

Markets, Migration & the Work of Care



FACT SHEET 3: Aged and Disabled Carers

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This fact sheet draws on data from the 2016 Census. Between 2011 and 2016, the number of aged and disabled carers in Australia increased from 106,101 to 129,343. Most aged and disabled carers are female. They are also more likely to be older, born overseas or identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI). Aged and disabled carers work fewer hours and have a lower median income than the average worker.

Demographics

Gender

Aged and disabled care is a feminised occupation. 80.1% of Australia's aged and disabled carers are female, whereas women make up 47.5% of the total Australian workforce.

Age

Aged and disabled carers are typically older than the rest of Australia's workforce (Figure 1). The median age for

Education

A high proportion of aged and disabled carers have vocational qualifications and are more likely than other Australian workers to hold a certificate or diploma, but less likely to hold a bachelor degree, a graduate certificate or diploma, or a postgraduate degree (Figure 3).

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