



## Press Release

# Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

### On the occasion of the International Day of elderly persons

### 6.9% percentage of Elderly persons in Egypt 2017

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 28 / 9 / 2017 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 in order to shed light on the great contributions made by the elderly in society and to respond to the opportunities and challenges facing aging population and creating an inclusive society for all generations.□

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

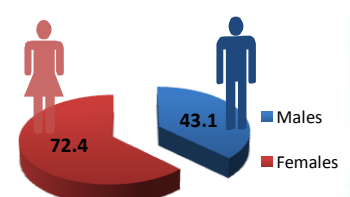
- According to population estimates on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017:

- The number of elderly persons reached 6.4 million (3.15 million males, 3.21 million females), 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 life expectancy at birth by gender for this age group (70.8 years for males and 73.6 for Females).

- According to labour force survey 2016:

- The illiteracy rate among elderly persons decreased from 59.4% in 2015 of total elderly persons to be 57.1% in 2016, (43.1% males, 72.4% females).

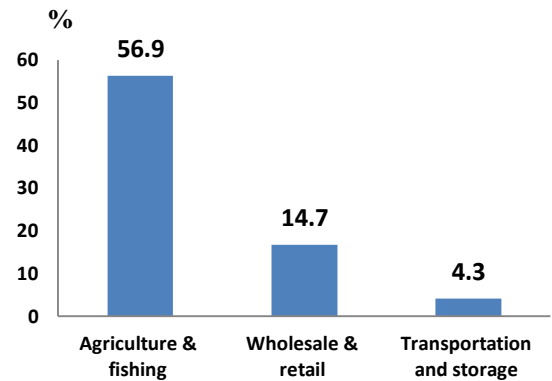
Percentage of illiteracy among elderly people in 2016 by gender



- Percent of elderly persons with a university degree and higher is 8.4% of total elderly persons (12% males, 4.4% females).

- Number of working elderly reached 1.3 millions, they represent about (19.9%), 56.9% are working in agriculture and fishing activities, 14.7% are working in wholesale and retail activities and 4.3% are working in transportation and storage activities.

**Percentage of working elderly according to some economic activities in 2016**



- **According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2016:**

- Percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 1.9% of total contracts, while the percentage of divorce reached 8.9% of total contracts.

- **According to mortality bulletin 2016:**

- Mortality rate for elderly persons has reached 61.8% of total deaths (57.3% males, 67.3% females)

- **According to social services bulletin 2015:**

- Number of elderly care institutions has decreased from 170 institutions in 2014 to 168 institutions in 2015 all over Egypt, while the number of service beneficiaries increased from 3180 in 2014 to 3961 in 2015.

- **According to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption**

**Survey 2015:**

- Percentage of elderly smokers persons increased from 11.2% in 2012/2013 to 12.5% in 2015 of total number of smokers.

**Percentage of smokers among elderly in 2012/2013-2015**

