



# Press Release

## Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

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

#### 74.3 years life expectancy at birth in Egypt 2020

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 30 / 9 /2020 on the occasion of the International day of older people (60 years and over). The United Nations has identified, the 1st of October of every year on the meeting on 14th December 1990 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 care and services provided to them and their rehabilitation .

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

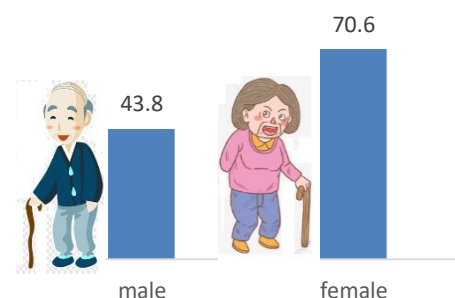
- **According to population estimates on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

- Number of elderly persons reached about 7 million which represents 7.1% of total population and is expected to increase to 17.9% in 2052.
- Number of male elderly persons is 3.5 million, which represent about 6.9% of total male population, also the number of female elderly persons is 3.5 million, which represent about 7.3% of total female population.
- Life expectancy at birth increased from 73.9 years in 2019 to 74.3 years in 2020 (73 years for males and 75.5 for Females).

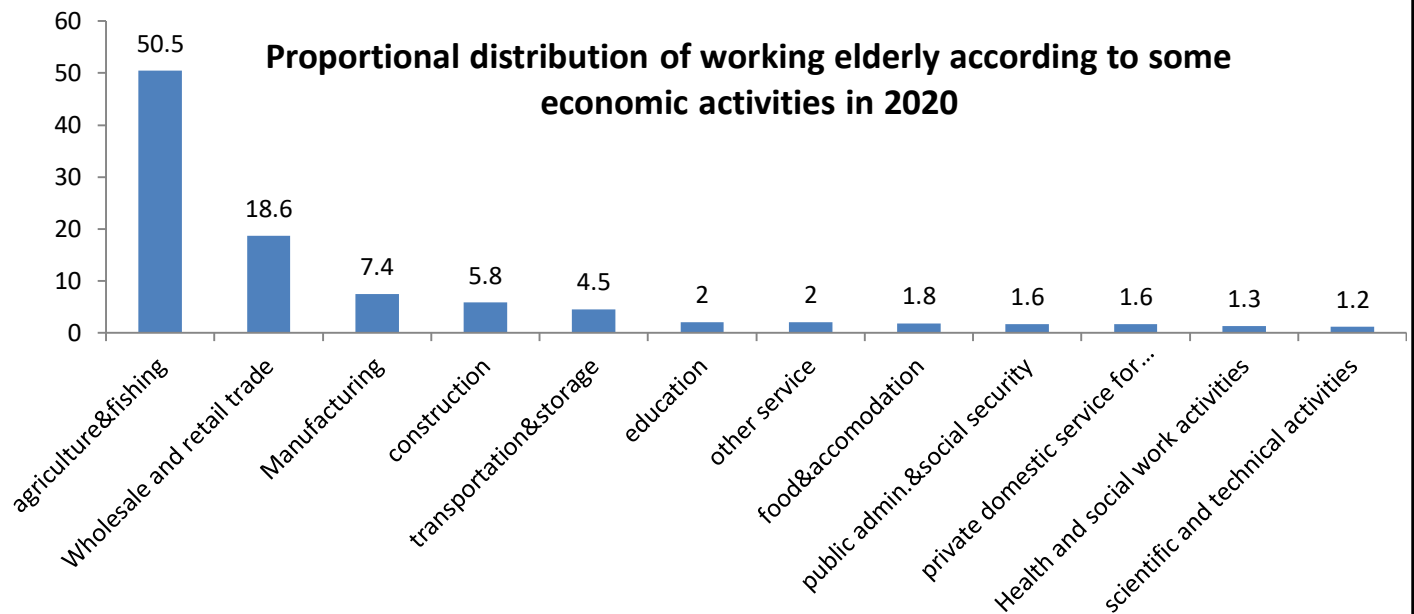
- **According to labour force survey 2019:**

- The illiteracy rate among elderly persons reached 56.5% in 2019 (43.8% for males, 70.6% for females) .
- Percentage of a university degree and higher within elderly persons increased from 8.9% in 2018 to 10.3% in 2019 (14.02% for males, 6.2% for females) .

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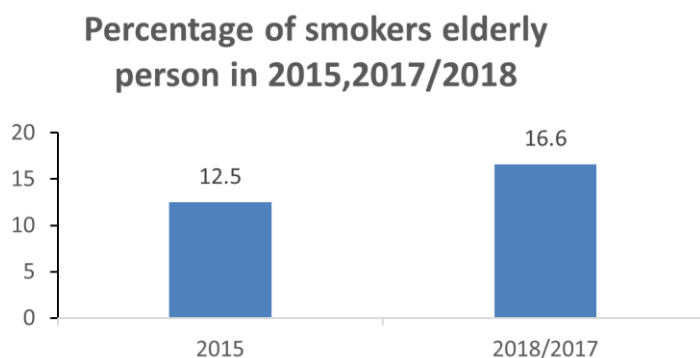
- Number of elderly working reached 1.1 millions, they represent about 16.5% from total elderly persons.
- The greatest percentage 50.5% are working in agriculture and fishing activities ,then 18.6% in wholesale and retail activities and the smallest percentage 1.2% working in scientific and technical activities .



- **According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2019 (primary data):**
  - Percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 2.2% of total contracts.
  - Percentage of divorce contracts reached 9% of total contracts.
- **According to mortality bulletin 2019:**
  - Mortality rate for elderly persons reached 64.1% of total deaths.
  - Mortality rate for male elderly persons reached 59.6% of total male deaths.
  - Mortality rate for female elderly persons reached 69.5% of total female deaths.
- **According to social services bulletin 2019(primary data):**
  - Number of elderly care institutions reached 156 institutions in 2019 all over Egypt

- **According to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2017/2018:**

- Percentage of elderly smokers persons increased from 12.5% in 2015 to 16.6% in 2017/2018 .



- **The resources of Data:**

- Population Estimates 2020.
- Labour Force Survey 2019.
- Marriage and Divorce bulletin in 2019 (primary data).
- Mortality Bulletin 2019.
- social services bulletin 2019(primary data).
- Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2017/2018.

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