

# Ireland Wheelchair Market Segmented By Product Type (Manual, Powered), By Application (Institutional, Personal), By Category (Adult, Pediatric), By Distribution Channel (Retail Sales, Non-Retail Sales), By Region, Competition, Forecast and Opportunities, 2028

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## Abstracts

Ireland wheelchair market is anticipated to witness a growth of steady CAGR in the forecast period, 2024-2028. The wheelchair market in Ireland has witnessed significant growth over the past few years, owing to several factors that have contributed to the increase in demand. In Ireland, technological advancements in wheelchairs are transforming the lives of individuals with mobility challenges. Innovative designs, intelligent control systems, and cutting-edge features are revolutionizing the way people with disabilities navigate their surroundings, granting them increased independence and an improved quality of life. For example, electric-powered wheelchairs have become a game-changer for wheelchair users in Ireland. These advanced mobility aids are equipped with powerful electric motors that provide effortless movement, especially over uneven terrain, or steep inclines. Electric wheelchairs offer adjustable seating positions, comfortable seating surfaces, and intuitive control interfaces, making them suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. Furthermore, the integration of advanced battery technologies ensures extended battery life, allowing users to travel longer distances without interruption.

Additionally, technological advancements have led to the development of wheelchairs designed to tackle a variety of terrains, ensuring greater mobility for individuals in Ireland. All-terrain wheelchairs feature sturdy frames, reinforced wheels, and robust suspension systems, enabling users to navigate challenging outdoor environments such

as uneven surfaces, gravel paths, or sandy beaches. These wheelchairs provide users with the freedom to explore the natural beauty of Ireland's countryside, enhancing their connection with the outdoors.

## Rising Number of Disabilities, amongst Irish People Requiring Wheelchair Support in Ireland

Ireland, like many countries, is witnessing a significant increase in the number of individuals with disabilities requiring wheelchair support. This upward trend poses unique challenges for the Irish society, necessitating a comprehensive approach to address the needs of wheelchair users. Factors, such as population aging, a higher prevalence of chronic diseases (according to Lenus, the Irish Health Repository, 10% of people aged 75 years and above suffers from two or more chronic conditions), and an evolving understanding of disabilities contribute to the growing demand for wheelchair accessibility.

**Population Aging and Longevity-** As Ireland's population continues to age (more than one million people (1.04 million) were estimated to be aged 60 or above in 2022) the incidence of age-related disabilities and chronic conditions rises. Older adults often face mobility impairments due to age-related ailments such as osteoarthritis (osteoarthritis affects nearly 400,000 people in Ireland), osteoporosis, and cardiovascular diseases (according to a report by Laya Healthcare, cardiovascular deaths account for nearly 36% in a year in Ireland, approximating to about 10,000 deaths per annum). Consequently, the demand for wheelchair support among seniors is escalating. Projections indicate that the aging population in Ireland will increase substantially over the coming years, reinforcing the need for enhanced accessibility and inclusive infrastructure.

**Prevalence of Chronic Diseases-** In tandem with population aging, the prevalence of chronic diseases contributes to the growing number of individuals requiring wheelchair support. Conditions, such as multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries (according to a published report by Nature Journal, the incidence of spinal cord injuries (SCI) in Ireland accounts for 13.1 per million population), cerebral palsy, and muscular dystrophy often result in long-term disabilities and mobility impairments. These chronic diseases affect individuals of various age groups and require appropriate wheelchair accommodation and support services. Addressing the needs of these individuals is essential to foster a society that promotes independence, equal opportunities, and a higher quality of life for all.

Improved Awareness and Diagnosis- Advancements in healthcare and increased awareness surrounding disabilities have led to improved identification and diagnosis of individuals requiring wheelchair support in Ireland. Access to specialized medical services, greater public understanding of disabilities, and inclusive policies have facilitated early detection and intervention for those with mobility impairments. Timely support through wheelchairs and assistive devices empowers individuals to overcome physical barriers and participate fully in society.

### Increasing Government's Initiatives

In Ireland, the government has taken significant steps to improve the lives of individuals with impairments by launching initiatives that ensure access to mobility aids, particularly wheelchairs. Recognizing the importance of independence, inclusivity, and equal opportunities, these initiatives aim to provide affordable and accessible wheelchairs to those in need.

**National Disability Inclusion Strategy-** The government's commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals with impairments is evident through the National Disability Inclusion Strategy. This strategy encompasses a range of initiatives aimed at promoting inclusion across various sectors, including education, employment, and accessibility. As part of this strategy, ensuring access to mobility aids is a key focus, with the provision of wheelchairs playing a crucial role in enabling individuals with impairments to participate fully in society.

