

# Contextualising the 'crisis in aged care' in Australia : A demographic perspective

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**Key Words:**

disability, care, future care needs

**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:**

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**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:**