

SCIENCE NEWS

IN NUMBERS



Winter delays
In December and January:

1 in 5 walk-ins at A&E waited for more than four hours to be seen.

1 in 7

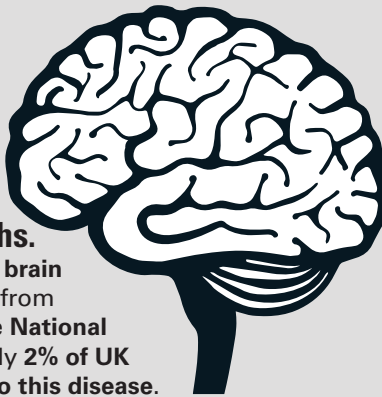
people waited over 30 minutes to be handed over to A&E staff when arriving at hospital by ambulance.



2% OF CANCER RESEARCH FUNDS

For the under 50s, brain tumours account for one in 10 cancer deaths.

For children (those aged under 15 years), brain tumours account for one in three deaths from cancer. But, according to figures from the National Cancer Research Institute for 2018-19, only 2% of UK cancer research investment is allocated to this disease.



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COUGHS AN HOUR

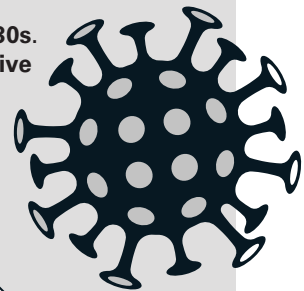
Up to 10% of adults experience "chronic cough" symptoms with no clear underlying cause.

In a clinical trial, 453 men and women reported that they coughed 24-29 times an hour. Following a 12-week trial with a potential new drug, this fell to an average of 11 times an hour.

x10 RISK FOR ELDERLY

In the first big analysis of more than 44,000 coronavirus cases from China, the death rate was x10 higher in the very elderly, compared with the middle-aged.

The death rates were lowest for the under 30s. Deaths were at least five times more common among people with underlying health conditions.



Expensive cars are the least likely to stop for pedestrians. Of 461 cars that US researchers examined, only 28% stopped at flashing pedestrian crossings. The odds of stopping decreasing by 3% per \$1000 increase in the car's value.

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