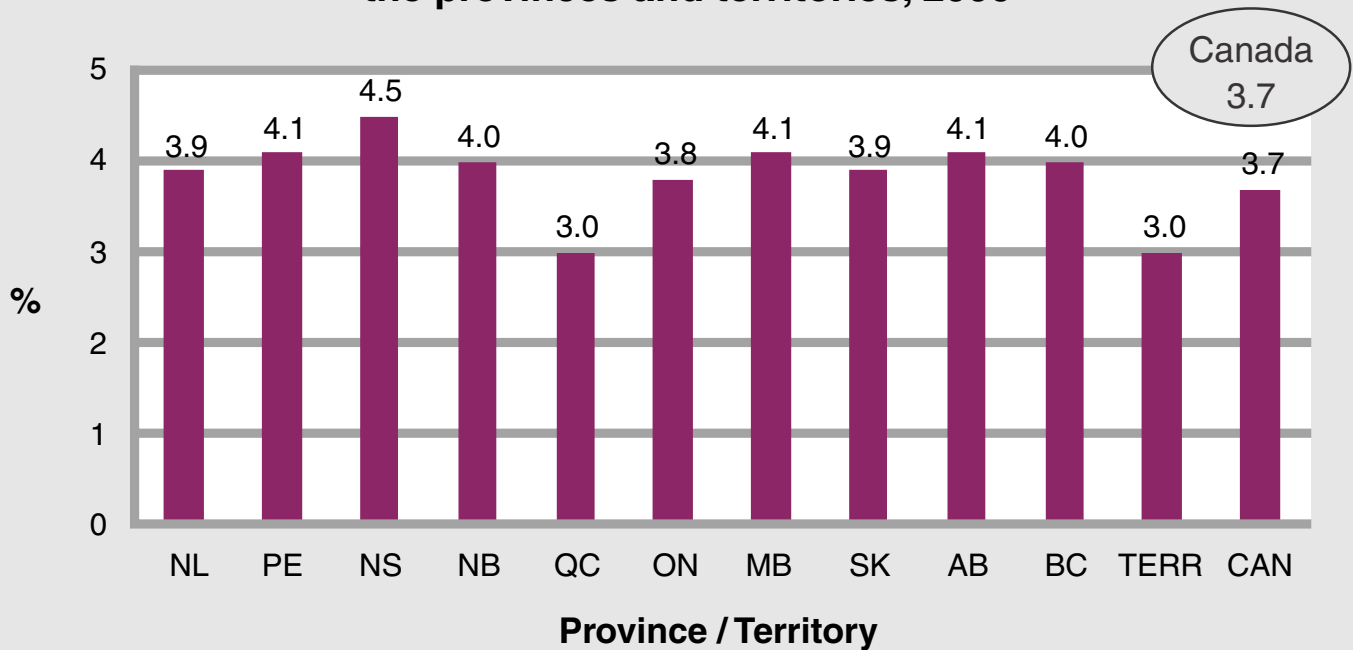




### 3.4.10 Disability

**Fig. 3.4.10 Children under 15 years with disabilities, for Canada, the provinces and territories, 2006**



Statistics Canada, Participation and Activity Limitations Survey, <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-628-x/89-628-x2008004-eng.pdf>. Accessed on July 10, 2012.

In Canada, 3.7% of children under 15 years of age reported having a disability in 2006. Among the provinces and territories, Nova Scotia had the highest rate, with 4.5% of children reporting a disability.

#### Implications

In 2006, almost half of the parents who reported having a child with a disability also reported having difficulties in obtaining special education programs regardless of the type of disability<sup>1</sup> or level of severity. Access to special education for children with disabilities is important. Parents who reported having unmet needs for their child in school also reported a shortfall in their performance.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Persons with disabilities are those who reported difficulties with daily living activities or who indicated that a physical or mental condition or health problem reduced the kind or amount of activities they do.

<sup>2</sup> Participation and Activity Limitation Survey 2006: A Profile of Education for Children with Disabilities in Canada (2008). Statistics Canada. Accessed on May 28, 2012, at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-628-x/89-628-x2008004-eng.pdf>.

