The average caregiver provides 78 hours of care in a given week; 23% of caregivers provide around-the-clock care and supervision in a given week.

43% of caregiver's report quitting their job or retiring early as a result of caregiving responsibilities.

34% of the caregivers who responded have a health problem, physical condition, or disability that affects the type or amount of care that they can provide while 53% are experiencing stress or mental health problems that affect the type or amount of care they can provide.

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47% reported the development of new health problems or worsening of existing health conditions as a result of their caregiving role.

23% of respondents report that they are providing care continuously or all day long.

19% of caregivers are 60 to 64 years old, 42% are 65 to 74 years old, 28% are 75 to 84 years old, and 11% are 85+.

Average age is 72.

Provided 2.49 billion hours of care to adults with limited capacity to successfully handle with activities of daily living.

The economic value at $11.93 an hour totals to $29.7 billion in unpaid care.

2.67 million caregivers in Florida

1,141,000
Number of ADRD Caregivers

1,299,000,000
Total Hours of Unpaid Care

1,141,000

Year Number of Caregivers Total Hours of Unpaid Care Total Value of Unpaid Care Higher Health Costs of Caregivers
2016 1,100,000 1,253,000,000 $15,850,000,000 $785,000,000
2017 1,121,000 1,277,000,000 $16,129,000,000 $793,000,000
2018 1,141,000 1,299,000,000 $16,419,000,000 $832,000,000

Source: Alzheimer's Association, Florida Fact Sheet, 2019

Leading cause of death in Florida.
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Dementia Care & Cure Initiative
Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Developing Dementia-Caring Communities Across Florida

BACKGROUND

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With approximately 560,000 individuals currently living with Alzheimer’s disease, Florida has the second highest incidence of Alzheimer’s in the nation.

GOALS

- Increase Awareness of dementia
- Provide Assistance to dementia-caring communities
- Continue Advocacy for care and cure programs

Source: Alzheimer’s Association

Florida is projected to have more than 720,000 individuals with Alzheimer’s disease by 2025.

For more information, visit elderaffairs.org