

## Catholic Health Australia

# Care beyond Covid: Demographic trends shaping demand for healthcare in the 2020s

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# So... where do the Australians spend their wealth & prosperity?



1.  
United States  
26,855



2.  
China  
19,374



3.  
Japan  
4,410



4.  
Germany  
4,309



5.  
India  
3,737



6.  
United Kingdom  
3,159



7.  
France  
2,923



8.  
Italy  
2,170



9.  
Canada  
2,090



10.  
Brazil  
2,081



11.  
Russia  
2,063



12.  
South Korea  
1,722



13.  
**Australia**  
**1,708**



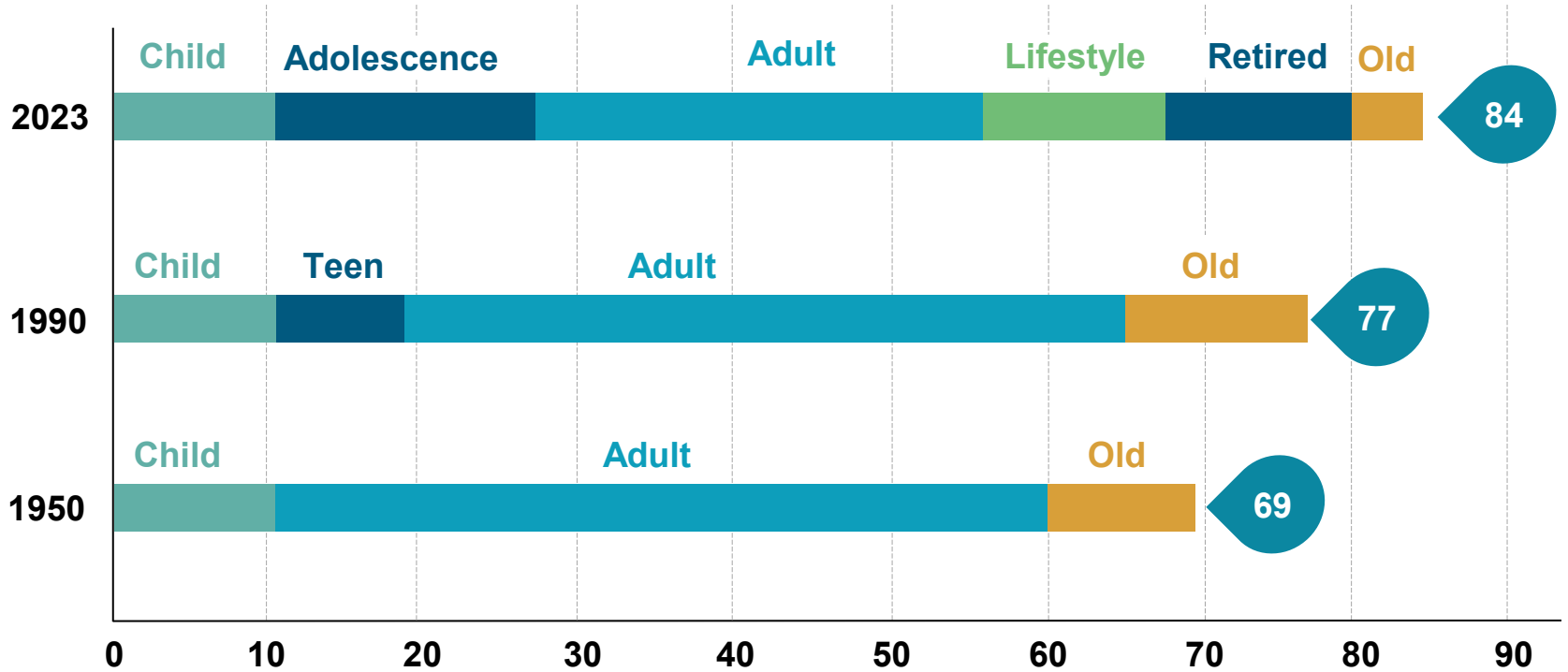
14.  
Mexico  
1,663



15.  
Spain  
1,492

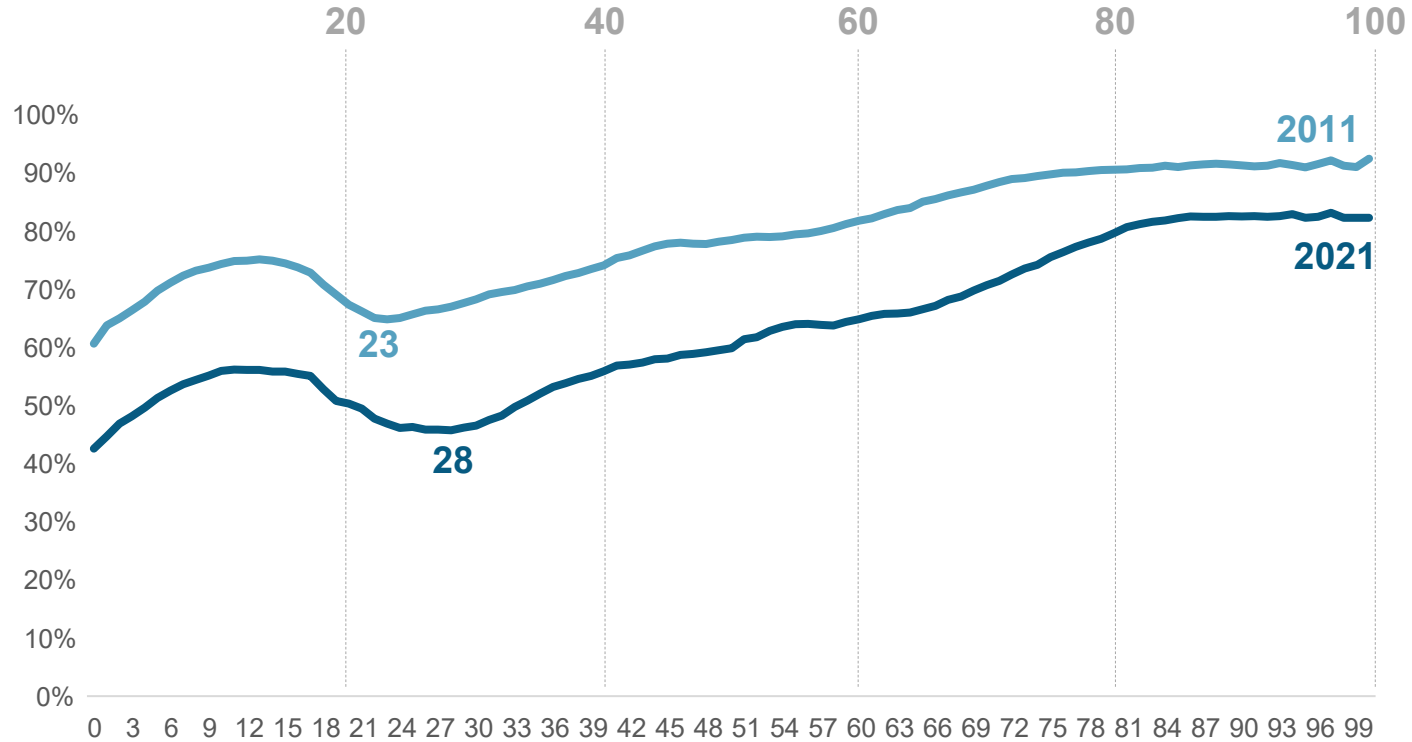
Top 15 countries by GDP 2023 (in USD bn)  
Source: International Monetary Fund

# We've added 20 years to life expectancy over the last 70 years



Change in life expectancy over 73 years in Australia; Source: UN World Population Prospects 2022

