



# Assessing Halifax & Nova Scotia's Social Sustainability & Inclusion via Accessibility Plans & Policies

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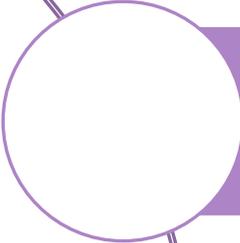
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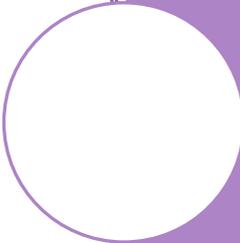


# Objectives

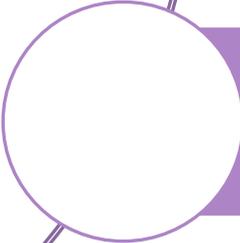
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Identify who is accommodated or not and what aspects of life are being addressed within accessibility policies



Address the areas for improvement for accessibility plans and policies to become socially inclusive and sustainable



Offer recommendations as a way to address gaps within Nova Scotia and Halifax policies to improve inclusivity and social sustainability



# Method: Aspects of Life

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- Delivery & receipt of goods & services
- Information & communication
- Public transportation & transportation infrastructure
- Employment
- Housing
- Recreation & sports
- Education
- Built environment
- General Accessibility



# Method: Types of Disabilities

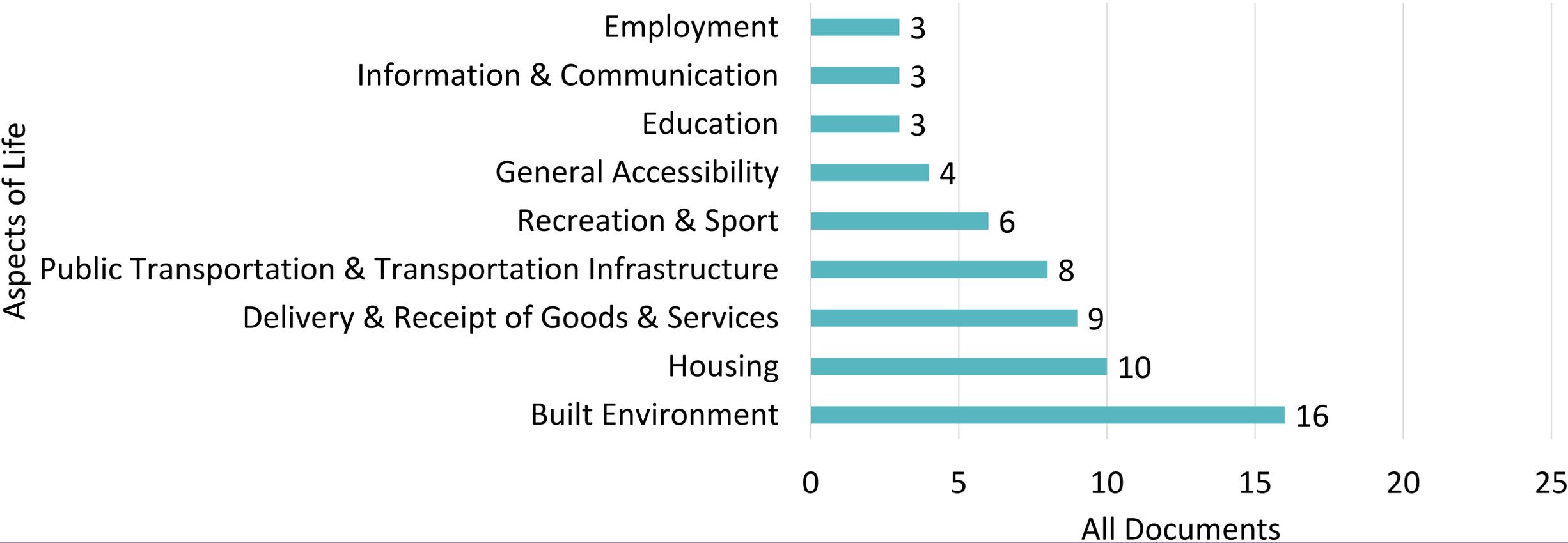
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- Wheelchair Use
- Mobility impairments
- Hearing impairments
- Sight impairments
- Cognitive disabilities
- Invisible disabilities
- General disability
- Not disability specific



