

A profile of carers in Australia



Informal carers make a significant contribution to the lives of others. Caring can be very rewarding, however the time taken to care can impact on a carer's ability to work and their opportunities to study and participate in the community.

The results of the 2015 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers provide a profile of carers in Australia.



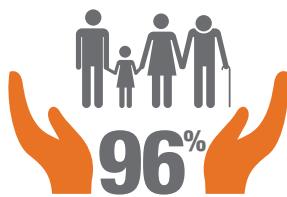
2.7 million Australians provided informal care in **2015**



272,000 carers were under the age of 25, this equates to around **1 in 10**



Around **856,000** Australians were a primary carer — the carer who provided the most assistance to a person with disability



Almost all **primary carers** cared for a **family member**



The average age of a **primary carer** was **55**



More than **two thirds** of **primary carers** were **female**



More than **half** (55%) of **primary carers** provided care for at least **20 hours** per week



Primary carers **Non-carers**

56% of **primary carers** participated in the workforce*, compared to **80%** of **non-carers**



\$520 **\$900**

The weekly median income* of a **primary carer** was **\$520**, which was **42% lower** than **non-carers**

* Labour force and income figures are for persons aged between 15 and 64 living in households.

Further information is available in *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2015* (cat. no. 4430.0) available from the ABS website (www.abs.gov.au). A pdf version of the information sheet is available from the Downloads tab of this publication.