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Changing Nature of Family Caregiving: New Research and Policy implications

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Webinar Overview

- Introduction
  - Joe Caldwell and Kripa Sreepada (National Council on Aging)
- **Speakers:**
  - Gail Hunt (National Alliance for Caregiving)
  - Steve Kaye (Community Living Policy Center, UCSF)
  - Jed Johnson (Easter Seals)
- Questions and Answers (20 – 30 minutes)
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About the Report

- Family caregiver is defined as an individual, age 18 or older, who provides unpaid care to family member or friend who needs assistance with everyday activities.

- The research study is based on qualitative, online interviews of 1,248 family caregivers age 18 and older.
  
  - Includes a random sample of 1,015 caregivers, with oversample for African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian American Pacific Islander caregivers.

- Special focus on family caregivers who support a loved one for at least 21 hours each week (“higher-hour”), medical/nursing tasks, caregivers in the workplace, and caregivers age 75 or older.
The Changing Nature of Family Caregiving

Caregiving today affects everyone. Either you are a caregiver, know someone who is, or you expect to be one.
Today’s Family Caregiver

Caregivers reflect the diversity of the United States: they come from every age, gender, race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

Performs at least 2 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs); 4 Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) and a number of Medical/Nursing (M/N) Tasks

Responsibilities Include:
- ADL: Bathing, Dressing & Feeding
- IADL: Housework, Cooking & Managing Finances
- M/N Tasks: Injections, Tube Feedings & Colostomy Care
Who are They?

The typical caregiver is a 49 year-old female caring for a 69 year-old relative due to a long-term physical condition.

22% of caregivers are caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia.

More are considered “higher-hour”--providing increased hours of care each week.

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<td>62%</td>
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Higher-Hour Caregivers

Higher-hour caregivers provide at least 21 hours each week caregiving.

The average amount of time for higher-hour caregivers is **62 hours per week** and they have a high burden of care (4 out of 5 in a 5 point scale).

They are typically the sole, unpaid care provider and nearly four times as likely to be caring for a spouse or partner.

These caregivers often report that they had “no choice” in taking on the caregiving role.

**Overall:**
32% of caregivers are higher-hour

**Breakout by Ethnicity:**
White: 28%, Asian American Pacific Islander: 37%, African American/Black: 39%, Hispanic/Latino: 40%
Caregivers Age 75 and Older

Caregivers age 75 or older are typically caring for a close relative (spouse, adult child, or sibling). They are the sole provider of care, and usually live with the care recipient.

These caregivers, on average, have provided care for 5 ½ years, spending about 34 hours per week performing multiple caregiving responsibilities:

- 2 Activities of Daily Living (ADL);
- 5 Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL); and
- Medical/Nursing Tasks (M/N Tasks).

**Responsibilities Include:**
ADL- Bathing, Dressing & Feeding
IADL- Housework, Cooking & Managing Finances
M/N Tasks- Injections, Tube Feedings & Colostomy Care
Balancing Caregiving & Work

Base: Working Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n=724)

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<td>61%</td>
<td>69%*</td>
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<td>Go in late, leave early, take time off</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>69%*</td>
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<td>Leave of absence</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Reduce work hours/take less demanding job</td>
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<td>25%*</td>
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<td>Receive warning about performance/attendance</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Give up working entirely</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Turn down promotion</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Retired early</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>8%*</td>
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<td>Lose job benefits</td>
<td>3%</td>
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60% of caregivers were employed at some point in the past year while also caregiving. Higher-hour caregivers are more likely to report experiencing nearly all of these work impacts.
Other Impacts on Work/Caregiving Balance

• Primary caregivers are more likely to report that caregiving impacted their work, as are caregivers who felt they had “no choice” in taking on the role

• 70% of caregivers who perform medical/nursing tasks reported that caregiving impacted their job

• Employees working 30 hours a week or more were more likely to report workday interruptions as a result of caregiving

• 39% of caregivers left their job to have more time to provide care

• 34% of caregiver left their job due to lack of flexibility
Most Respondents are Primary Caregivers

Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n=1,248)

- Primary caregiver 63%
- Nonprimary caregiver 37%

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<th>Hours Caregiving per Week</th>
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<td>21+ (n=416)</td>
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# Caring for Whom?

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<td>Parent</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Spouse or partner</td>
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<td>Parent-in-law</td>
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<td>Grandparent or grandparent-in-law</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>Uncle or aunt</td>
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<td>Other nonrelative</td>
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Help with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

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<td>Getting in and out of beds and chairs</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Getting dressed</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Getting to and from the toilet</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Bathing or showering</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Feeding</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Dealing with incontinence or diapers</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Help with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)

Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n=1,248)

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<th>IADL</th>
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<td>Any IADL</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>78%</td>
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<td>Grocery or other shopping</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>Housework</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Preparing meals</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Managing finances</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>Giving medications, pills, or injections</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>Arranging outside services</td>
<td>31%</td>
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In addition to ADLs and IADLs, family caregivers are increasingly performing tasks that nurses typically perform. Known now as medical/nursing tasks, these skilled activities include:

- giving injections,
- providing tube feedings,
- managing catheter and colostomy care, and
- many other complex care responsibilities.
Medical/Nursing Tasks continued...

More than 8 in 10 higher-hour caregivers are performing medical/nursing tasks without any prior preparation.

Caregivers in the most complex care situations are the ones most likely to be performing medical/nursing tasks without any preparation.

62% of high-burden caregivers are performing medical/nursing tasks without prior preparation.
Most Caregivers Have No Paid Help

Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ not in nursing home or assisted living (n=1,147)

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<th>Hours Caregiving per Week</th>
<th>% Yes</th>
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<td>0-20 (n=740)</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>21+ (n=401)</td>
<td>34%</td>
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Yes 32%
No 68%
Many Caregivers are “Highly Stressed”

Experiencing emotional stress is more common among higher-hour caregivers. Over half of those who feel they had no choice in taking on their caregiving role report high levels of emotional stress (53%).
Supporting Caregivers
### Information Needs

**Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n=1,248)**

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<th>21+ (n=416)</th>
<th>Difference</th>
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<td>Keeping him/her safe at home</td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>87%*</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Managing emotional/physical stress</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Making end-of-life decisions</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>51%*</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Managing his/her challenging behaviors</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Managing his/her incontinence/toileting problems</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>18%*</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Finding non-English language educational materials</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>17%*</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Any of these</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>87%*</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Higher-hour caregivers are more likely to want information overall. Those higher-hour caregivers are especially interested in managing stress, managing their loved one’s challenging behaviors, and dealing with incontinence.
Recommendations

1. Identify high-risk caregivers.
2. Support caregivers in the workplace.
3. Provide resources to new caregivers.
4. Offer training.
5. Encourage advance planning for when caregivers can no longer provide care.
More Information

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Changing Patterns of Family Caregiving

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Big increase in unpaid caregiving

Adult Caregivers, 2003–2011

Millions

2003: 9.2
2006: 10.5
2011: 14.7
Data Source

• Survey of Income & Program Participation
  – Nationally representative survey conducted by the Census Bureau
  – Longitudinal: New panel sampled every few years
  – Interviewed every 4 months over ~3 years
  – Supplemental modules on “informal caregiving” once per panel: 2003, 2006, 2011
  – **Unpaid** family members & friends only
  – Supplemental module on disability/ADL/IADL once or twice per panel
Caregiving increasing faster than reported need for help

- Red circle: Proportion providing unpaid care/help
- Blue diamond: Proportion needing ADL/IADL help

Graph shows percent of adults over time from 2002 to 2011.
Big increase for care of non-household members

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<td>2006</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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Household member(s)

Non-household member(s)
Recipients of unpaid caregiving

- Spouse/partner
- Child/grandchild
- Parent
- Sibling
- Other relative
- Non-relative

Millions

2003
2006
2011
Who provides care?

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Men</th>
<th>Women</th>
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<td>3.1</td>
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<td>3.4</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>7.3</td>
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Who provides care?

Caregiving by Age, 2003 & 2011

Percent of population

Age

2003

2011

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Who provides care?

Caregiving by Race/Ethnicity, 2003–2011

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<th>Race</th>
<th>2003</th>
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<td>White</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>4.6</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>Latino</td>
<td>2.4</td>
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Percent of adults
Tasks & amount of help

- **ADL:**
  - “dress, eat, bathe, or get to the bathroom”
- **IADL/health:**
  - “medical needs such as taking medicines or changing bandages”
  - “keep track of bills, checks, or other financial matters”
- **Other:**
  - “taking him/her shopping or to the doctor's office”
  - “any other”

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<th>Care category (mutually exclusive)</th>
<th>Median hours per week (Household)</th>
<th>Median hours per week (Non-household)</th>
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<td>High (Helps with ADLs)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium (IADL/health, no ADLs)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low (No ADLs or IADL/health)</td>
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Care given within the household

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How can we explain this rapid change in patterns of caregiving?

• Hypotheses:
  – De-institutionalization
  – Family structure
  – Economy
  – Baby Boomers
  – ?
What’s going on?

Hypothesis:
People who would’ve been institutionalized in the past are now living in the community ➔
More family caregiving
Does caregiving vary with institutional spending?

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<th>Percent of adults</th>
<th>No decline in institutional $</th>
<th>Moderate decline</th>
<th>Large decline</th>
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Does caregiving vary with HCBS spending?

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<td>Small increase in HCBS $</td>
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<td>Moderate increase</td>
<td>5.9</td>
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<td>Large increase</td>
<td>6.4</td>
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What’s going on?

Hypothesis:
Families have dispersed, so more people needing help live alone or with fewer caregivers →
More outside-the-home caregiving
No change in living arrangement

Proportion of ADL/IADL Population Living with Family

Household Size Among ADL/IADL Population
What’s going on?

Hypothesis:
	Recession $\rightarrow$
	Unemployment $\rightarrow$
	More availability for caregiving
Is it the newly unemployed?

**Caregiving by labor force status**

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What’s going on?

Hypothesis:
Either as caregivers or recipients, Baby Boomers have different expectations of or attitudes toward caregiving→
More diffuse pattern of caregiving
The Baby Boom

Live Births by Year, United States

Millions

Millions

The oldest Boomers reached retirement age in 2011

U.S. Population by Age, 2003 & 2011
No change in prevalence of need for ADL/IADL help by age
But age distribution of ADL/IADL pop. now has a boomer bump
Caregiving recipients don’t always “need help” in ADL/IADL

Has disability, no reported ADL/IADL

Boomers

2010

2002

Age

Millions

20–28
29–37
38–46
47–55
56–64
65–73
74–82
83+

2010

2002
Boomers have emerged as the principal caregivers

Caregivers by Age, 2003 & 2011

Millions

Age

Boomers


2003 & 2011

2011

2003

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4/5 of caregivers are Boomers or post-Boomers
Research on Boomer caregivers


- “Caregiver identity as among one of many social identities.” They “won’t leave a job to take care of a family member.”
- “Care is more and more conditional, limited, and circumscribed.”
- Role as “guaranteeing quality of life for the disabled person and as managing services.”
Conclusions

• From 2003–2011, large, broad-based increase in unpaid caregiving
  – Not explained by increase in reported need for help
  – Especially for recipients outside the household
  – Especially for low levels of care: few hours/week
• Paid family caregiving not addressed
• No evidence it’s related to rebalancing, recession, family structure changes
• Related to shifts in expectations & attitudes as Baby Boomers become principal caregivers and recipients?
• Increased need for paid services for recipients & caregivers
Many Faces of Caregiving Study
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Easter Seals and Caregiving

Thanks to MassMutual Financial Group, Easter Seals conducted the *Many Faces of Caregiving Study* to learn more Millennial and Generation X caregivers as well as individuals from those generations who have yet to take on that role.
Easter Seals Caregiving Footprint

- Military/Veteran Caregiver webinar series (supported by Newman’s Own Foundation) in partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation

- Nation’s leading non-profit provider of Adult Day Services

- At the forefront in government relations/policy arena at federal, state, and local level

- Dept. of Veterans Affairs contract providing education/training for nearly 30,000 Caregivers supporting those who have served our country

- Leader in lifespan respite care supporting Caregivers across the generations
Easter Seals & Caregiving cont.

- Smoking Cessation & Caregivers initiative (supported by CVS Health Foundation)
- National Center on Senior Transportation (Transportation Solutions for Caregivers)
- TA & Dissemination Partner – UIC Family Support Research & Training Center
- Prior MassMutual “Sibling Study” 2012
- Support Groups
- www.easterseals.com/caregiving
METHODOLOGY
• Impulse Research conducted an online survey with a random sample of 1043 Millennials and Gen Xers, men and women ages 25-49.
• The respondents are representative of American men and women 25-49.
• The overall sampling error rate for this survey is +/-3% at the 95% level of confidence.
• Conducted in January 2015.
DEMOGRAPHICS
## Demographic Information

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Caregiving Relationships

- 40% - Parent
- 22% - Child
- 16% - Grandparent
- 14% - Spouse
- 14% - Friend
- 9% - Sibling
- 6% - Aunt/Uncle
- 4% - Other

- 56% - Provide unpaid care
- 35% - Provide both unpaid care & financial support
- 9% - Provide only financial support
• Andrea Simone: supporting her husband Tony who received a severe brain injury while serving in Afghanistan. (Hallmark Channel’s Home & Family/Sen. Durbin campaign ad)
• Danielle C. Dallo: Mother to, Daniel, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. (Her story on easterseals.com)
• Ashley Campbell: story of caring for her father, the iconic country western singer - Glen Campbell, has been captured in the Oscar-nominated film, "I'll Be Me" (CNN in last weekend & again in Nov)
KEY FINDINGS
Younger than we think? Gender?

**One-third** of Millennial and Gen X respondents identify themselves as caregivers – many individuals between the ages of 25 and 49 are already serving in this role. **Nearly equal** number of men and women identify themselves as caregivers.

(13% Male caregivers provide only financial support vs. 6% of Female caregivers)
## Caregiving Opportunities & Challenges

Men are more likely to smoke (21% vs 10%) while women are more likely to report feeling increased anxiety and stress (43% vs 26%) and unhealthy eating (21% vs 11%)

### Positives

- **I have developed a closer relationship with him/her**: 67%
- **Makes me feel good to help him/her**: 64%
- **I have enjoyed time spent with him/her**: 61%
- **Allows me to give back**: 47%
- **I have learned things about myself**: 46%
- **I have learned new skills**: 40%
- **Other**: 1%
- **None of the above**: 2%

### Negatives

- **Less time for myself**: 47%
- **Increased stress**: 36%
- **Poor sleep**: 35%
- **Financial impact**: 28%
- **Less time with friends**: 26%
- **Less time to exercise**: 24%
- **Less time with family**: 23%
- **Unhealthy eating**: 16%
- **Smoking more**: 15%
- **Missing work**: 14%
- **Physical health issues**: 10%
- **Cognitive/memory issues**: 8%
- **Increased use of drugs**: 4%
- **Other**: 1%
- **None of the above**: 13%
Many Faces of Caregiving Study

- 67% of **Millenials** and 55% of **GenX** caregiver respondents report **providing care on a daily basis**.
- Measuring Caregiving trajectory in decades vs. years?
- Millennial and Gen X caregivers
  - 5% Less than 6 months
  - 15% Six months to 1 year
  - 22% 1 to 2 years
  - 17% 2 to 3 years
  - 12% 3 to 5 years
  - 17% More than 5 years
  - 5% Occasionally, off and on
  - 7% All their life

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Satisfaction with the level of care you are providing?

- Very Satisfied: 47%
- Somewhat satisfied: 40%
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 7%
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 5%
- Unsatisfied: 5%
Perceptions vs. Realities of Care

For those already providing care: 42% supporting someone with emotional/mental health condition; 35% memory problem/dementia; 27% with a primarily a physical condition

For those who expect to provide care: 70% envision support needed for physical condition; 30% for emotional/mental health condition; 28% for memory problem/dementia
• 71% of respondents have not yet had the critical conversation with their families and loved ones about the future as it relates to their medical planning, although 15% are “planning to”

• 73% have not yet talked to their loved ones about the future as it relates to financial planning and retirement, although 12% are “planning to”

• Overall, 37% of respondents admitted to being “not quite ready” or “not ready” for handling a projected caregiving role (men – 33% and women – 42%)

• Those already caregiving – more likely to have initiated planning

• 70% "have concerns" about taking on caregiving
There is solid demand for information to help plan for the future

- **Financial planning**: 65% of caregivers and 58% of non-caregivers would find this helpful.
- **An understanding of available services**: 58% of caregivers and 49% of non-caregivers would find this helpful.
- **An understanding of what to expect**: 49% of caregivers and 51% of non-caregivers would find this helpful.
- **Other**: 5% of caregivers and 7% of non-caregivers.

*26-35 yr old (63%) non-caregivers are more likely to find financial planning more helpful than 36 to 49 year olds (52%)*
Websites are the best way to reach caregivers and non-caregivers alike, Caregivers seek connections with others. . .
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Questions
Promising Practices

Family Support Research and Training Center

• University of Illinois at Chicago and UIC
• Conducting a scan of promising practices in family caregiver supports
  – Any population of caregivers
  – Any types of supports (i.e. information, peer support, respite, other services and supports)

• Your Help Needed
  – Nominate a promising program or practice