### **Relationship Indicators 2024**

# Loneliness



**5.1**mil

(24%) Australians reported they often felt very lonely, an increase from 20% in 2022

It's sad when two people who love each other, and yet cannot live together because their careers force them apart. In times of financial hardship, quitting one's job as a compromise to save a relationship, is courting financial disaster.

- Male, 55-64 years

Distance one of us is a FIFO.

- Female, 55-64 years

People that often felt very lonely:

33% of those aged 25-34 years

**35%** of one parent families with children aged 15+

49% of people living with a long-term mental health condition

42% of those distressed due to relationship pressures

37% of people reported being socially lonely

Social Loneliness increases among particular groups:

**55.7%** of those with long-term mental illness

48.2% of those living with disability

55.1% of those who said groups did not play an important role in their lives

'Social losses (loss of shared friends).' - Male, 35-44 years

21% of people reported being emotionally lonely\*

**Emotional Loneliness increases among particular groups:** 

**33.2**%

46.3%

42.8%

of those experiencing of those that did not of those feeling unsafe ongoing effects from rely on others for agreeing with their a separation

support

most important person

'I am not one to unload on others, prefer to work through issues on own.' - Female, 35-44 years

<sup>\*</sup> For the purposes of this Report, these statistics relate to Respondents who reported that they were lonely for each of the three separate questions about social or emotional loneliness on the DeJong Gierveld short scale (ie, a total score of 3 for each type of loneliness, which reflects greater social or emotional loneliness than for those reporting just one or two of the questions).

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83.9%

of older persons aged 75+ years did not report feeling very lonely I feel less lonely now than when I was married. -Female, 45-54 years

I speak with my old ex neighbour who is 90 yrs old very calming & wise.

- Female, 55-64 years

Prioritising social games (such as DnD) instead of spending time at home.

- Female, 35-44 years

#### Among people that were not socially lonely:

39.7% reported asking friends for support

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'Men's support group.' - Male, 25-34 years

17.9% reported greater subjective wellbeing

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'Dance class' - Female, 65-74 years

41.4% reported relationship satisfaction

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'Childcare groups.' - Female, 25-34 years

#### Among people that were not emotionally lonely:

82.9% reported feeling safe disagreeing in their relationships

82.9% 60.8% 95.4% felt loved

95.4%

73.3% reported high life satisfaction

73.3% 56.4%

## A relationship solution

**Neighbours Every Day** 

The Neighbours Every Day campaign provides simple, practical tools to create sustainable connections with your community. Neighbours Every Day is a proven intervention that leads to sustained reductions in loneliness

85%

knew their
neighbours better
after engaging
with the campaign

99% of these newly formed relationships have endured

saw improvement in their mental health