



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the International Day of elderly persons

74.3 years life expectancy at birth in Egypt 2021

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 30 / 9 /2021 on the occasion of the International day of elderly people (60 years and over). The United Nations has identified the 1st of October of every year to be the international day of elderly persons, In order to highlight the significant contributions that elderly persons make to the overall development within society, And identify the most important issues related to their needs and services provided to them.

The most important statistical indicators of elderly persons (60 years and over):

I- According to population estimates on July 1st, 2021

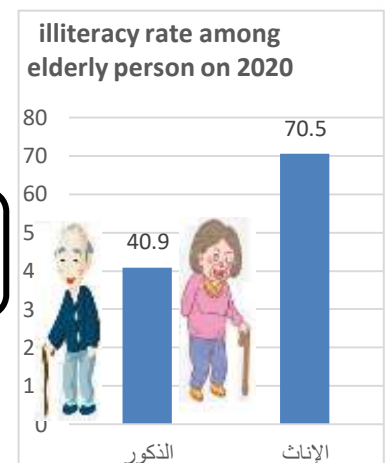
Life expectancy at birth is about 74 years in 2021 in Egypt

- Number of elderly persons reached about 6.8 million which represents 6.7% of total population and is expected to increase to 17.9% in 2052.
- Number of male elderly persons is 3.6 million, which represent about 6.9% of total male population, also the number of female elderly persons is 3.2 million, which represent about 6.4% of total female population.
- Life expectancy at birth increased from 73.9 years in 2019 to 74.3 years in 2021 (73.4 years for males and 75.9 for Females).

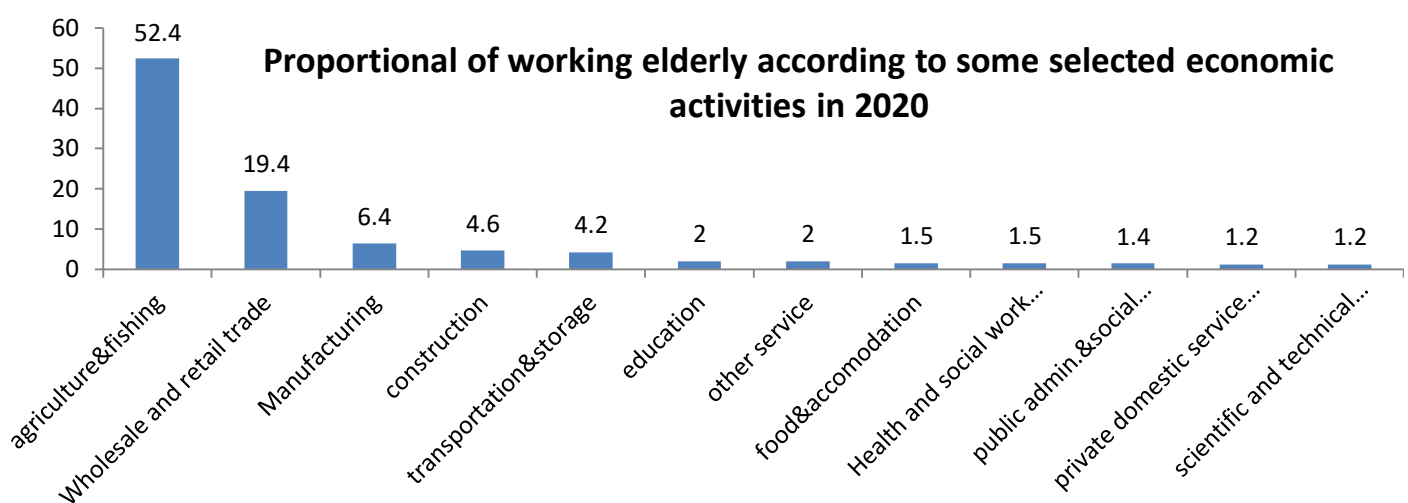
II -According to labour force survey 2020

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- The illiteracy rate among elderly persons reached 55.1% in 2020 (40.9% for males, 70.5% for females).



- Percent a university degree and higher within elderly persons decreased from 10.3% in 2019 to 9.9% in 2020 (13.7% for males, 5.7% for females)
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 - 52.4% of elderly person working in agriculture and fishing activities , 19.4% working in wholesale and retail activities, and the smallest percentage 1.2% working in both scientific and technical activities and private domestic service activities.



III -According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2020 (primary data):

The percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts is less than the percentage of divorce

- Percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 2.1% of total contracts.
- Percentage of divorce contracts reached 9.5% of total contracts.

V-According to mortality bulletin 2020(primary data):

Mortality rate for female elderly persons is more than Mortality rate for male elderly persons

- Mortality rate for elderly persons reached 66.1% of total deaths.
- Mortality rate for male elderly persons reached 61.8% of total male deaths.
- Mortality rate for female elderly persons reached 71.1% of total female deaths.

IV-According to social services bulletin 2020(primary data):

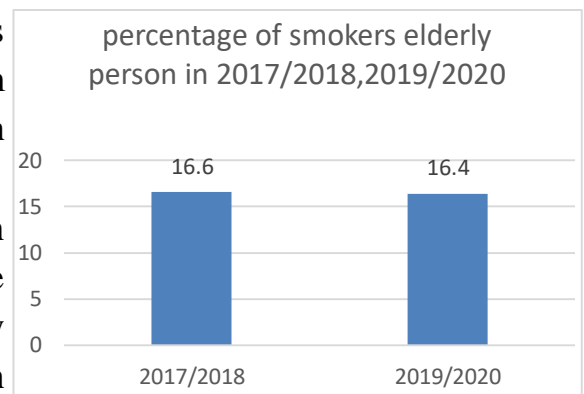
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- Number of beneficiaries of it is 2944.

IIV-According to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2019/2020:

Decrease of elderly smokers persons to reach 16.4% in 2019/2020

- Percentage of elderly smokers persons slightly decreased from 16.6% in 2017/2018 to 16.4% in 2019/2020.
- Percentage of poverty between elderly person reach 14%, while the percentage of poverty elderly person of total poverty person 4.1%.



● **Sources:**

- Population estimates on July 1st, 2021
- Labour force survey 2020
- Marriage and divorce bulletin 2020
- Mortality bulletin 2020
- Social services bulletin 2020
- Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2019/2020.