

Dementia in Australia

Prevalence estimates 2021-2058

Dementia Australia is the source of trusted information, education and services for the estimated half a million Australians living with dementia, and the almost 1.6 million people involved in their care. We advocate for positive change and support vital research. We are here to support people impacted by dementia, and to enable them to live as well as possible.

No matter how you are impacted by dementia or who you are, we are here for you.

Dementia is the term used to describe a collection of symptoms that are caused by disorders affecting the brain. Dementia is not one specific disease, it is an umbrella term for a large group of illnesses which cause a progressive decline in a person's mental functioning.

Most people with dementia are over 65 years, but it is important to remember that not all older people get dementia. It is not a normal part of ageing.

There are an estimated 472,000 people living with all forms of dementia. Without a major medical breakthrough this figure is projected to increase to 1,076,000 people by 2058.

This document presents the breakdown of Dementia Australia's national prevalence data by state and territory.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

In 2021, there are an estimated 6,360 people living with dementia in the Australian Capital Territory.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 18,900 people by 2058.

New South Wales (NSW)

In 2021, there are an estimated 157,000 people living with dementia in New South Wales.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 345,000 people by 2058.

Northern Territory (NT)

In 2021, there are an estimated 1,990 people living with dementia in the Northern Territory.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 6,460 people by 2058.

Queensland (QLD)

In 2021, there are an estimated 90,000 people living with dementia in Queensland.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 207,000 people by 2058.

South Australia (SA)

In 2021, there are an estimated 39,200 people living with dementia in South Australia.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 73,000 people in 2058.

Tasmania (TAS)

In 2021, there are an estimated 11,800 people living with dementia in Tasmania.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 16,000 people by 2058.

Victoria (VIC)

In 2021, there are an estimated 120,900 people living with dementia in Victoria.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 301,000 people by 2058.

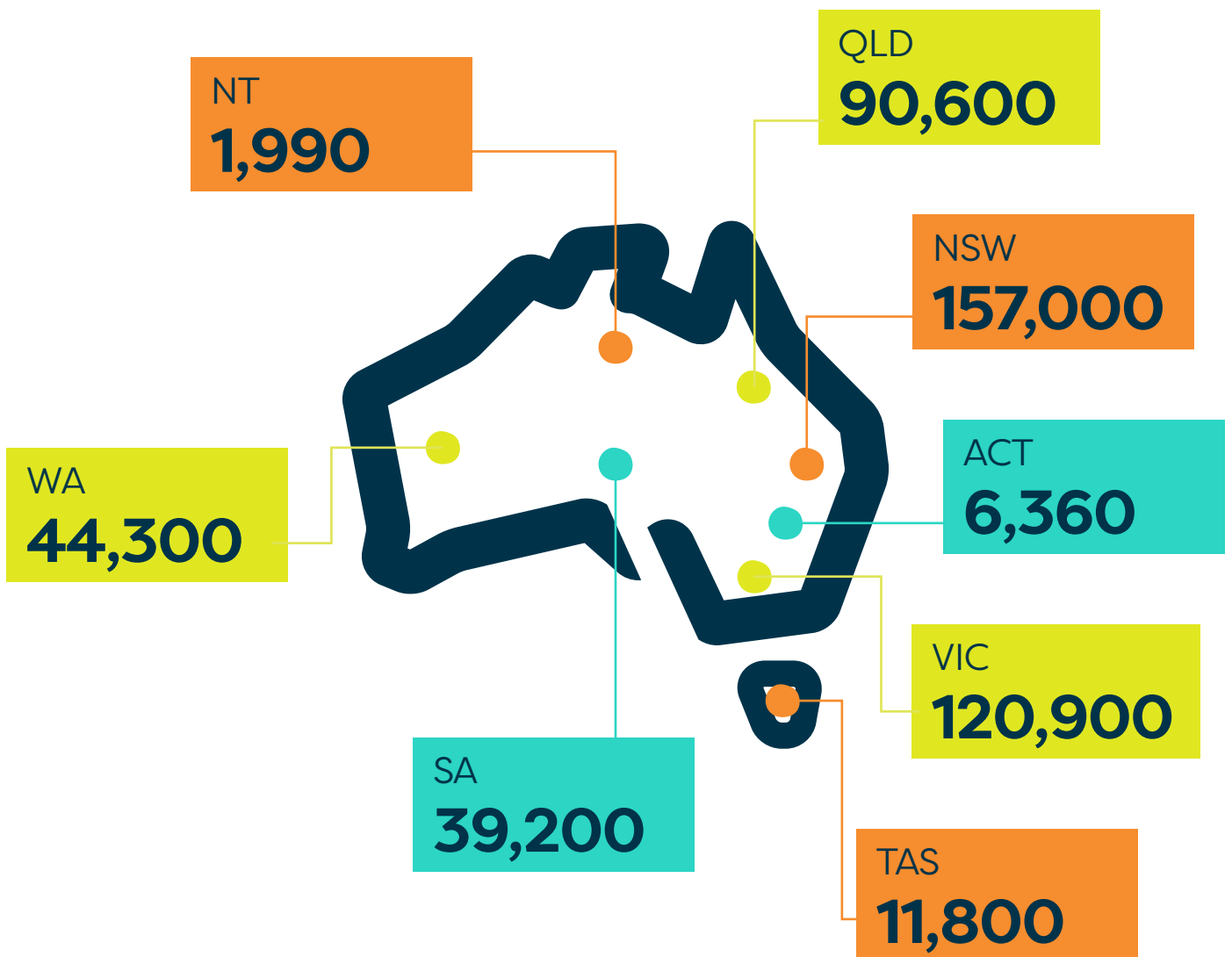
Western Australia (WA)

In 2021, there are an estimated 44,300 people living with dementia in Western Australia.

Without a medical breakthrough, the number of people living with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 108,000 people by 2058.

People living with dementia estimates

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Dementia Australia (2018). Dementia Prevalence Data 2018-2058, commissioned research undertaken by NATSEM, University of Canberra. These data exclude Gerard Community Council, Maralinga Tjarutja Community Inc, Nepabunna Community Council, Outback Communities Authority and Yalata Community because of very small numbers, Belyuen Community Government Council because of very small numbers and the unique territories of Christmas Island and Cocos Islands, and Cue, Murchison, Sandstone and Upper Gascoyne Local Government Areas because of very small numbers.

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