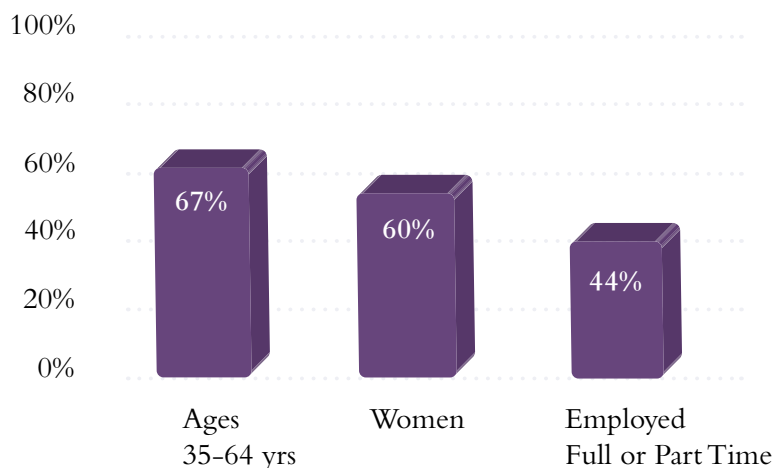


# facts about alzheimer's disease, elder care and the workplace

*Alzheimer's disease is one of the primary reasons elder care is needed.*

- 43.5 million adult caregivers are giving care to a person at least 50 years old.<sup>1</sup>
- Top two reasons recipients need care:
  - Old age (12%)<sup>2</sup>
  - Alzheimer's disease (10%)<sup>2</sup>
- Nearly 15 million people provide unpaid care to a person with Alzheimer's or other dementias.<sup>5</sup>
  - This is 17 billion hours of unpaid caregiving valued at over \$202 billion dollars.<sup>5</sup>

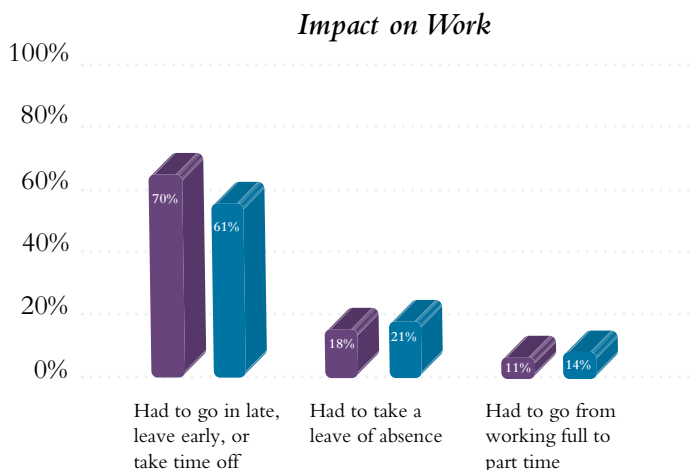
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- 67% of the caregivers were between the ages of 35-64 years.<sup>5</sup>
- About 60% of the caregivers are women.<sup>5</sup>
- Nearly half were employed full or part time.<sup>5</sup>

- 86.1% of large companies surveyed offer some elder care services to their employees.<sup>4</sup>
  - 69.6% of companies offer EAP elder care counseling with less than 10% of the workforce utilizing the service (with a single digit average).<sup>4</sup>
  - 68% of working caregivers have to make accommodations for their loved one while working.<sup>1</sup>

- Many caregivers of people with Alzheimer's reported making major changes to their work schedules because of caregiving responsibilities.<sup>5</sup>



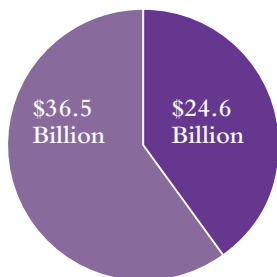
- 70% of men and 61% percent of women had to go in late, leave early or take time off.<sup>5</sup>
- 18% of men and 21% of women had to take a leave of absence.<sup>5</sup>
- 11% of men and 14% of women had to go from working full to part time.<sup>5</sup>
- 10% had to quit work.<sup>3</sup>

- Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's or other dementias experience high levels of emotional stress and depression.<sup>5</sup>
- On average, caregivers for people with Alzheimer's disease have to care for the recipient longer than caregivers for other older adults.<sup>5</sup>
  - 32% of caregivers for persons with Alzheimer's or other dementia have been providing care for 5 years or more compared to 28% of caregivers of older adults.<sup>2</sup>

### *Alzheimer's disease is costly for businesses.*

- Health care costs for persons with Alzheimer's or other dementias average three times higher than those of persons without these conditions.
- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias cost American businesses \$61 billion a year.<sup>3</sup>

*Impact to Business*  
\$61 Billion Dollars per Year



- \$24.6 billion directly related to costs associated with Alzheimer's and other dementia care (e.g., health, long-term and hospice).<sup>3</sup>
- \$36.5 billion in costs to businesses, including lost productivity, related to employees providing care for individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias.<sup>3</sup>

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