

# The ethnic aged population and the likelihood of special needs

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**Key Words:**

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**Research aim:**

This paper discusses the numbers and characteristics of the ethnic aged population using census data to clarify the context in which more detailed studies on the special needs of the ethnic population are set.

**Results/Conclusion:**

Census data provide only a preliminary basis for operationalising the concept of 'probability of special needs', but such a concept is vital to recognising that members of the ethnic aged population are not equally vulnerable. The great majority - about two-thirds of the ethnic aged population - are in the lower probability groups. Even in the higher probability groups, the numbers who will ever require special provision on a continuing basis are likely to be small in comparison with the total figures, since many never become frail or seriously disabled.

**Implications:**

**Cultural Group(s):**

CALD

**Location of study:**

Australia

**Age group:**

65+

**Number included in study:**

N/A

**Type of participants:**

(secondary data)

**Research approach:**

Quantitative

**Type of data:**

Secondary

**Secondary data sources used:**

ABS Census data

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**