

A profile of Autism¹ in Australia

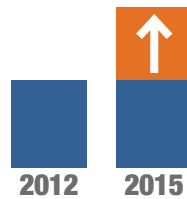


Autism¹ may present substantial challenges for those affected, their families and friends. It can also have an impact on a person's education, as well as their social and economic participation.

In recent years an increasing number of Australians with Autism¹ have been identified. There are numerous factors that may contribute to this increase in reporting. The results from the 2015 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers can provide insights into this complex and varied condition.



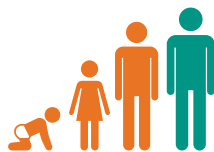
There were **164,000** Australians with Autism¹ in **2015**



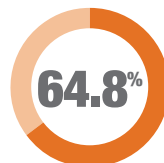
The number of Australians with Autism¹ increased by **42.1%** since 2012



4 out of 5 people with Autism¹ were **male**



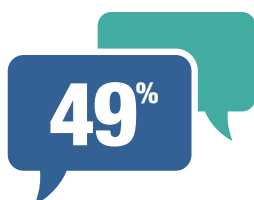
More than **3/4** of those with Autism¹ were **young** (5-24 years)



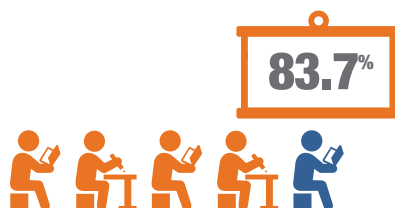
Almost **2/3** of those with Autism¹ had profound or severe **disability**



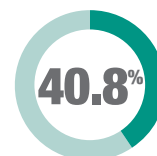
Almost **3/4** of those with Autism¹ needed help with **cognitive** and **emotional** tasks



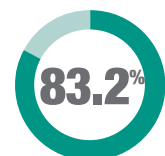
Almost **half** of those with Autism¹ needed help with **communication**



Around **4 out of 5** children² with Autism¹ had difficulties at **school**



People with **disability**



People with **no reported disability**

40.8% of people with Autism¹ participated in the workforce³, compared with **83.2%** people with **no reported disability**

¹Autism¹ includes people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder, not otherwise specified. For more information, see *Autism in Australia, 2015* (cat. no. 4430.0).

²Living in households.

³Labour force figures are for persons aged between 15 and 64 years living in households.