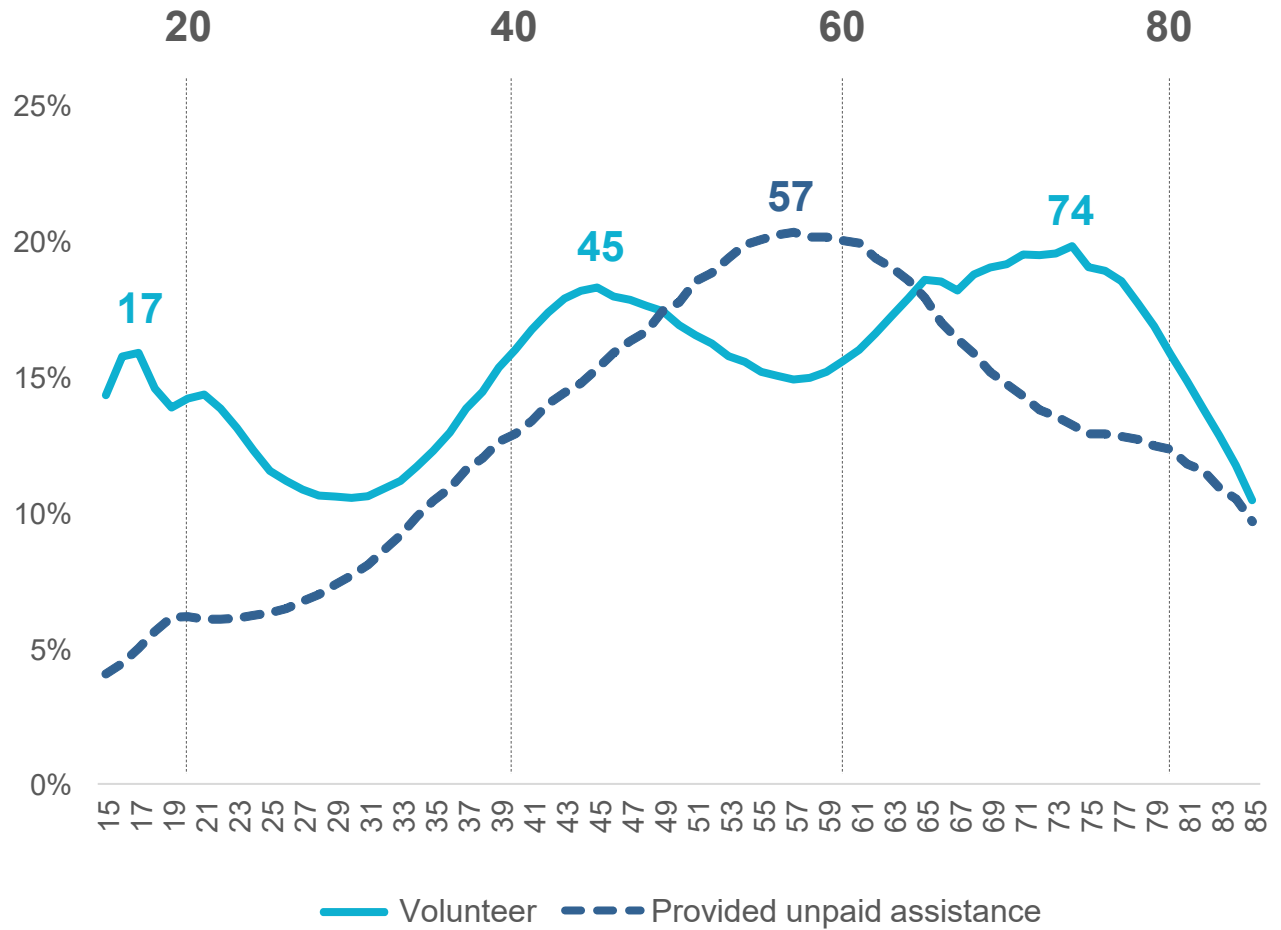
# Spirituality becomes increasingly important later in life



