

# DEMENTIA IN WEST VIRGINIA: A GROWING CRISIS



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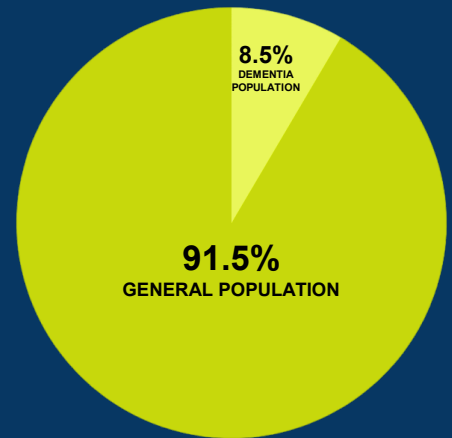


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**OLDER AMERICANS WILL EXPERIENCE  
DEMENTIA IN THEIR LIFETIME** (Koller & Bynum, 2014)

Dementia is a neurodegenerative disease that negatively impacts aspects of the patients lives including cognitive function, social engagement, psychological health, and daily life (Hurd et al., 2013)

- 8.5% of West Virginia's population experiences dementia, a rate higher than the national average (Koller & Bynum, 2014)



-West Virginia experiences higher dementia mortality than the national average at 106 per 100,000 (Department of Health and Human Resources, 2005)



**DEMENTIA COSTS PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES \$50,000 A YEAR IN CARE**

-Dementia costs West Virginia an estimated \$70 billion annually in care  
-100,000 unpaid caregivers in the state care for dementia patients (Baumgart et al., 2015)

REFERENCES:

