



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the International of elderly persons Day

6.9% percentage of Elderly persons (60 years and over) in Egypt 2013

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 30/ 9/2014 on the occasion of the International of elderly persons Day (60 years and over), as the first international document to formulate policies and elderly persons was preceded by initiatives such as the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing – which was adopted by the 1982 World General Assembly for Ageing – and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 1990, as the 1st of October of every year shall be the international day of elderly persons.

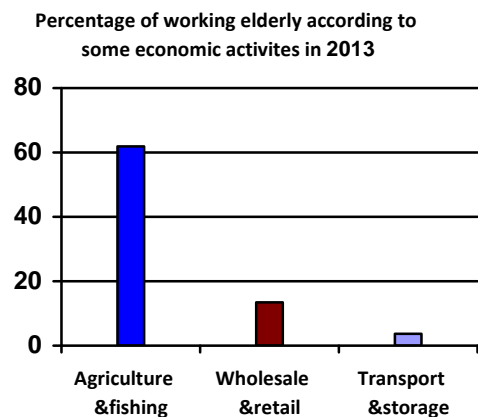
The most important statistical indicators elderly persons in Egypt:

- **Percent of elderly to total population 6.9%**
 - The number of elderly persons reached 5.8 million (2.8 million male, 3 million female) in 2013, which represents 6.9% of total population (6.7% from males, 7.1% from females) and is expected to increase to 11.5% in 2031.
 - The survival ratio at birth for males increased from 66.5 in 2006 to 69.7 years in 2014 , while birth ratio for Females increased also from 69.1 in 2006 to 72.5 years in 2014 which reflects the improvements of the health services specially for the elderly persons.
- **64.9% percentage of illiteracy among elderly persons**

The illiteracy rate among elderly persons reached 64.9% (51.1% males, 79.4% females). While the elderly persons with a university degree and higher percent is 8.3% (12.3% males, 4.1% females) in 2013.

- **61.9% percentage of elderly workers in agriculture and fishing activities**

Number of elderly working reached 1.2 million, they represent 20.6% of the total percentage of elderly, where 61.9% are working in agriculture and fishing activities, 13.4% are working in wholesale and retail activity and 3.7% are working in transportation and storage activities according to labor force bulletin in 2013.



- **8% percentage of divorce among elderly persons**

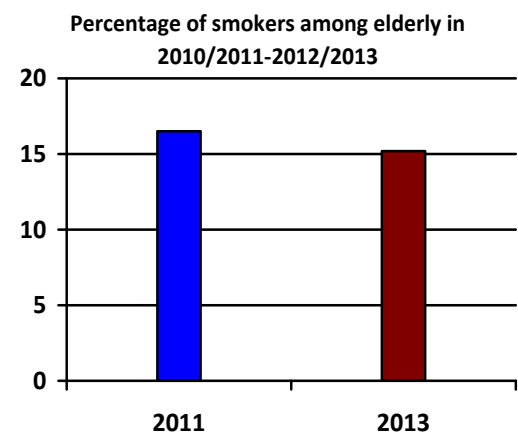
The percentage of elderly persons marriage contracts reached 1.1% of total contracts in 2012. However, the percentage of divorce reached 1.1% of total percent of divorces according to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2013.

- **58.8% mortality percentage of the elderly persons**

Mortality rate for elderly persons has reached 58.8% of total deaths (53.7% males, 65.2% females) according to mortality bulletin in 2013.

- **15.2% Decrease in the percentage of smokers among elderly persons**

The percentage of smokers among elderly persons decreased from 16.5% in 2010/2011 to 15.2% in 2012/2013 of number elderly persons, where the percentage of elderly smokers persons increased from 10.8% in 2010/2011 to 11.2% in 2012/2013 of total number of smokers according to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey.



- **19.2% percentage of poor elderly persons**

Poverty rate among elderly persons reached 19.2% (20.0% for males, 18.4% for females) in 2012/2013 according to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey.

- **Increasing public care for Elderly in 2012**

Number of elderly care institutions has increased more than quarter (26.4%), it was 121 institutions in 2011 and increased to 153 institutions all over Egypt that provides social care for around 5309 elderly according to social services bulletin in 2012.

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