

SUMMARY

Incidence of disability retirement among persons aged 50 and over by birth cohort

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Since the early 2000s, the incidence of full disability retirement has decreased among people aged 50 and over, while partial disability retirement has become more common. Analysing disability retirement by birth cohort may provide new insights into these phenomena. This study examines changes in the incidence of disability retirement for people aged 50–63 by birth cohort.

For those aged 50–60, the incidence of disability retirement has gradually decreased in cohorts born after 1953. For full disability retirement, the trend is similar to that for any disability retirement. However, the incidence of partial disability retirement increased until the cohorts born in the early 1960s but has declined since then. The decline in both full and partial disability retirement is slightly more pronounced in the private sector than in the public sector.

Even if disability retirement is postponed to older age cohorts, the incidence of both full and partial disability retirement is likely to decline in younger birth cohorts. The decrease in disability retirement has been particularly pronounced for the age groups covered by the general definition of disability.