

Older people's experiences of healthcare affordability

National Seniors Australia surveyed 5,419 older Australians about 10 types of healthcare to determine whether cost had either prevented them from accessing care or caused them to hesitate in seeking care recently.

Our research indicates that cost is preventing older Australians from accessing the healthcare they require.

For every type of healthcare, between 5% and 26% of older people did not access it because of cost on at least one occasion, and a further 21%-33% hesitated.

Data is drawn from the 11th National Seniors Social Survey, conducted in February 2023 and open to anyone residing in Australia aged 50 or over. For each healthcare type, we asked respondents if they had gone without it or hesitated to access it because of cost on one or more occasions in recent years. Some respondents did not answer for every type of healthcare or indicated that one or more types were not applicable to them. These response types were excluded before calculating percentages. Full report available at nationalseniors.com.au/research/reports.



Yes, cost prohibited this



Cost made me hesitate



No, cost had no impact



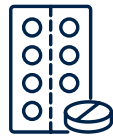
Prescription medication



GP appointment



Medical treatment



Non-prescription medication



Specialist appointment



Allied health appointment



Other healthcare



Dental check up



Dental treatment



Mental health appointment