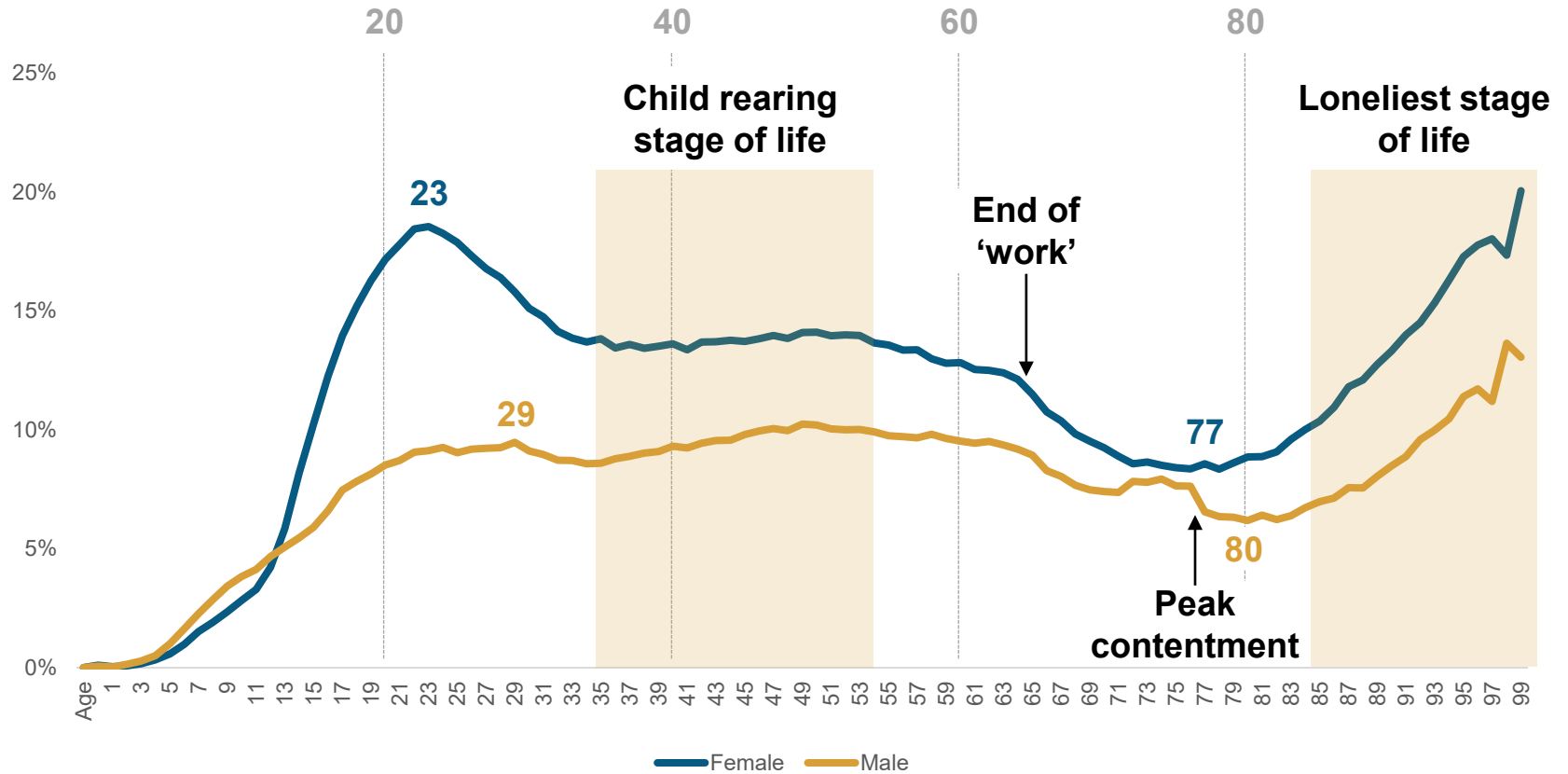
Proportion of the Australian population with a religious belief between 2011 and 2021; Source: ABS 2011 & 2021 Censuses

The market for volunteering and for 'unpaid assistance' rises and falls across the lifecycle... Australians are great 'contributors'

Proportion population by SYOA volunteers, unpaid carers, in Australia at 2021 Census

