

Minnesota Dementia Partners Survey Overview

The Minnesota Healthy Brain Partnership surveyed organizations working to address dementia in Minnesota in the fall of 2022.

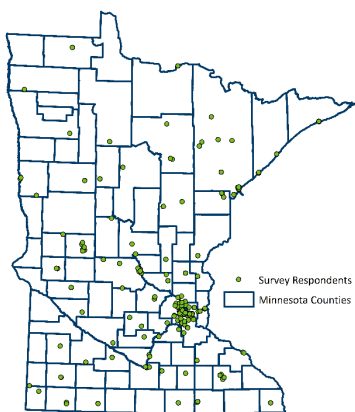
Goal: Understand dementia infrastructure and opportunities for growth in Minnesota.

We asked about four broad areas of dementia-related work:

1. Support for people with dementia
2. Screening and early detection
3. Support for caregivers or care partners
4. Dementia risk reduction

We also asked about the populations served, use of culturally responsive services and strategies, use of referrals, and dementia-related training. More about those topics in the future.

We heard from 175 different organizations across the state.



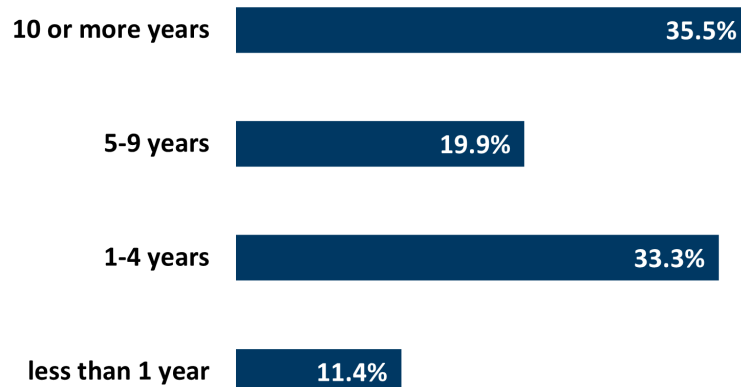
Types of organizations responding

- Residential settings – **28.0%**
- Health care organizations – **21.1%**
- Community-based services & supports – **17.2%**
- Other – **10.1%**
- Public health – **10.1%**
- Other government entities – **4.6%**
- University departments – **4.0%**
- Area Agencies on Aging – **3.4%**

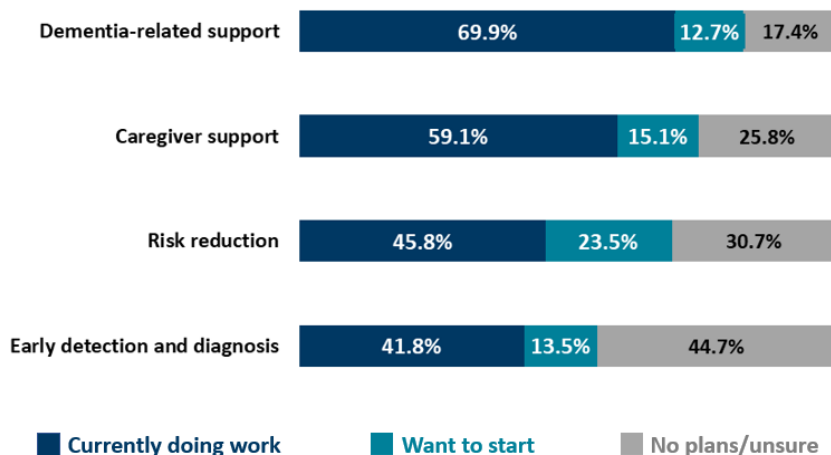
Health care organizations include home health care agencies, skilled nursing facilities, primary care and specialty care, hospitals, community-based nursing, mental health services, hospice, and pharmacies.

Other includes businesses, consultants, adult day care, faith communities, K-12 school districts, and health plans.

Some have been doing this work for a long time and others just recently started.



Many organizations offer support for people with dementia and their care partners, reflecting the work of many earlier efforts.



- Rates are even higher for organizations providing direct services like community-based organizations, residential settings, and clinics: 78.9% offer dementia related support¹ and 61.1% offer support for caregivers or care partners.²
- Fewer organizations engage in newer activities related dementia risk reduction and early detection and diagnosis.

Opportunities for improving dementia care across Minnesota

- There is still a need to expand supports for people with dementia and their caregivers.
- However, complementary work to address risk reduction and early detection and diagnosis is a big gap in our infrastructure. More work is needed in this area.
 - Risk reduction activities and early detection work can be combined and integrated.
 - All organizations—clinical, non-clinical, direct service providers and coordinating organizations—can and should address risk reduction and early detection.

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¹ Dementia related support refers to efforts specifically focused on supporting and affirming people with dementia (e.g., care planning, disease management programs, driver’s safety, chore services, etc.).

² Caregiver support describes efforts to support the health and wellbeing of dementia caregivers (e.g., information on being a caregiver, caregiver support groups, counseling for caregivers, disease self-management programs for caregiver health).