

Dementia in Australia

2023-2058 Dementia Prevalence Data Estimates and Projections – All forms of dementia

The prevalence data estimates and projections for dementia were modelled by the National Centre for Monitoring Dementia (NCMD) at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) established in 2021. The team has used a standard demographic modelling approach, in which age-sex dementia prevalence rates calculated by the AIHW were applied to age-sex population estimates and projected population estimates.

The NCMD undertakes routine monitoring of dementia data to inform specific policy needs for Australians living with dementia. There are ongoing efforts to improve the accuracy of dementia prevalence estimates in Australia. As a result, the approach used to estimate the prevalence of dementia will likely be superseded in coming years as findings from these initiatives become available.

Dementia Australia's previous dementia prevalence data research was conducted in 2018 by NATSEM, University of Canberra. The research was based on the modelling and data sources available at the time and different to that now used by the NCMD. As a result, there are some variations from previous years' prevalence projections.

From 2023 Dementia Australia will refer only to NCMD dementia prevalence data and the AIHW Dementia in Australia report 2021.

Dementia Advocates request when using these figures to please use **'living with dementia'** and avoid the use of the words 'sufferers' or 'suffering from'.

No matter where you are. No reason too small. No issue too big. You don't need to have a diagnosis of dementia to call. No time is too late to call the **National Dementia Helpline** on **1800 100 500**.

Australia – All forms of dementia

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **400,000** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **800,000 by 2058**.

Younger onset dementia (diagnosed under the age of 65)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **28,650** people living with younger onset dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **42,400 by 2058**.

Estimates and projections for younger onset dementia by state and territory will be updated later in 2023.

State and Territory – All forms of dementia

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **5,650** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to almost **13,000 by 2058**.

New South Wales (NSW)

In **2023** it is estimated there are almost **135,000** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **260,000 by 2058**.

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For language assistance
call **131 450**

Northern Territory (NT)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **1,600** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to almost **4,000 by 2058**.

Queensland (QLD)

In **2023** it is estimated there are almost **80,000** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **174,000 by 2058**.

South Australia (SA)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **33,300** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **55,000 by 2058**.

Tasmania (TAS)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **10,300** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **16,000 by 2058**.

Victoria (VIC)

In **2023** it is estimated there are over **104,000** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to almost **230,000 by 2058**.

Western Australia (WA)

In **2023** it is estimated there are almost **40,000** people living with all forms of dementia. This figure is projected to increase to over **90,000 by 2058**.