

WANDERING by the NUMBERS

750,000 Canadians

have Alzheimer's and other dementias

1.4 million Canadians

will have dementia by 2031 in the absence of a cure

900,000 of them will wander

 **6 in 10** people with dementia, (450,000 Canadians) will wander at least once

\$1,500 – estimated per hour cost of a missing person search for a dementia wanderer

\$33 billion – cost per year

to Canadian economy in dementia-related medical expenses and lost earnings

\$293 billion – cost per year to Canadian economy by 2040 if nothing changes

Canada does not have a national dementia strategy, though Ottawa is discussing plans for one

Sources: Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer Society of Canada, Project Lifesaver

