

# A PROFILE OF AUTISM IN AUSTRALIA

## 2018 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC)

An updated analysis of the prevalence of autism in Australia, and the impact autism has on the everyday lives of people on the spectrum.



The Spectrum



# 205,200

There were 205,200 Australians with autism in 2018.

There was a 25.1% increase in the number of Australians with autism, up from 164,000 in 2015.

Males were 3.5 times more likely than females to be on the spectrum.

83% of people with autism are aged between 0 - 24 years of age.

68.9% of Australians on the spectrum require help or supervision with:



COMMUNICATION



SELF-CARE



MOBILITY

Two in five young people with autism need special tuition. One in three need help from a counsellor or disability support person.

Only 38% of people on the spectrum who are of working age are in the labour force.

82.1% of people with autism require assistance with at least one daily living activity.