



2022 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

What we learned about
Autistic people

Easy Read version



How to use this fact sheet



The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) wrote this fact sheet.

When you read the words 'we', it means the ABS.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.



This is an Easy Read summary of another fact sheet.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

www.abs.gov.au/articles/autism-australia-2022



We also wrote a plain language version of the other fact sheet.

You can find it on our website.

www.abs.gov.au/articles/autism-australia-2022/autism-australia-2022-key-findings-plain-language



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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About this fact sheet



This fact sheet includes information we collected from a survey we ran in 2022.

This survey is called the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.



We share some important information we learned about Australians who have **Autism**.

Autism can affect how you:



- think
- feel
- communicate
- connect and deal with others.



We also explain how some of this information is different to what we learned in our 2018 survey.



We use identity-first language in this fact sheet.

This means we say 'Autistic people' when we talk about people who have Autism.



But we respect that everyone can choose:

- how they want to talk about themselves
- the right words for them.

What we learned about Autistic people

The number of Autistic people



In 2022, we learned that **over 1%** of Australians had Autism.

This is **over 290,000** people.



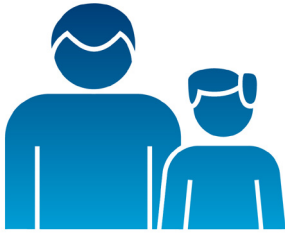
In 2018, we learned that **under 1%** of Australians had Autism

This is **over 205,000** people.



This means there were **over 85,000** more Autistic people in Australia in 2022.

In 2022, we learned that:



- **nearly 2%** of men and boys had Autism



- **nearly 1%** of women and girls had Autism.

We also learned that:



- **over 3%** of people under 25 years old had Autism



- **under 1%** of people over 25 years old had Autism.

Autistic people who need extra support

In 2022, we learned that **73%** of Autistic people had:



- **severe disability** – when someone needs help some of the time

or

- **profound disability** – when someone needs help all of the time.



We also learned that **84%** of Autistic people needed support with at least one everyday activity.

For example, support with looking after themselves.

Autistic people and education



We learned more about Autistic people who:

- were over 15 years old
- lived in private homes.

A private home could include:



- a house



- an apartment.



In 2022, we learned that **over 45%** of people from this group finished year 12.



In 2022, we learned that **over 5%** of people from this group finished studying at university.



We learned more about Autistic people who:

- were 5 to 20 years old
- went to school.



In 2022, we learned that **nearly 152,000** people from this group needed some support to take part in school or study.



For example, time off school or special equipment.

Autistic people and work



We learned more about Autistic people who:

- were 15 to 64 years old
- lived in private homes.



In 2022, we learned that **over 50%** of people from this group:

- were trying to get a job
- had a job.



In 2018, we learned that **nearly 38%** of people from this group:

- were trying to get a job
- had a job.



In 2022, we learned that **over 42%** of people from this group had a job.



In 2018, we learned that **over 27%** of people from this group had a job.

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