

Older Australians' experiences of cost preventing healthcare access

Binary gender

National Seniors Australia asked 5,419 older people about 10 types of healthcare and whether cost had stopped them from accessing the care they needed in recent times.

Within the group we then compared respondents identifying as women or female to respondents identifying as men or male.

The results show that a much larger proportion of women went without all kinds of healthcare because of cost.

The data are drawn from the National Seniors Social Survey conducted in February 2023. It was open to anyone aged 50 or over residing in Australia. For each healthcare type, we asked respondents if they had gone without it because of cost on one or more occasions in recent years. We also asked them to indicate their gender. Some people whose gender was non-binary or other did participate in the survey but their number was too low for meaningful comparison with women and men. For all comparisons, women comprised between 55.67% and 58.24% of the total. Healthcare items respondents did not need (marked 'not applicable' by them) were excluded from calculations. Access full data tables [here](#) and the original healthcare costs report [here](#).

