

AGED CARE FACTS

In 2016/17:¹

- Australian Government expenditure for aged care totalled \$17.1 billion.
- Over 1.3 million older people received aged care services in Australia - on average 10,400 in every Federal Electorate.
- Over 366,000 people were in the aged care workforce – on average about 3,000 in every Federal Electorate.

HOME SUPPORT

Home support is comprised of Home Care Package Program (HCP) and the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) –including Home and Community Care (HACC).

- 97,516 people accessed HCPs.
- There were 702 operational HCP providers.
- There were 78,956 HCPs funded at a total cost of \$1.5 billion.
- The NFP sector delivered 81.5% of all HCPs.
- There were 1,523 funded CHSP organisations.
- 784,927 people accessed services through CHSP and HACC.
- Over 100,000 people are waiting for a HCP.²

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

- The Government provided \$11.9 billion in residential care subsidies and supplements.
- 239,379 people accessed permanent residential aged care at any one time.
- 59,228 people received residential respite care.
- There were 902 approved providers of residential aged care.
- There were 200,689 residential aged care beds, over half of which (56%) were operated by the NFP sector (comprising religious, charitable and community-based providers).
- The average Australian Government payment for each permanent residential care recipient was \$65,500.
- The average age of entry to residential aged care was 82 years for men and 84.6 years for women.
- The average length of stay was about 34.6 months, but is decreasing with many more people now staying for only 6 to 12 months.
- Around 50% of residents had dementia.

SHORT TERM CARE

Short term care is provided to enable older people to return home after a hospital stay, Transition Care Program (TCP), or to reverse or slow functional decline, Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC).

- 25,202 people accessed TCP upon discharge from hospital.
- 110 people received STRC.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- As at 30 June 2017, 15% of Australia's population was aged 65 years and over (3.8 million people) and 2% was aged 85 years and over (499,000 people).
- By 2027, it is estimated that 18% of the population will be 65 years and over (5.2 million people) and 2.3% will be 85 years and over (672,000 people).
- In 2017 there were an estimated 365,100 Australians with dementia. This number is anticipated to grow to around 900,000 by 2050.
- Dementia is one of the major reasons why older people enter residential aged care or seek assistance to remain living at home.
- Four out of five people who turn 85 years will require some support from the aged care industry.

¹ Australian Government, Department of Health, *Report on the Operation of the Aged Care Act 1997, 2016/17.*

² <https://www.gen-agedcaredata.gov.au/Resources/Reports-and-publications/2018/Mar/Home-care-packages-program-data-report-1-October-%E2%80%93>