

# Facts About:

## Elderly Care in the Home

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- ▶ The number of elderly people receiving paid and unpaid home care has almost tripled since 1990 and now accounts for 75% of the total elderly disabled population.  
**1990: 1.9 million    1995: 3.48 million    2000: 4.96 million**
- ▶ Over 45 million adults provide, or arrange for, the care of an elderly family member or friend.
- ▶ Two-thirds of unpaid caregivers provide care for a parent, grandparent, or spouse.
- ▶ If paid caregivers provided the services provided by unpaid caregivers the estimated cost would be \$196 billion.

- ▶ Informal unpaid caregivers personally lose about \$659,129 over a lifetime (including \$25,494 in Social Security benefits; \$67,202 in pension benefits; and \$566,433 in wages.)
- ▶ Caregivers often experience financial difficulty, poorer health, and increased anger as a result of caregiving.
- ▶ U.S. businesses lose between \$11.4 billion and \$29 billion per year because of employees missing work due to unpaid caregiving.
- ▶ 70% of the 4 million people with Alzheimer's Disease live in a non-institutional setting.
- ▶ 75% of in-home Alzheimer's caregiving is provided by family and friends.

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