

National Dementia Workforce Study: Competition for New Survey Content

The [National Dementia Workforce Study](#), sponsored by the National Institute on Aging, collects annual surveys of the dementia care workforce in the United States.

The NDWS team seeks input from subject matter experts for new content to be included in the Wave 3 data collection, scheduled to begin in Spring 2026. Wave 3 questionnaires will include both new respondents and a longitudinal cohort to track changes in employment and practice over time. **A new feature of Wave 3 will be in-depth interviews with a subset of survey respondents.** We invite suggestions for both enhancements to the [existing survey questionnaires](#) and topics for the in-depth interviews.

For the [survey questionnaires](#), suggestions can include:

1. Additional questions and topics related to training, compensation, payment models, care practices, job satisfaction, and other topics salient to supporting a stable workforce and/or improving the quality of care provided to people living with dementia.
2. Questions and topics that support studies aligned with the National Institute on Aging's [AD and ADRD Research Implementation Milestones](#), particularly milestones 13.J (Dementia care workforce), 13.K (Dementia-friendly communities), 13.O (Care integration), and 13.P (Policy and payment models).
3. Suggestions for improving existing questions.
4. Suggestions for supplemental modules that could be included in one or more future rounds of NDWS. (A supplemental module is an extension to the main survey instrument, developed to capture additional data on specific topics of interest.)
 - Modules should be no more than 10 questions in length and can be for one or more types of paid worker/provider. Submissions for proposed modules should include the following:
 - (i) Brief summary of the topic and rationale for its inclusion in NDWS
 - (ii) Which NDWS population is of interest
 - (iii) Any survey instruments, scales, or other measurement tools
 - (iv) Published research citations supporting the questions

For the [in-depth interviews](#), suggestions should:

1. Focus on topics relevant to the mission of the NDWS that are not easily explored in structured survey questionnaires. They should focus on topics relevant to supporting a stable workforce and/or improving the quality of care provided to people living with dementia.

Please submit your ideas by [completing this form](#) by Wednesday, June 4th

Thank you for helping us build this new resource for the scientific community.

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