Contextualising the ‘crisis in aged care’ in Australia: A demographic perspective

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Research aim: This paper examines ABS 2003 survey data on the incidence of disability among older Australians and their need for, and utilisation of, formal and informal care. It uses this as a basis for projecting the incidence of disability among older Australians and the need for informal and formal care up to 2031.

Results/Conclusion: Results show there is a major challenge since the aged care workforce has grown only slowly in Australia and is concentrated in the older working ages presaging a loss of workers through retirement. There needs to be a significant effort put into attracting workers to both the skilled and unskilled parts of the aged care industry.

Implications: There needs to be a significant effort put into attracting workers to both the skilled and unskilled parts of the aged care industry.

Cultural Group(s):

Location of study: Australia

Age group:

Number included in study: N/A

Type of participants:

Research approach: Quantitative

Type of data: Secondary

Secondary data sources used: ABS disability survey

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/Recommendations:

Notes: