

CALIFORNIA AGING & LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) FACTS & INFORMATION RESOURCES

- In a 2018 poll, over **67%** of respondents (1000 voters, +/- 3.1% MOE) said “NO,” when asked, “Is California prepared to care for its aging population?” Over **83%** said they would be more likely to vote for a gubernatorial candidate who has a vision and long-term investment plan for California’s seniors.
- Californians 65 years old or older comprise **15%** of the state’s population. This segment will grow to almost **20%** by 2030.¹
- **70%** of people 65 years old and older will need some form of long-term care (LTC).
- **600,000** Californians 55 and over are now living with Alzheimer’s disease. By 2030, this number will nearly double to over **1.1 million**.
- California’s **4.4 million** family caregivers provide over **4 billion** hours a year of unpaid care valued at **\$57 billion**.
- The current **7:1** ratio of caregivers to people 80 years or older will be **4:1** by 2030.
- On average, people require two years of long-term care, but one in five will need it for longer than five years.
- Generally, women need care for longer than men - 3.7 years vs. 2.2 years.³
- **63%** of seniors have not planned for their future in-home care needs. Many believe Medicare will cover them. It will not – **Medicare does not cover in-home care!**
- Nursing home costs in California averaged **\$290** a day in 2017, with the annual cost of care close to **\$110,000**.³
- In-home care (44hrs./wk. @ \$12.50-\$35/hr.) can range from just under **\$29,000** to **\$80,000** a year.
- Under a high health care cost growth scenario, California’s cost for LTC could increase 88% — from an estimated **\$6.6 billion** in 2013 to **\$12.4 billion** in 2023.⁵

FOR MORE INFORMATION

1. https://www.aging.ca.gov/data_and_statistics/facts_about_elderly/
2. <http://www.ppic.org/publication/planning-for-californias-growing-senior-population/>
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7. <http://tffc.usc.edu/2017/01/01/interim-report-from-the-california-task-force-on-family-caregiving/>