#ForAccessibleHomes 2020

YouGov Poll key findings

A YouGov survey, commissioned by Habinteg Housing Association to mark the start of its annual #ForAccessibleHomes week, asked a nationally representative sample of UK adults about the design of their homes and their experiences during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The survey, which was carried out from 25-26 August 2020, asked a sample of 4,237 UK adults to agree or disagree with some statements about their experiences.

For each statement, adults had to choose one response:

- strongly agree
- tend to agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- tend to disagree
- strongly disagree
- don’t know
- prefer not to say.

The survey findings below show the comparative lockdown experiences of UK adults identifying as non-disabled and UK adults identifying as being limited a lot due to a health problem or disability.

**Wellbeing**

Disabled respondents were over 3 times more likely than non-disabled people to report that the inaccessibility of their home undermined their wellbeing during lockdown.

*Figure 1*

Agree: During lockdown, the inaccessibility of my home undermined my wellbeing generally.

**Ability to carry out all daily tasks**

Disabled people were 17 times more likely than non-disabled people to be unable to carry out all daily tasks and activities at home without assistance during lockdown.

*Figure 2*

Disagree: During lockdown I was able to carry out all daily tasks and activities in my home with full independence.

**Breakdown of survey respondents:**

- 3,046 identified as non-disabled
- 762 identified as being limited a little due to a health problem or disability
- 401 identified as being limited a lot due to a health problem or disability
- 28 preferred not to say if they identified as disabled: limited a lot, disabled limited a little or non-disabled.
Accessibility of kitchens

Disabled respondents were 23 times more likely than non-disabled people to not be able to use all parts of their kitchen without assistance during lockdown.

Figure 3
Disagree: During lockdown I was able to use all parts of my kitchen without assistance

Accessibility of bathrooms

Disabled respondents were 22 times more likely than non-disabled people to not be able to use all parts of their bathroom and without assistance during lockdown.

Figure 4
Disagree: During lockdown I was able to use all parts of my bathroom without assistance

Leaving home as lockdown eases

Non-disabled respondents were almost twice as likely to feel safe leaving their homes now compared to disabled respondents.

Figure 5
Agree: I now feel safe leaving my home

The housing access needs of disabled people

Almost a quarter of disabled respondents (24%) said they do not have a home which meets their access needs.

This week (14-18 September 2020) sees Habinteg run its fifth annual #ForAccessibleHomes week, campaigning for an increase in accessible homes and highlighting the positive impact they can bring to individuals, families and the community.

Find out more about the campaign at www.habinteg.org.uk/FAH