# Findings

## All Documents Addressing Aspects of Life

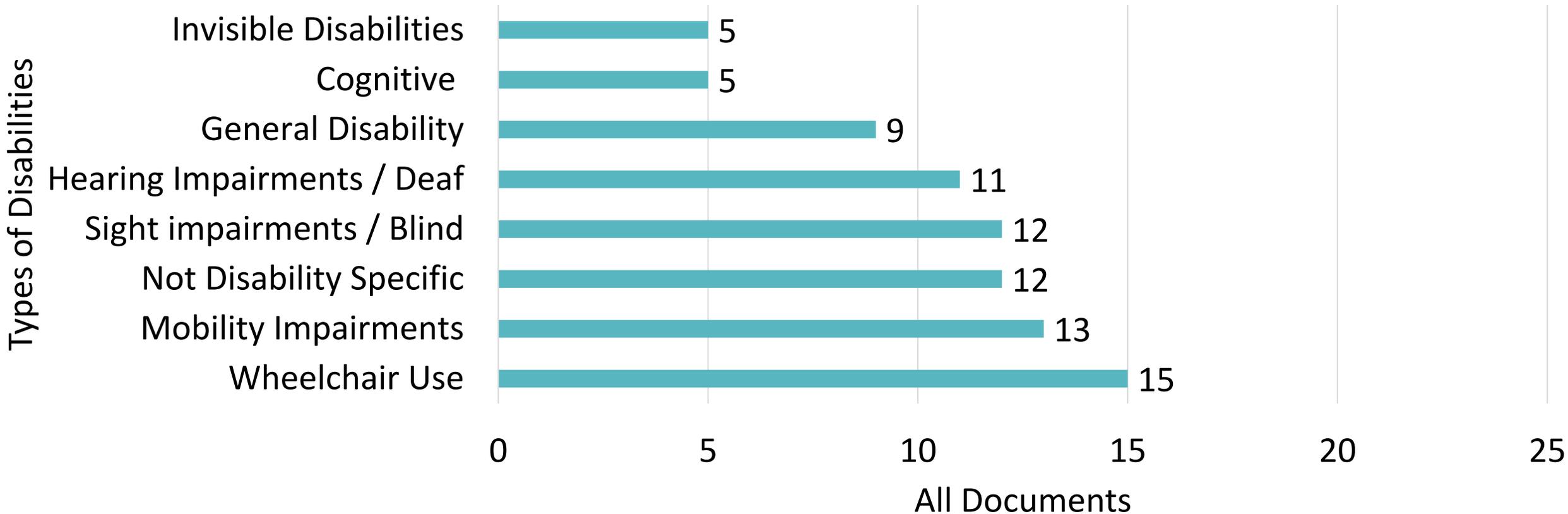




# Findings

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## All Documents Addressing Specific Disabilities





# Strengths

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- Built Environment, Public Transportation, & Housing
- Wheelchair Use, Mobility Impairments
- Draft Centre Plan
- HRM's Metro Transit Universal Accessibility Plan
- NS Disability Support Program Policies



# Weaknesses

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- Employment, information & communication, education
- Invisible disabilities, cognitive disabilities, & disabilities in general
- Most LUB's
- NS Municipal Government Act & Charter
- NS Education Act
- Downtown Halifax Secondary MPS



## Recommendations to Improve Inclusivity & Social Sustainability

1. Improve accessibility discourse taught in the education system
2. Improve Accessibility Awareness
3. Embrace community champions and community groups to create change to improve accessibility
4. Ratify existing policies and plans to improve inclusion



# Thank you

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FINAL REPORT COMING SOON

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