

## 2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

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### 7. DISABILITY

#### Disability on the increase

The number of persons with a disability almost doubled from 1,150 in 2000 to 2,112 in 2011. The increase was higher among women (by 86.7% from 608 to 1,135) than among men (by 80.3% from 542 to 977).

In terms of proportion, the disabled made up 5.2% of the population in 2011, up from 3.2% in 2000.

Disability increased across all ages with the highest increase among the elderly aged 60 years and over. This is to be expected since the elderly population is getting older and more prone to be disabled.

#### Proportion of people with a disability by age group, Island of Rodrigues, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

Age Group	Census 2000 (%)	Census 2011 (%)
Under 15	1.7	2.4
15-59	2.4	3.9
60 and over	15.1	21.0
<b>All ages</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>

The most common types of disability reported at Census 2011 were:

- Walking or climbing stairs (29.9% of all disabled);
- Seeing even if wearing glasses (11.7% of all disabled);
- Walking & manual activities (10.1% of all disabled).