

NDWS Year in Review: 2025

The National Dementia Workforce Study, sponsored by the National Institute on Aging, is conducting the first large, nationally representative **surveys of the dementia care workforce** and building a novel data resource for researchers. Learn how to access the dataset at www.ndws.org.

Wave 2 Data Collection

Wave 2 surveys were fielded April through December 2025. Data will be released in early summer 2026. Wave 2 included new respondents and follow-up surveys with some Wave 1 staff respondents.

New Respondents

**Community
Clinician**
2,600

Nursing Home
Administrator 140
Staff 2,400

Assisted Living
Administrator 120
Staff 1,600

Home Care
Administrator 10
Staff 150

**Respondent numbers are approximate.*

Follow-up Respondents



Nursing Home 300



Assisted Living 350

Wave 1 Data Release

Wave 1 data were released in Summer 2025. Visit www.ndws.org to learn more about the sample size and respondent rates.

Downloads: Public Use Files

**Community
Clinician**
157

**Nursing Home
Staff**
92

**Assisted Living
Staff**
64

Restricted Use Files

**Approved
Projects**
24

NDWS Special Collection

A special collection of five articles about NDWS was published in Fall 2025 in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. The open access articles include an overview of NDWS, details on sample frame development and data collection, and more. Learn more at www.ndws.org/resources.

