AUSTRALIAN EPILEPSY RESEARCH REGISTRY
LONGITUDINAL STUDY - WAVE 2

A Snapshot of People Living with Epilepsy

343 PARTICIPATED

The average age 43.3 years

72% were living with epilepsy

57% female

43% male

CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY

Education level
Most people had a Year 11 or less level

Work Status
Only 38% were employed
of which 45% were full time and 30% were part time.

Weekly income
Very low - most people received within the range of $250 - $500 (the national minimum was $590)

NEEDS AND PERCEPTIONS

58% experienced Tonic Clonic type seizures

61% were on multiple medications for their epilepsy

31% only had full control of their epilepsy

55% had suffered injuries as a result of their seizures

64% required hospital treatment for their injuries

The impact of epilepsy on people's lives included -
- their ability to drive a car,
- their memory,
- their future plans and ambitions,
- their self-esteem and confidence, and
- their social life.

www.epilepsyfoundation.org.au