

End of life is a normal part of life.

Why is death 'normal'?

While health care is helping us to live longer and better quality lives, there is no cure for death. Eventually every person who lives will also die. Therefore, death is a normal part of life.

169,301 deaths were registered in Australia in 2019.



More than **92%** of deaths in Australia were due to **natural causes**.

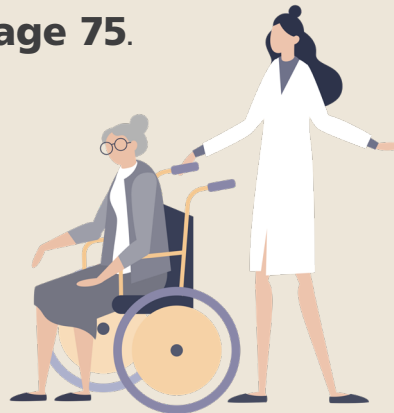


When and how do Australians die?

Australians are living longer but are increasingly living with and dying from chronic conditions in older age.

The majority of deaths in Australia happen in people aged **50 years and over**.

Two thirds of Australians will die after age **75**.



The **top 5 causes of death** in Australia are:

1. Coronary heart disease
2. Dementia including Alzheimers disease
3. Cerebrovascular disease
4. Lung cancer
5. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Where do Australians die?

The older people are, the more likely they are to be receiving aged care services or living in a residential aged care facility. Therefore, aged care plays a big role in caring for older people as they reach the end of life.

3 out of 4 older Australians will use **aged care services** during their life.



About **half of Australians** die in **hospital**.

About a **third** die in **residential aged care**, while **15%** die at **home**.