



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 (60 years and over) in Egypt 2014

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on ٣٠ / ٩ /2015 on the occasion of the International day of elderly people (60 years and over). The first international document to formulate policies and programs for elderly persons was issued in 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 importance of the elderly study comes from its role in identifying some dimensions of a social issue that affects the society principles.

The most important statistical indicators of elderly persons in Egypt:

❖ 6.9% Percent of elderly to total population

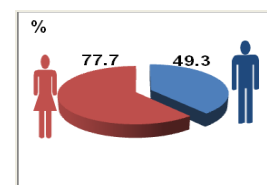
- The number of elderly persons reached 6 million (3 million male, 3 million female) in 2014, which represents 6.9% of total population (6.7% from males, 7.1% from females) and is expected to increase to 11.5% in 2031, according to population estimates in 1/7/2014.
- The survival ratio at birth by gender 71.5 years (70.1 years for males and 72.9 for Females) in 2015.

❖ According to labour force survey 2014

• 63.2% percentage of illiteracy is among elderly persons

- The illiteracy rate among elderly persons Decreased from 64.9% in 2013 of total elderly persons to be 63.2 % in 2014,(49.3% males, 77.7% females).

Percentage of illiteracy among elderly people in 2014 by gender

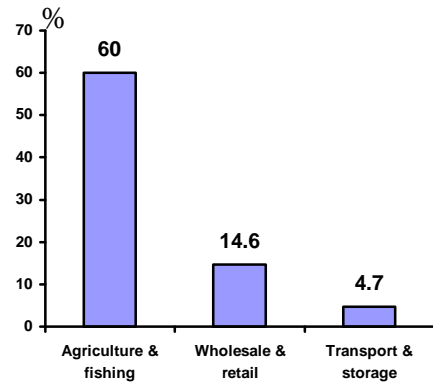


- Percent of elderly persons with a university degree and higher is 8.4% (12.4% males, 4.2% females).

- **20.4% percentage of elderly workers**

- Number of elderly working reached 1.2 million, they represent about fifth (20.4%) of the total elderly, where 60% are working in agriculture and fishing activities, 14.6% are working in wholesale and retail activity and 4.7% are working in transportation and storage activities.

Percentage of working elderly according to some economic activities in 2014

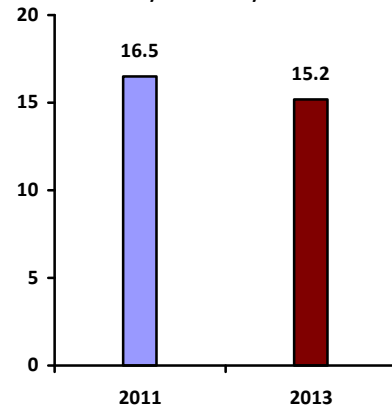


❖ **According to Household Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2012/2013.**

- **15.2% 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 total 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.

Percentage of smokers among elderly in 2010/2011-2012/2013



- **Two out of every ten persons from the elderly are poor.**

- Poverty rate among elderly persons reached 19.2% (20.0% for males, 18.4% for females).

❖ **8.7% percentage of divorce among elderly persons**

- The percentage of elderly person's marriage contracts reached 1.9% of total contracts. However, the percentage of divorce reached 8.7% of total percent of divorces according to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2014.

❖ **60% mortality percentage of the elderly persons**

- Mortality rate for elderly persons has reached 60% of total deaths (55% males, 66% females) according to mortality bulletin in 2014.

❖ **41.3% is the percent of increase in the number of social institutions for Elderly in 2014**

- Number of elderly care institutions has increased to 171 institution in 2014 , as it was 121 institutions in 2011, by increase of more than one-third reached to 41.3% all over Egypt, that provides social care for around 3180 elderly according to social services bulletin in 2014.