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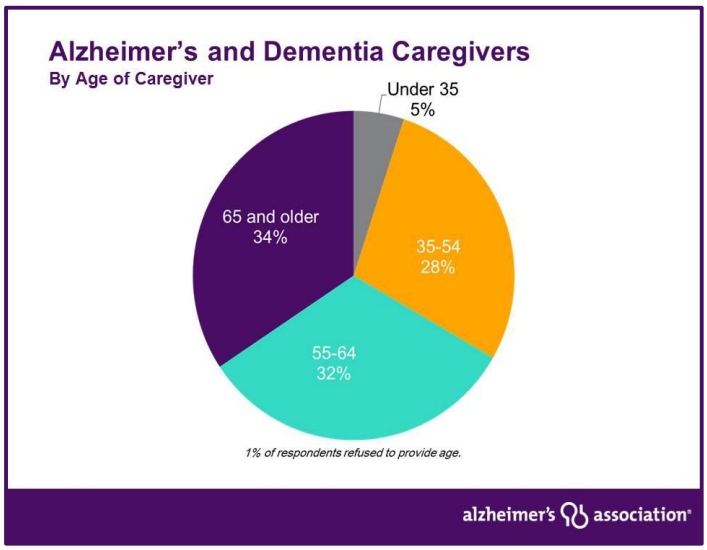
FY 2018 HCBS FUNDING

Alzheimer's Association GA Chapter supports the Georgia Council on Aging's **$10 Million ask for Non-Medicaid Home & Community Based Services funding.**



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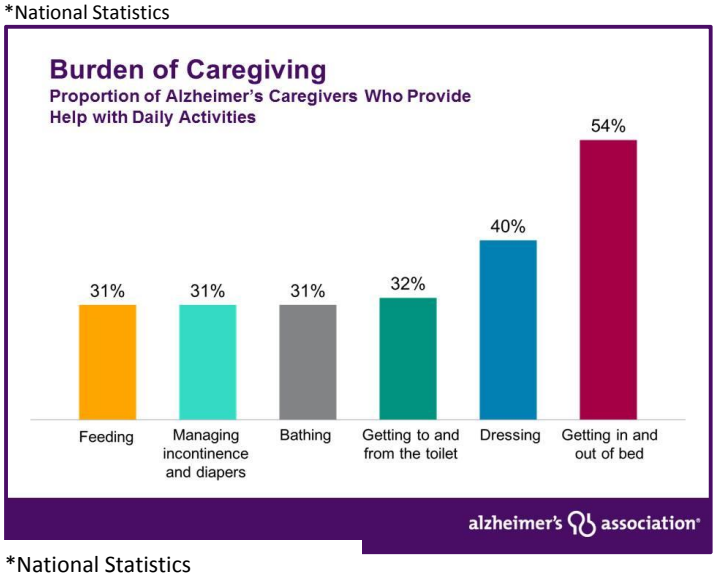

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Home & Community Based Services are critical to families caring for a person with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. The in-home services, adult day care, and meal-delivery are just some of the services that assist caregivers in keeping their loved ones home as long as possible. Caregivers are often full-time workers as seen in the chart to the left depicting the age of Alzheimer's & Dementia caregivers.

Georgia Caregivers topped half a million in 2015 and provided some 584,000,000 hours of unpaid care. Caregiving impacts their health which is costly to our state. In 2015 in Georgia the Healthcare cost of caregivers topped $2.6 million.

The burden of caregiving to Georgia families is large & costly to the state. In FY 2016, **428 people** on the HCBS wait list went directly into a nursing home at a cost of $8.8 million to the state of Georgia versus an estimated cost of $842,000 to keep them in their homes using Home & Community Based Services. Fund these services now to save the state crucial taxpayer dollars.