The dementia challenge

Despite new evidence from the Framingham Heart Study showing a decline in Alzheimer’s disease incidence, the graying of society and longer life expectancy guarantee the condition will exact a growing social, emotional and economic toll.

**5.1 MILLION**

Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease
—Alzheimer’s Association

**3.2 MILLION**

Women with Alzheimer’s

**1.9 MILLION**

Men with Alzheimer’s
—Alzheimer’s Association

**7.1 MILLION**

Estimate of Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease in 2025
—Alzheimer’s Association

**15 MILLION**

Estimated number of family members who provide care for someone with dementia
—Alzheimer’s Association

**$18 BILLION**

Value of that unpaid care
—Alzheimer’s Association

**$287,038**

Average total cost per Medicare beneficiary with dementia during the last five years of life
—Annals of Internal Medicine

**$175,136**

Those who died of heart disease
—Health Affairs

**$173,383**

Those who died of cancer
—Health Affairs

**$324 BILLION** in 2010

**$511 BILLION** by 2040

—RAND Corp.

**20%**

Increase in Americans over 65 by 2050
—U.S. Administration on Aging

**44%**

Decline in dementia incidence between late 1970s and early 2010s
—New England Journal of Medicine

**Adults ages 40 to 65 who believe they won’t need long-term care**
60%
—Health Affairs

**Adults over age 65 who eventually use long-term care**
70%
—Health Affairs