



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the International Day of older persons

6.7% percentage of Elderly persons in Egypt 2019

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 30 / 9 / 2019 on the occasion of the International day of older persons (60 years and over). United Nations designated first of October annually to be the International Day of Older Persons or the International Day of elderly Persons, with the aim of supporting elderly persons and highlighting their role in comprehensive development of society to promote building of society for all generations by highlighting the most important issues related to their care and services.

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

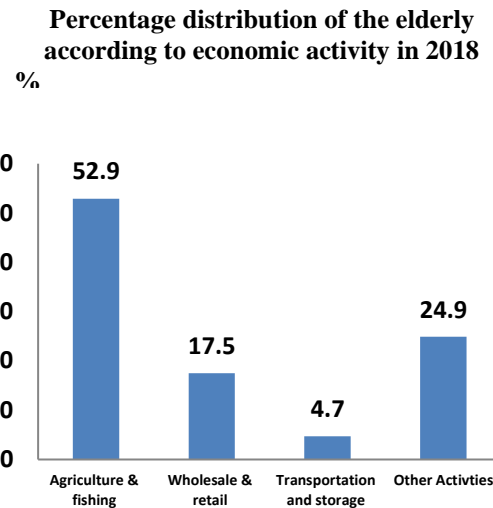
- **According to population estimates on 1/1/2019:**

- Number of elderly persons reached 6.5 million (3.5 million for males, 3.0 million for females), which represents 6.7% of total population (6.9% for males, 6.4% for females).
- The life expectancy at birth by gender for this age group is 73.9 years (72.7 years for males and 75.1 for females).

- **According to labor force survey 2018:**

- Total percentage of elderly persons with university degree and higher is 8.9% of total elderly persons (12.4% for males, 5.1% for females).

- Number of working elderly reached 1.217 million persons:-
 - 52.9% are working in agriculture and fishing activities.
 - 17.5% are working in wholesale and retail activities.
 - 4.7% are working in transportation and storage activities.
 - 24.9% are working in other activities.



- **According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2018:**

Percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 2.1% of total marriage contracts in 2018, while percentage of divorce reached 9.0% of total divorce contracts in the same year.

- **According to mortality bulletin 2018:**

Mortality rate for elderly persons has reached 63.6% of total deaths (59.1% for males, 68.9% for females)

- **According to social services bulletin 2017:**

Number of beneficiaries of social services, health and rehabilitative care reached 3480 in 2017 compared to 3414 in 2016, an increase of 1.9%.

State Efforts for Older Persons:

The state's role to care for elderly came through the text of Article (83) of the Egyptian Constitution 2014, "The state must ensure the rights of elderly healthily, economically, socially, culturally and recreationally. It provides an adequate pension that guarantees a decent life and enables them to participate in public life. Planning for public utilities needs of elderly, and also encourages civil society organizations to participate in elderly care as regulated by law ".

Ministry of Social Solidarity's efforts for elderly are as follows:

First: Social welfare

- Establishment nursing home care for elderly.
- Opening day care clubs for elderly.
- Opening service offices for elderly at home.
- Prepare and qualify service for elderly.
- Opening of physiotherapy units for elderly.
- Annual celebration of the Elderly Day.

Second: Developmental care

The Ministry provides projects for elderly, which are:

- Security projects: projects for low-income not refunded grant.
- Projects of productive families: loans granted to establish projects.
- Rural women projects: loans to elderly rural women and women heads of households to establish projects that help them raise their standard of living.
- Training some elderly on certain trades and professions according to their skills in elderly care institutions.

Third: Social Protection Services (Economic Welfare)

Financial Services:

- Granting a security pension to elderly that do not receive an insurance pension and do not have a source of income.
- Granting a one-stop payment system for elderly.
- Grant monthly assistance from Takaful Foundation to financially unable.
- Granting loans on concessional terms from projects of productive families and Nasser Social Bank for small and micro projects operation.

Services in kind:

- Issuing a ration card for social security pensioners and their families.

The development of social safety nets in Karama program to grant a pension to elderly (65 years) or people with chronic disability or illness. The number of beneficiaries of Karama program was 260217 beneficiaries, while the number of pensioners and beneficiaries was 10.027.438 elderlies.

Data sources:

- Constitution of 2014.
- Ministry of Social Solidarity.
- Population estimates of 2019.
- Manpower Bulletin 2018.
- Marriage and Divorce Bulletin 2018.
- Birth and Deaths Bulletin, 2018 (preliminary data).

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