**Assistive Technology Grant Scheme-** The Assistive Technology Grant Scheme, administered by the Health Service Executive (HSE), provides financial support to individuals with disabilities to help them acquire necessary assistive technologies, including wheelchairs. Under this scheme, individuals can apply for a grant towards the purchase or repair of wheelchairs based on their specific needs and requirements. This initiative aims to alleviate the financial burden associated with acquiring mobility aids and ensures that individuals with impairments have access to suitable wheelchairs to enhance their mobility and independence.

**Motorised Transport Grant-** The Motorised Transport Grant is another initiative introduced by the government to support individuals with severe disabilities who require motorized wheelchairs or adapted vehicles for their mobility needs. This grant provides financial assistance towards the purchase or adaptation of vehicles to accommodate the specific needs of individuals with impairments. By facilitating access to motorized wheelchairs and adapted vehicles, the government promotes independence, enabling

individuals to engage in various activities such as education, employment, and social participation.

**Community and Voluntary Organizations-** The government collaborates with community and voluntary organizations to ensure the effective distribution of wheelchairs to people with impairments. These organizations play a crucial role in identifying individuals in need, providing assessments to determine the appropriate type of wheelchair required, and facilitating the acquisition and maintenance of wheelchairs. Through these partnerships, the government ensures that resources are efficiently allocated, and individuals receive the necessary support to enhance their mobility and overall well-being.

**Accessible Infrastructure and Facilities-** In addition to providing wheelchairs, the government is committed to creating accessible infrastructure and facilities across the country. This includes implementing building regulations and guidelines that ensure accessible entrances, ramps, elevators, and designated spaces for wheelchair users. By promoting universal design principles, the government aims to enhance the accessibility and inclusivity of public spaces, workplaces, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities, thereby facilitating the independent mobility of individuals with impairments.

### Increase in Number of Spinal Cord Injuries in Ireland

In recent years, Ireland has experienced an alarming increase in the number of spinal cord injuries (SCIs) reported across the country. These devastating injuries can have life-altering consequences for individuals, leading to physical impairments, loss of mobility, and significant emotional and financial burdens.

The increasing number of spinal cord injuries in Ireland can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, road traffic accidents remain a leading cause of SCIs. With a rise in population and increased vehicular traffic, the risk of accidents and subsequent injuries has also increased. Secondly, sports-related injuries, particularly contact sports like rugby and Gaelic football, have contributed significantly to the prevalence of SCIs. The competitive nature of these sports, combined with insufficient protective measures, can result in severe spinal injuries.

Spinal cord injuries have a profound impact on the lives of affected individuals, their families, and society. Individuals who sustain SCIs often experience physical impairments, such as paralysis, loss of sensation, and reduced motor functions. These

limitations can affect their independence, employment opportunities, and overall quality of life. Moreover, the financial costs associated with SCI care, including medical treatments, assistive devices such as manual and electrical wheelchairs, and rehabilitation services, can be substantial.

The impact extends beyond the individual level. Families of individuals with SCIs often face emotional, financial, and caregiving challenges. Moreover, society bears the burden of healthcare costs and the need for accessible infrastructure and support services to accommodate the needs of individuals with SCIs. Understanding and addressing the rising incidence of SCIs is crucial for the well-being of individuals and the sustainability of the healthcare system.

## Market Segmentation

Ireland wheelchair market can be segmented by product type, application, category, distribution channel, and region. Based on product type, the market can be split into manual and powered. Based on application, the market can be divided into institutional and personal. Based on institutional, the market can be further sub-segmented into hospitals & clinics, rehabilitation centers, and others. Based on category, the market can be cleaved into adult and pediatric. Based on distribution channel, the market can be differentiated into retail sales and non-retail sales. Based on region, the market is segmented into Northern Ireland, North-West, West, Midland East, Dublin, Shannon, South-East, and Cork-Kerry.

## Market Players

John Preston Healthcare, Invacare Ireland, Momentum Healthcare Ltd., Ottobock Ireland, and Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. are some of the leading players operating in the Ireland wheelchair market.

## Report Scope:

In this report, Ireland wheelchair market has been segmented into following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

Ireland Wheelchair Market, By Product Type:

Manual

Powered

Ireland Wheelchair Market, By Application:

Institutional

Personal

Ireland Wheelchair Market, By Category:

Adult

Pediatric

Ireland Wheelchair Market, By Distribution Channel:

Retail Sales

Non-Retail Sales

Ireland Wheelchair Market, By Region:

Northern Ireland

North-West

West

Midland East

Dublin

Shannon

South-East

Cork-Kerry

## Competitive Landscape

**Company Profiles:** Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the Ireland wheelchair market.

### Available Customizations:

With the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

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