



## **Press Release**

# **Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics**

### **On the occasion of the International Day of older persons** **6.6% percentage of elderly person of total population**

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 29/ 9 /2022 on the occasion of the international day of older people (60 years and over), Whereas, it is celebrated by the world on the first day of October of each year and designated by the United Nations at its meeting on December 14, 1990, to highlight considerable contributions that elderly persons offer to the comprehensive development within society and identify the most important issues related to their needs and services provided to them. This year it is celebrated under the slogan " Resilience of the elderly in a changing world".

### **Older persons around the world**

Aging is a biological fact that occurs outside the realm of human control, and, of course, its definition varies from one community to another, In most countries, age is an indicator of old age, where the age of (60-65) years is the age of retirement and the beginning of old age, In several other regions, age is not taken into account to determine a person's aging, as there are other factors that determine retirement age, such as: the ability to perform work, which means that, old age begins when a person is unable to participate effectively in society.

According to UN statistics, the number of older people (60-65) years is expected to double worldwide over the next three decades to reach more than 1.5 billion people in 2050 and 80% of them will live in low- and middle-income countries.

### **Older persons in Egyptian Constitution**

Egypt is always keen on caring for elderly and preserving their rights, as evidenced by Article (83) of the Egyptian Constitution 2014 which states, "The state is obligated to guarantee elderly rights in health, economics, social, cultural and recreational terms, and to provide an adequate pension that guarantees them a decent life, and to enable them to participate in public life. In planning public facilities, the state considers elderly needs and encourages civil society organizations to participate in elderly Care".

## **The most important statistical indicators of older persons (60 years and over):**

### **I- According to population estimates on July 1st, 2022**

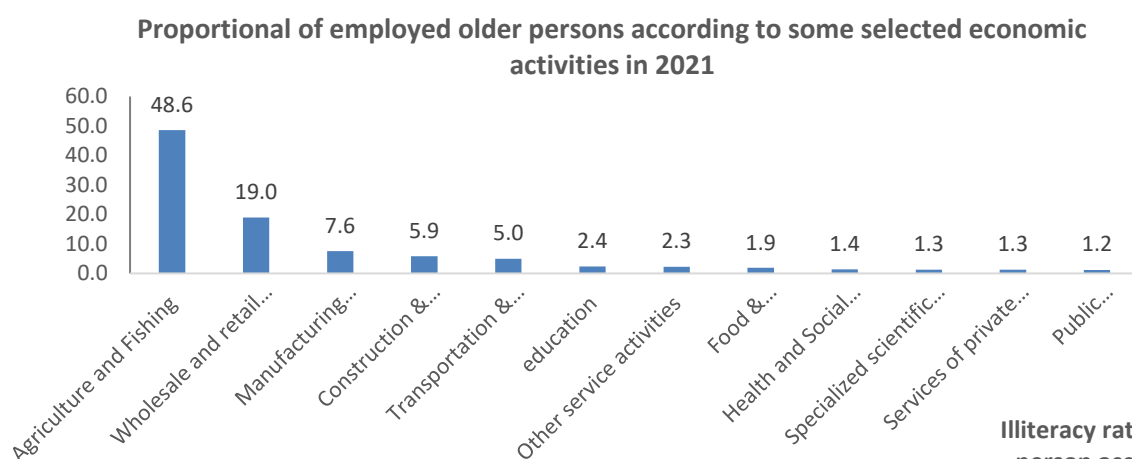
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- Number of older persons reached about 6.9 million which represents 6.6% of total population.
- Number of male older persons is 3.7 million, which represents about 6.9% of total male population, also the number of female older persons is 3.2 million, which represents about 6.4% of total female population.
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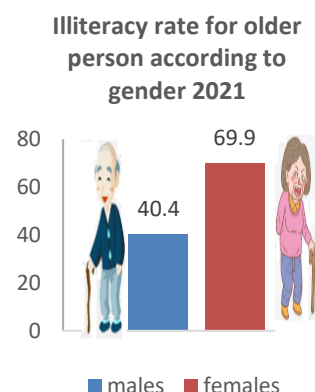
### **II -According to labor force survey 2021**

**Number of older working (60 years and over) reached 1.1millions, which represent about 16.6% from total older persons**

- Number of employed older persons reached 1.1 million, which represent about 16.6 % from total older persons.
- 48.6% of older person working in agriculture and fishing activities, 19% working in wholesale and retail activities.



- Illiteracy rate among older persons is 54.9% in 2021(40.4% of total older males, 69.9% of total older females), while for elderly persons with a university degree and higher is 10.4% in 2021(14.4% of total older males, 6.3% of total older females).



### III-According to social services bulletin 2021(primary data):

#### **Number of older (60 years and over) care institutions 167 institutions in 2021 all over Egypt**

- Number of older care institutions 167 institutions in 2021 all over Egypt, number of its beneficiaries is 2812.
- Number of clubs for older people reached 172 clubs, the number of beneficiaries is 26,075.
- Ministry of Social Solidarity provides a pension to households headed by older people which reached 6472 households, and the value of pension for those families is about 37 million pounds.

### V-According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2021:

#### **Percentage of older person (60 years and over) is marriage contracts is less than percentage of divorce contracts**

- Percentage of older person's marriage contracts reached 2.2% of total contracts.
- Percentage of divorce contracts reached 9.8% of total contracts.

#### **● Sources:**

- Population estimates on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- Labor force survey 2021.
- Marriage and divorce bulletin 2021.
- Social services bulletin 2021(Primary data).