Arthritis in Australia

15% of Australians report having arthritis.
3.3 million people in 2011–12

Prevalence

- 2% Rheumatoid arthritis
- 8% Osteoarthritis

Sex

- 5 out of 8 people with rheumatoid arthritis are women
- 2 out of 3 people with osteoarthritis are women

Health

- 10% of people with rheumatoid arthritis reported poor health compared to 3% without this condition
- 9% of people with osteoarthritis reported poor health compared to 3% without this condition

Children

- 6000 children aged 0–15 reported juvenile arthritis, it is as common as juvenile diabetes

Where can I find out more?


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