



7 Senses Quick Facts

Over 600,000 Australians have significant vision loss (not correctable with glasses).

70% of people who are blind are aged 70 years and over.



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Projections for 2050 indicate that **1 in every 4** Australians will have hearing loss.

90% of people born with hearing impairment are born into hearing families.



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The inability to detect any taste is **ageusia**.

Taste and smell cells are the only sensory cells that regularly replaced.

Taste cells usually last about 10 days.



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Anosmia is the total loss of the sense of smell. Parosmia is the incorrect identification of odours.

90% of people with Alzheimer's disease have impaired smell capacity.



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Tactile defensiveness is hypersensitivity to touch, usually softer touch like kisses, and clothing on skin.

95% of amputees experience phantom touch - sensations occurring to the missing limb.



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1 in 6 people will have a stroke in their lifetime. Strokes commonly impact the sense of balance.

35% of adults aged over 40 years have experienced some form of vestibular dysfunction.



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Being able to touch your nose with your eyes closed is an example of normal proprioception ability.

Teenagers may experience temporary impairment of proprioception due to their growth spurts.



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1 in every 20 children have Sensory Processing Disorder - a neurological condition that impairs the functional skills.

1 in every 100 children have Autism, many of whom have difficulties with sensory processing.