## **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.



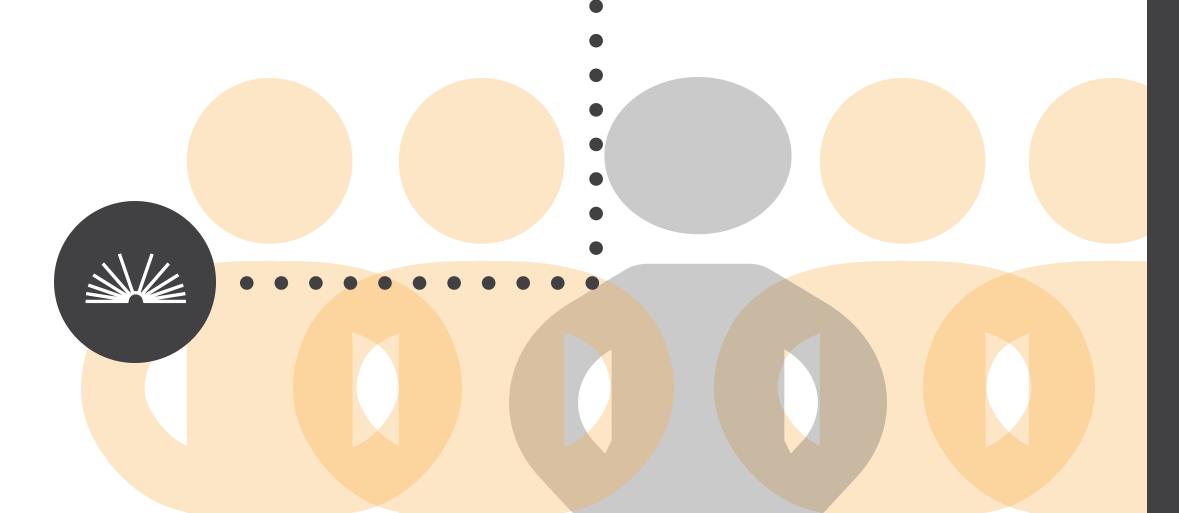
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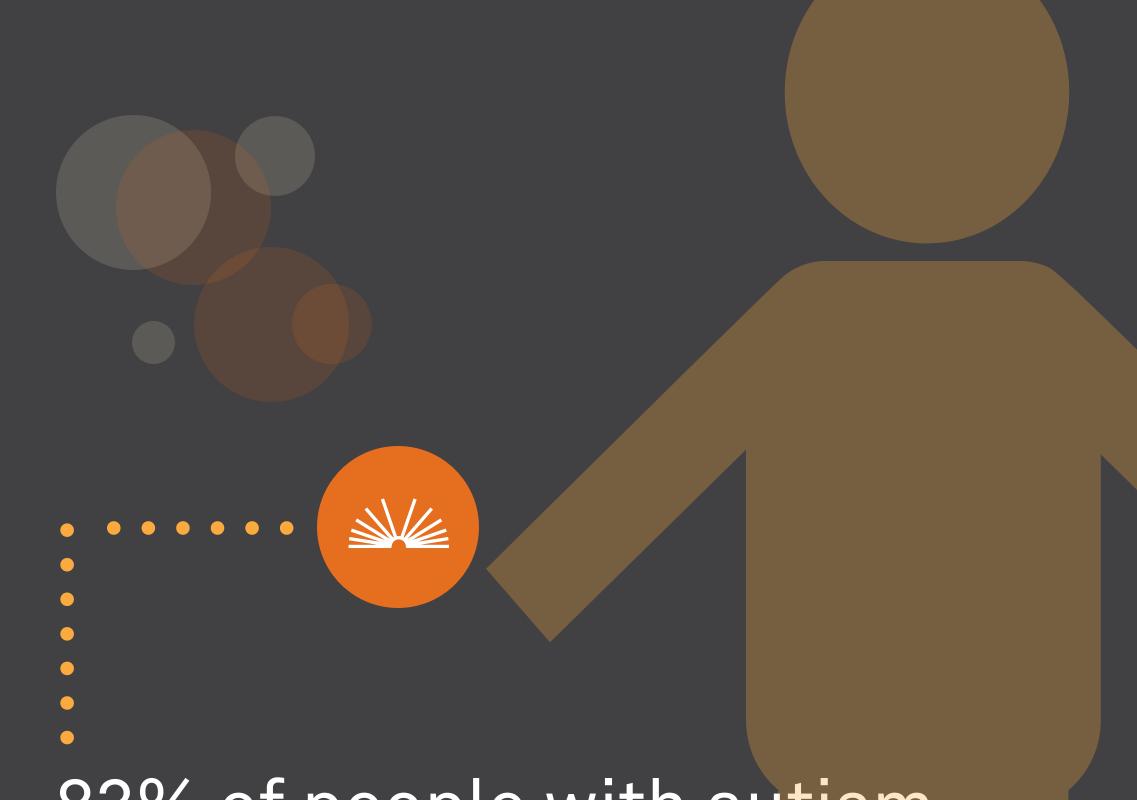


There was a 25.1% 205,200increase in the number of Australians with autism, up from There were 205,200 Australians with 164,000 in 2015.

# autism in 2018.

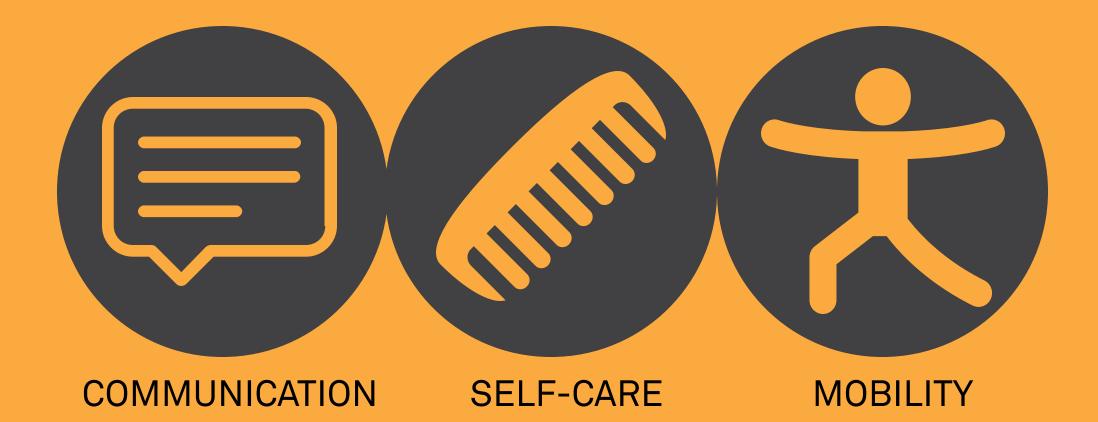
Males were 3.5 times more likely than females to be on the spectrum.





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:



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 the labour force.

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

**Source:** Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2018

