

The diversity of Australia's older population

Older Australians are diverse with different backgrounds, values and preferences. The Aged Care Quality Standards and the Aged Care Diversity Framework highlight the importance of person-centred care, which respects this diversity.

palliAGED has evidence-based palliative care information that supports aged care to provide quality care for all older people at the end of their life including those with specific needs.

Of Australians aged 65 years and older:





47,678

identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



37%

were born outside of Australia



8,439

people identified as homeless



9%

are living with dementia



1 in 3

live outside major cities



52%

have a disability



3.3%

identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community

Australian Bureau of Statistics. Census date by topic [Internet]. Belconnen, ACT: ABS; 2021 [cited 2024]. Available from: www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/census-data-topic

