



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the International Day of elderly persons

6.7% percentage of Elderly persons in Egypt 2018

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 29 / 9 / 2018 on the occasion of the International day of elderly persons (60 years and over). The United Nations has identified the 1st of October annually to be the international day of elderly persons to mark the World Day of Older persons or the International Day of Older persons with a view of supporting older persons and highlighting their role in comprehensive development within society to promote the building of a society for all generations by highlighting the most important issues related to their care, service and rehabilitation.

Developing and increasing the number of clubs for the elderly and serve as day centers through which various services for the elderly and social, health and cultural welfare program are provided.

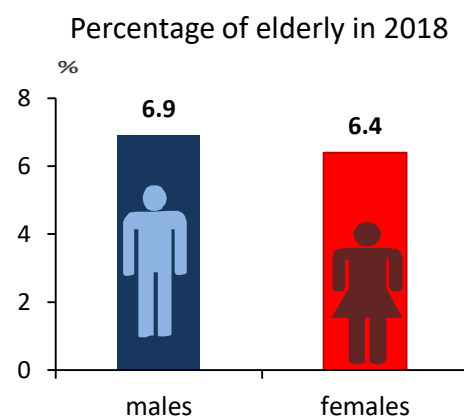
The most important statistical indicators of elderly persons 60 (years and over) in CAPMAS :

- According to population estimates on January 1st , 2018:

- The number of elderly persons reached 6.410 million in 2018 (3.418 million males, 2.992million females), which represents 6.7% (6.9% for males, 6.4% for females) of total population and is expected to increase to 11.5% in 2031.

- According to in 2017:

The number of families headed by an elderly person of 4,542 million by 19.4% of total Egyptian families



**data from the general population,
housing and enterprise census**

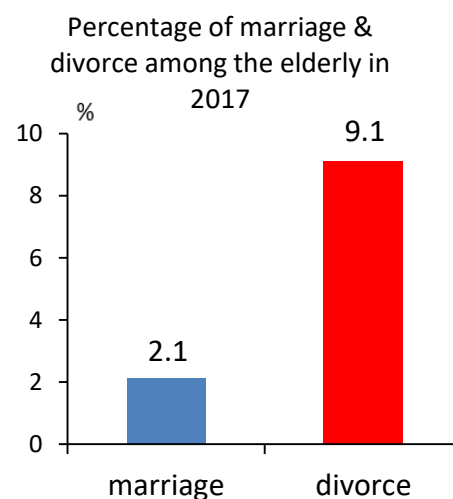
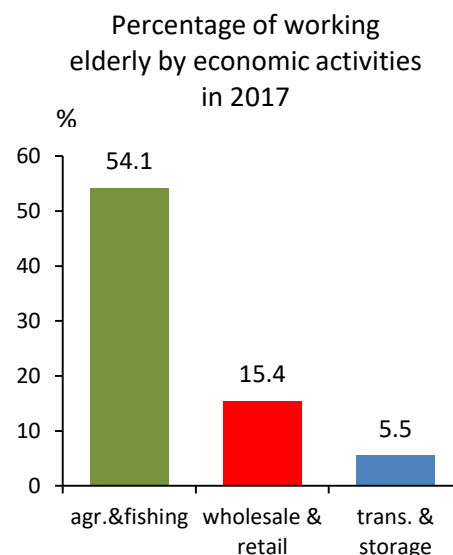
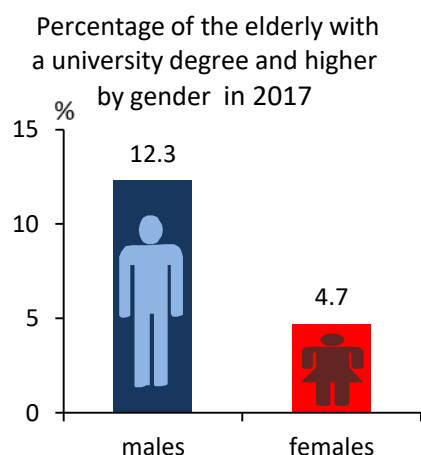
● **According to labor force survey**

2017:

- Percent of elderly persons with a university degree and higher is 8.8% (12.3% males , 4.7% females) of total elderly persons in 2017.
- Number of working elderly reached 1.256 million in 2017 for which :
 - 54.1% are working in Agriculture and fishing activities ,
 - 15.4% are working in wholesale and retail activities and
 - 5.5% are working in transportation and storage.

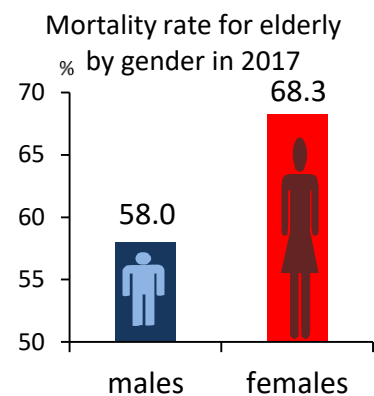
● **According to marriage and divorce
bulletin in 2017:**

Percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 2.1% of total contracts, while the percentage of divorce reached 9.1 % of total contracts in 2017.



- **According to mortality bulletin 2017:**

Mortality rate for elderly persons has reached 62.6% (58% males, 68.3% females) of total deaths in 2017.



- **State efforts for the elderly:**

In view of the state's interest in caring for the elderly, article 83 of the Constitution of Egypt in 2014 that: "The State shall undertake to ensure the health, economic, social, cultural and recreational rights of the elderly and to provide them with an adequate pension that ensures a dignified life, enable them to participate in public life and take into account the state in Planning for public utilities the needs of the elderly, and civil society organizations are encouraged to participate in the care of the elderly, all as regulated by law. "

The Ministry of Social Solidarity was keen to provide the best services and care for older persons and the obligation to provide social, health, legal and rehabilitative care programs for older persons in order to ensure a dignified life, and has therefore adopted an ambitious plan to develop its services for the elderly through:

- Developing social care institutions for the elderly to improve the quality of their services by upgrading their infrastructure and improving the efficiency of care providers and executive management by implementing interventions aimed at providing a safe environment for older persons and their integration into society.
- The development of social safe networks is karama program, which grants a pension to elderly persons from the age of ٦٥ or to those with a disability or chronic illness. The number of beneficiaries of the dignity program is 298784 beneficiaries.

The resources of data:

- The Constitution of 2014.
- Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Population estimates in 2018.
- The general population, housing and enterprise census in 2017
- Labor force survey in 2017.
- Marriage and Divorce Bulletin, 2017.
- Birth and Death bulletin, 2017.

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