

STATISTICS:

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias

MANITOBANS AFFECTED

- Almost 19,000 Manitobans (18,808) have Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.
- 2,426 of them are under age 65.
- One in three Manitobans have a family member or close personal friend with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.

CANADIANS AFFECTED

- An estimated 500,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia.
 - More than 70,000 are under the age of 65.
 - Approximately 50,000 are under the age of 60.
 - 62% are women.
- One in 11 Canadians over the age of 65 have Alzheimer's disease or another dementia.
- In just five years, as much as 50% more Canadians and their families could be facing Alzheimer's disease or another dementia.
- Within a generation (25 years), the number of Canadians with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia will more than double, ranging between 1 and 1.3 million people.

PREVALENCE WORLDWIDE

- It is estimated that 30 million people in the world are affected by dementia – this is expected to rise to 59 million by the year 2030 and to 104 million by 2050.

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EFFECTS ON FAMILIES

- 36% of Canadians know someone with Alzheimer's disease.
- 17% of Canadians have someone with Alzheimer's disease in their family.
- Alzheimer's disease is the second most feared disease for Canadians as they age.

IMPACT OF CARE

- One in five Canadians age 45 and over are providing some form of care to seniors who have long-term health problems.
- Almost half of the informal caregivers in Canada (43 per cent) are between 45 and 54, many balancing this role with job and family responsibilities.
- One quarter of all informal caregivers are seniors themselves, and a third of them – over 200,000 people – are over the age of 75.
- Family caregivers are the invisible and hidden backbone of the health and long-term care system in Canada contributing over \$5 billion dollars of unpaid care.

RESOURCES

- Rising Tide – The Impact of Dementia on Canadian Society. Alzheimer Society of Canada (Full study expected June 2009).
- Alzheimer Society "Brain Health" Public Opinion Poll. Leger Marketing, 2006.
- Eldercare: What We Know Today. Statistics Canada report, October 20, 2008.
- A profile of Canadian chronic care providers. Fast, J., Niehaus, L., Eales, J., & Keating, N. 2002a.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Alzheimer Disease International – www.alz.co.uk
- Alzheimer Society Canada – www.alzheimer.ca
- Alzheimer Society Manitoba – www.alzheimer.mb.ca
- Canadian Study on Health and Aging – www.csha.ca

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's mission is to alleviate the individual, family and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders while supporting a search for a cure.

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