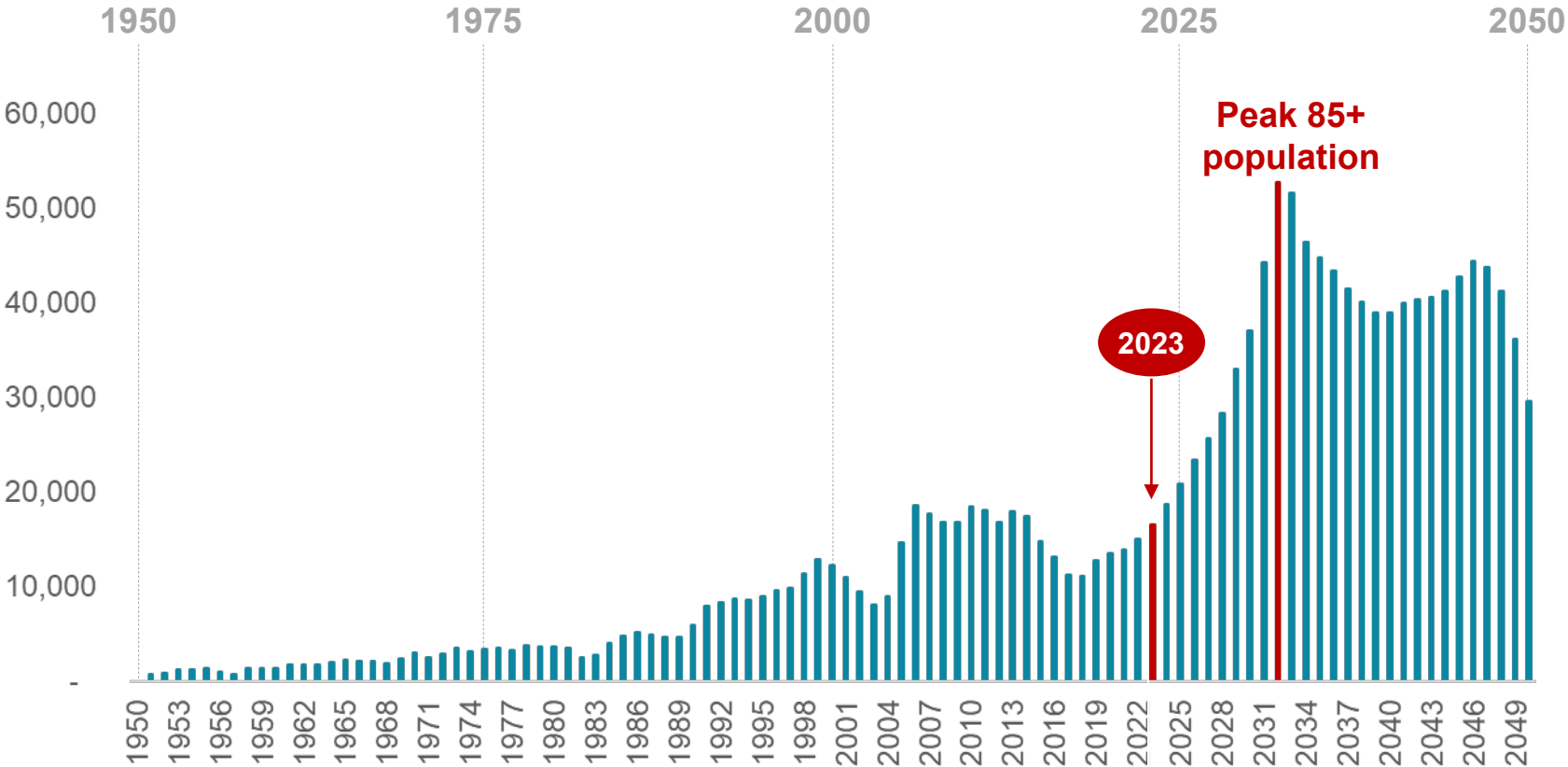


# Long-term mental health concerns are present across the lifecycle



Proportion population reporting a mental health condition by age, Australia, 2021; Source: ABS 2021 Census data

# An aged-care freight train is heading straight for us



Net growth in the 85+ cohort for Australia, 1950-2050; Source: UN Population Projections

# Demographic trends shaping demand for Catholic care services

## 1. Rising demand for healthcare services in Australia & globally



- The global population is both rising and ageing... this trend also applies in Australia... it means there is a rising demand for aged and health care services but there is a shallower pool of skilled and unskilled workers to provide that care

## 2. Skills shortages require more output per unit of labour



- Shallower labour pools both globally and in Australia means that the workforce, including in healthcare and aged care must embrace automation and digitisation... this process can create stress in the healthcare workforce and in the patient base

## 3. Ups and downs of patients and staffing over the coming decade



- Millennials are pushing into middle age while baby boomers are retiring... this means that care organisations must automate and/or look at ways of retaining staffing without exposing organisations to OH&S risk

## 4. There is an epidemic of loneliness (& anxiety) in Australia



- New figures released by the 2021 Census shows the extent of mental health conditions in young women... and also in the population aged 80-and-over which is tied to loss-of-life-partner or loneliness





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