

MASSACHUSETTS CAREGIVING



2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data



1 in 6 adults
are caregivers

CAREGIVERS provide regular care or assistance to a FRIEND or FAMILY member with a health problem or disability

CAREGIVING CAN BE

LENGTHY

Over half have provided care for at least two years



INTENSE

Over a quarter have provided care for at least 20 hours per week



HOW DO CAREGIVERS HELP?



Nearly 80% manage household tasks

Nearly half assist with personal care



WHO ARE CAREGIVERS?

65% are women

24% are 65 years old or older

44% are caring for a parent or parent-in-law

22% of caregivers are providing care to someone with dementia



FUTURE CAREGIVERS



1 in 8 NON-CAREGIVERS expect to **BECOME CAREGIVERS** within 2 years