**Part 1: 1. Using scientific literature or other “primary” sources, find evidence to evaluate the assertion that the US population is aging and what some of the implications are in healthcare. Write a half-page paper that outlines the evidence for the aging and its implications. Cite 3 references. Submit this paper as a Word or PDF document. (Use Arial 11 pt font, single-spaced, 1 inch margin. The references don’t count towards the 1/2 page).**

Demography continues to change every day and as the population ages, countries including the United States will face great impacts and challenges to meet the needs of our aging population. According to the Population Reference Bureau’s *Population Bulletin*, the number of adults ages 65 and older is predicted to nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million by 2060. Currently U.S has the highest number of elderly populations. The elderly population is projected to be more diverse racially and ethnically. According to the US Census Bureau, the non-Hispanic white older population is set to drop from 77 percent in 2018 to 55 percent in 2060. Additionally, despite the diversity, older adults are working longer. 24 percent older men and 16 percent older women ages 65 and older were still in the labor force. The US Census Bureau also projected that a further rise in 2026.

As individuals grow older, there is a greater need for improved or sustained health, quality of life and sufficient economic and social resources. Countries will face challenges to meet the needs our older population both socially and economically. Chronic illnesses are increasing burden on healthcare. Some of the challenges or implications in healthcare are, policies for elderly, provisions of social services, economic support, resources and demands, frequencies, physical and mental disabilities and many more. Policy related health decisions for the older population have become more complex from fiscal, ethical and technological aspects. Health care for the elderly is different compared to other age groups since there is a greater demand for resources, support related to housing, nutrition, institutional care, and a higher number of physical and mental disabilities. Health related events usually occur at a more rapid rate in the older population compared to other age groups. Moreover, because of the various additional implications, more data is required from the older population in order to be able to create the right policies, resources and to conduct research. This all provides evidence to evaluate the statement that the population in the United States in aging and there are several implications caused within the healthcare system.

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