read books



The internationally recognized symbol for accessibility.



New public review: The future of accessible AI depends on you!

Today, we're inviting you to participate in the public review of our draft standard on Accessible and Equitable Artificial Intelligence (AI) Systems.

AI is rapidly becoming a key part of our daily lives, from voice assistants to hiring tools to automated systems in various sectors. But is it fair and accessible to all? We're developing an accessibility standard to make sure AI systems work for everybody, including people with disabilities.

To provide feedback: <https://accessible.canada.ca/creating-accessibility-standards/asc-62-accessible-equitable-artificial-intelligence-systems/feedback-form>

What this standard will do

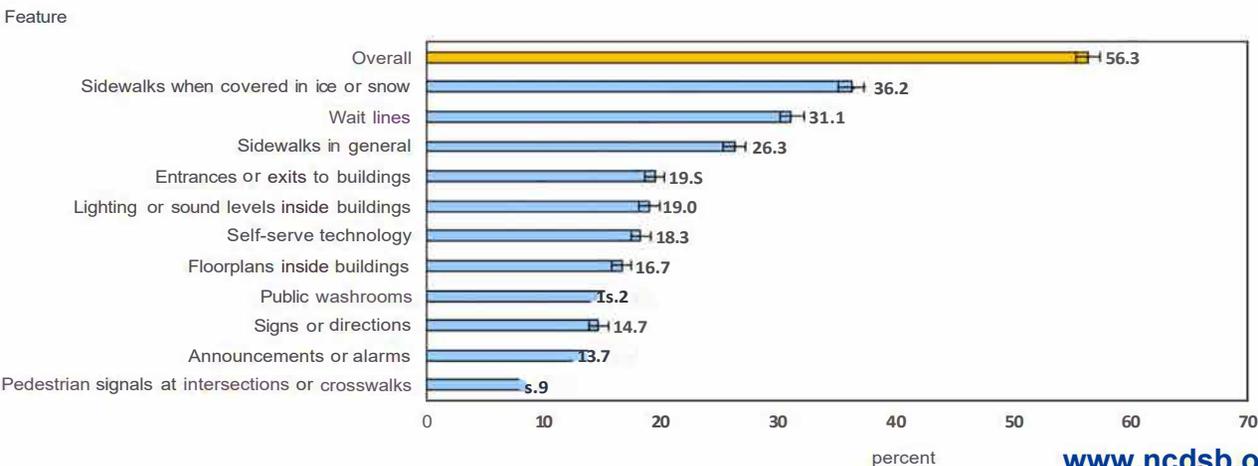
Our standard will help build equitable, inclusive, and barrier-free AI systems. It provides clear requirements to:

- make AI systems accessible to people with disabilities
- ensure AI systems treat people with disabilities fairly
- teach people about fair and accessible AI



The NCDSB Accessibility Committee in conjunction with the Facilities Department will be reviewing all accessible school washroom and create plans to fully update the washroom facilities to ensure they are fully accessible for all users.

Barriers to accessibility in public spaces, persons with disabilities, aged 15 years and over, by feature, Canada, 2022



ACCESSIBLE CANADA ACT

VISION

PROACTIVELY **ELIMINATE** AND **PREVENT** BARRIERS
AND **ENSURE** GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MORE THAN **6 MILLION**
CANADIANS AGED 15 AND OVER
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LESS THAN 60% OF THOSE AGED
25 TO 64 YEARS
HAVE JOBS

CANADIANS WITH MILDER DISABILITIES

**EARN
12%
LESS**

**AND THOSE WITH
MORE SEVERE
DISABILITIES**

**EARN
51%
LESS**

AND THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO LIVE IN POVERTY

“NOTHING WITHOUT US”: the *Accessible Canada Act* will be implemented in partnership
with persons with disabilities and the disability community.

