

Global RA Network Rheumatoid Arthritis Dashboard

The Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Dashboard helps patients and other stakeholders understand the facts about the disease and the gaps in the delivery of RA care and treatment in the United States.



United States

General health information



Total population **324.4 million¹**



Annual health expenditure **\$4.1 trillion³**



Life expectancy men **75.1 years²**



Obesity (% of population) **31.9%⁴**



Life expectancy women **80.5 years²**



Smokers (% of population) **12.9%⁵**

Arthritis in the United States

Total people living with arthritis **58.5 million⁶**

Women **13.8 million⁷**

Men **10.6 million⁷**

Frequency (per 1,000 persons per year) **237⁷**

Estimated people living with arthritis in 2040 **78.4 million⁷**
(adults aged 18+)

Arthritis cost to society (health care costs and loss to economy) **304 billion⁸**

RA in the United States

Total people living with RA **1.5 million⁹**

Women **1.13 million¹⁰**

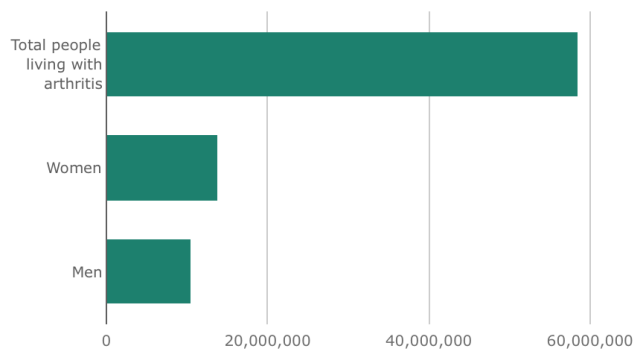
Men **375,000¹⁰**

Frequency (per 1,000 persons per year) **0.71¹¹**

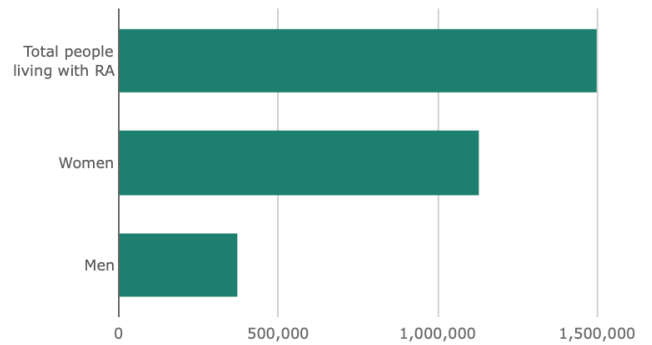
Estimated people living with RA in 2040 **2 million¹²**

RA cost to society (health care costs and loss to economy) **\$46 billion¹³**

Arthritis in the United States



RA in the United States



Models of Rheumatoid Arthritis care



Standardized model of care

Yes



Number of rheumatologists per 75,000 population **5,595¹⁴** (as of 2015)



Time to RA diagnosis after experiencing first symptoms
(% of patients within 1 month)

40.5 months¹⁵



RA patient wait time for first rheumatologist visit
(% of patients longer than 3 months)

16.3 months¹⁵

Barriers to virtual care



Lack of digital skills



Access to internet



Cost of electronics



Language



Policies/procedures that govern telehealth

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