



A survey for carers in Western Australia



About this *survey*



A survey is a list of questions to learn more about something.



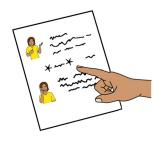
This survey is from the Department of Communities Western Australia.



This survey is written in a way that is easy to understand.



You can find this survey on our <u>website</u> https://forms.office.com/r/VzSSrNnH5e



We add a star before and after *hard words*.

Then we explain what the words mean.



You can ask someone to help you read and complete this survey.



We keep all of the information you tell us private.

Western Australia Carers Strategy



This survey will help us make a better

Carers Strategy for carers in Western Australia.



Carer means you give unpaid care and support to someone.

For example, someone with disability or an older person.



The Carers Strategy says how service providers and government support the needs of carers.



The survey answers will help us understand

 what the government can do better to support carers



 what makes it hard for carers in their community, work and daily life.



This is the start of the survey

You do not have to answer all of the questions.



About carers in the community

What is your age group?

Tick 1 box.



Under 18 years



18 to 25 years



26 to 35 years



36 to 50 years



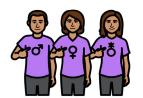
51 to 65 years



66 to 75 years

76 to 85 years

86 years or older.



What is your gender?

Tick 1 box.



I am a woman



I am a man



I describe my gender as



I do **not** want to answer.



Where do you live?

Tick 1 box.

Suburbs around Perth

Peel region

South west

Great southern

Wheatbelt

Mid west

Gascoyne

Pilbara

Kimberley

Goldfields Esperance.



Does being a carer make it hard to work?

Tick 1 box.



No



Yes.

How many hours work do you miss?



How do you describe your work?

You can tick more than 1 box.







I work part time

My job has casual hours

I work for myself

I own a business

I am looking for work

I am not looking for work

I volunteer

I study full time

I study part time

I am retired

Something else. Write about it here.

















Which diverse groups do you belong to?

You can tick more than 1 box.



I am Aboriginal



I am Torres Strait Islander



I am Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



I speak a language other than English at home



I live in a rural and remote area



I am in the *LGBTIQA+* community



I am a young carer, under 25 years old



I am an older carer, over 65 years old



I care for a *veteran*



I belong to a different group.

Write about it here.



LGBTIQA+ means

L lesbian



G gay

B bisexual



T trans and gender diverse

I intersex



Q queer

A asexual.



The **+** is for people who use different words to describe themselves.



Veteran means people who have served in the army, navy or air force.



Are you a carer and also a person with

a disability?



a health condition?



a mental health condition?



The government uses the word **carer** for someone who gives unpaid care, support and assistance to someone else.



We know some people do not think of themselves as a carer.



Do you think of yourself as a carer?



Yes



No. I say



In the last year, who have you been a carer for?

You can tick more than 1 box.



My child or children



My grandchild or grandchildren



My parent or parents



My spouse or partner



A family member younger than me



A family member older than me



A friend



A neighbour

Someone else. Write about them here.





I care for someone to support them with



things they need help with because of their age



Dementia or Alzheimers, this means someone with memory problems



an illness that affects body movement, like Motor Neurone Disease



a serious health issue, like cancer or stroke



a lifelong health condition, like diabetes or heart disease



a disability, like deaf or hard of hearing, uses a wheelchair, or autism



a mental health condition, like depression or anxiety



alcohol or drug problems

something else. Write about it here.







How many hours each week do you care for someone else?



Less than 10 hours



10 to 19 hours



20 to 50 hours

More than 50 hours. Write how many



Tell us about the type of care you give.

You can tick more than 1 box.



Physical support, like lifting or feeding



Support with daily tasks, like cleaning or transport



Emotional support, like help to manage feelings



Support with money, like paying bills



Social support, like community activities

Something else. Write about it here.







In the last year, have you used any of these government services?

You can tick more than 1 box.



National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS



Department of Veterans Affairs



My Aged Care



My Health



Centrelink, like carer payments



Carer Gateway

Disability Gateway

Something else. Write about it here.







Do you use other types of support as a carer?

For example, Carers WA.



No



Yes. Write about the other supports here.







We want to understand the daily life of carers.



Only share the information you feel comfortable with.



Your personal information will be kept private.











Tell us about your experience as a carer.

For example

- What happens each day?
- What do you enjoy about being a carer?
- What are the hardest parts of being carer?
- What are the extra costs for you as a carer?
- What supports or services make a difference?
- What makes your caring role difficult?





Tell us if anything stops you from having a good day as a carer.

For example

- What changes would make things easier?
- Could government make things easier for carers?
 - like, services or payments
- What could government do to respect and value carers more?
- What stops you from working or being part of the community?







Tell us what should change to make it better for carers in the future.





This is the end of the survey

Thank you for your ideas and information.

What happens next?



Send your survey answers to us by email.



carers@communities.wa.gov.au **Email**



Send your survey answers to us by

Friday 12 December 2025.





We follow the laws about information privacy.

Contact us



Contact the Department of Communities if you need more information.



Website Information about the survey
www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-ofcommunities/have-your-say-the-wa-carers-strategy



Email carers@communities.wa.gov.au

Help to speak and listen



If you need help to speak or listen, the National Relay Service can help you make a call.

Call 1800 555 660



Website NRS Helpdesk
www.accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/nrs-helpdesk

Help in your language



If you need help with other languages, contact the Translating and Interpreting Service.

Call 131 450



Website TIS National

www.tisnational.gov.au

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Communities proudly acknowledges the Traditional Owners throughout Western Australia and recognises their continuing connection to their lands, families, and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders past, present, and emerging.

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