

Intellectual Disability: Severity Levels

Severity Level	Percent of All People With ID	IQ Range	Notes
Mild	85%	50–70	Intact expressive verbal skills but communication in concrete terms; often in supported employment
Moderate	10%	35–50	Limited verbal skills; require specialized day programming
Severe	3%–4%	25–35	Very limited or no verbal capability; require assistance for all tasks
Profound	1%–2%	25 or lower	

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