

Dementia and discrimination



Dementia affects close to half a million Australians. That number is set to double in the next 25 years. More than 5,000 Australians completed a survey in September 2019 to help better understand discrimination for people living with dementia and what it would take to end discrimination. The findings reveal just how big an issue discrimination is and the impacts it has for people living with dementia, their families and carers. However, a little support makes a lot of difference. Head to dementia.org.au/actionweek to find out more.

All statistics are based on 5,767 survey respondents.

Discrimination is real

63%

of people living dementia believe **discrimination** against people living with dementia **is common**.

I feel like no one calls me anymore

74%

of people living with dementia say people **haven't kept in touch** like they used to.

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I'm not invited any more”

- Family, friends and carers

71%

haven't been included in family activities.

80%

haven't been invited to social functions.

86%

say **discrimination came from friends** or other social circles.

Your words affect me

73%

say people **make jokes** at the expense of their friend or relative who lives with dementia.

96%

say people act as if they **don't know what to say** to their friend or relative who lives with dementia.

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I don't feel welcome any more”

- Person living with dementia

90% of family, friends or carers say that their friend or relative who lives with dementia has been **treated with less respect than other people**.

90% of professionals, volunteers and people not impacted by dementia believe people living with dementia were likely to be **treated differently**.

81% of family, friends and carers felt that people in shops, cafes and restaurants **treat people with dementia differently**.

65% of people living with dementia say people they know have been **avoiding or excluding them**.

Dementia. A little **support** makes a lot of **difference**

Visit dementia.org.au or call the **National Dementia Helpline** on **1800 100 500**.