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Demographic Trends and Living Arrangements of Older Persons

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Introduction

Outline

- **Demographic trends of Population Ageing**

Highlight the global demographic shift toward an aging population.
Population ageing in the United States

- **Living arrangements of older persons**

Why living arrangements matter? **What do we know – what data do we have?**
International Data Sources on the older persons living arrangements

- **USA Case Study (demonstration of the interactive database)**

Present a case study of the trends of US data or real-world example of a country or region that has effectively used data on living arrangements to inform policy.



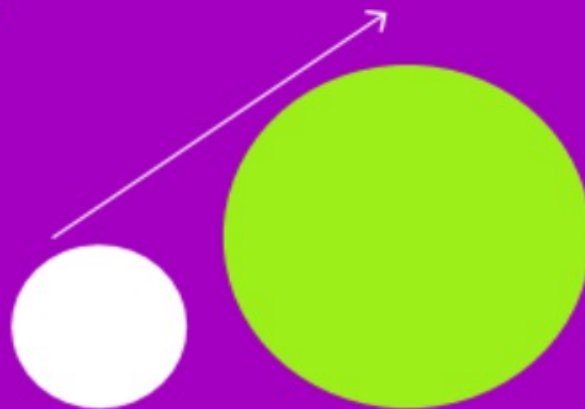
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Global Demographic Trends of Population Ageing

MORE THAN DOUBLE

the number of people aged 65+ will
MORE THAN DOUBLE from

761
MILLION in 2021 to
1.6
BILLION in 2050



SOCIETIES WILL BE OLDER

from 1 in 10 people 65+



in 2021

to 1 in 6 people 65+

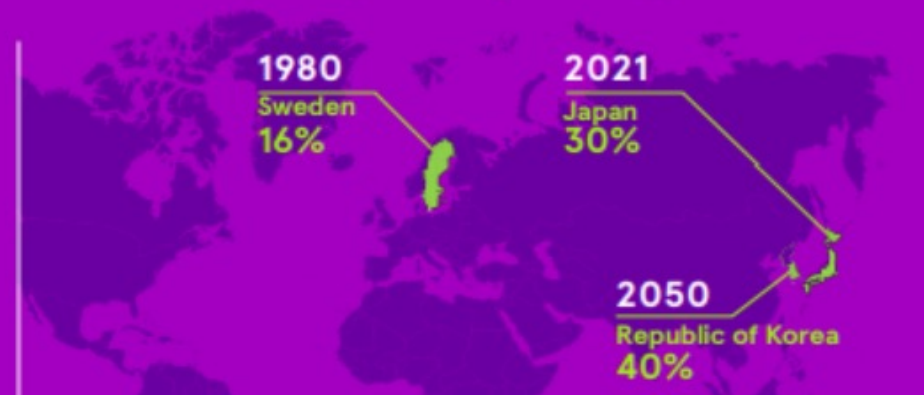


in 2050

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IS SHIFTING

from Europe towards Eastern and South-Eastern Asia by 2050

World's oldest country or territory (with the largest share of people 65+)



THE 80+ POPULATION IS GROWING FAST

increase expected from

155 → **459**



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Ageing in the United States

A Growing Aging Population:

- In 2021, more than 1 in 6 people were aged 65 or older, and this proportion is projected to rise to nearly 1 in every 4 by the year 2050.
- The population of Americans aged 65 and older has seen significant growth, nearly doubling from 34.8 million in 2000 to 56.2 million in 2021 and is projected to reach nearly 89 million by 2050.
- The group most in need of basic personal care, adults aged 85 and older, is projected to triple in size, increasing from 6.3 million in 2021 to 20 million by 2050 (United Nations, 2022).



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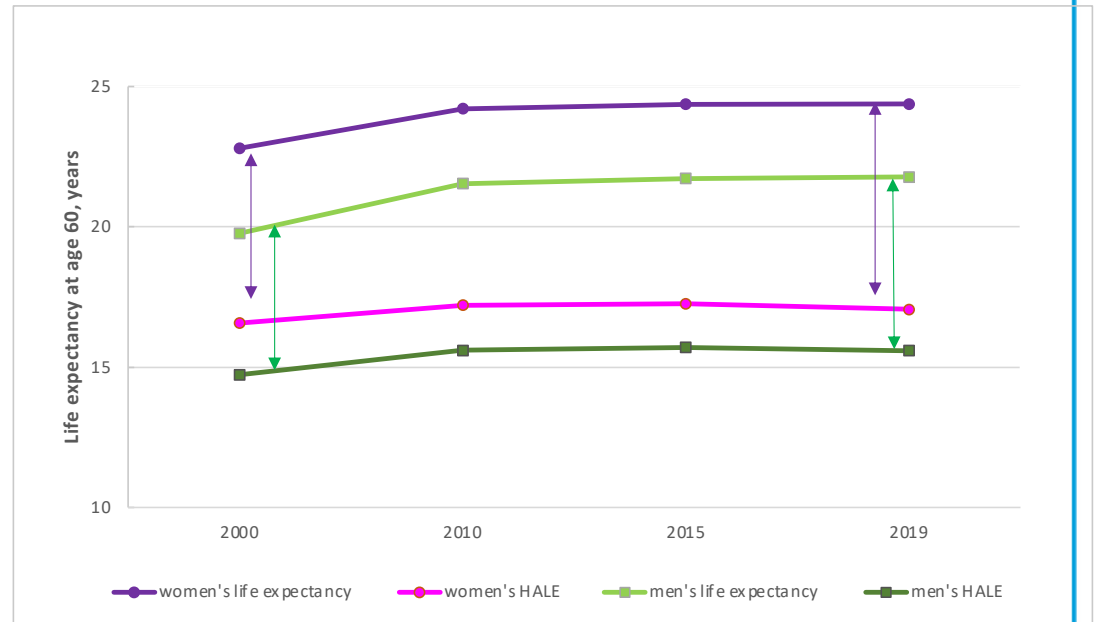
Older Americans are living longer, but are they living healthier?

Between 2000 and 2019:

- Life expectancy at age 60 increased from 21.4 years to 23.1 years.
- Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at age 60 increased from 15.7 years to 16.4 years.

However, the increase in HALE (0.7 years) has not kept pace with the increase in life expectancy (**1.7 years**).

Life-expectancy and health adjusted life-expectancy at age 60 in the USA



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Women tend to live longer than men and thus comprise the majority of older persons, especially at advanced ages.

Although girls and women tend to experience lower mortality rates across the age range, the female advantage in survival is most noticeable at older ages.

Yet older women experience a greater prevalence of morbidity and disability.



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Living arrangements of older persons: Why it matters?

- The living arrangements of older persons not only impact their economic well-being, physical and psycho-social health, and life satisfaction but also strongly determine the care services they receive.
- Data on older persons' living arrangements can inform policy and program decisions and contribute to efforts aimed at promoting gender equality and the rights of older persons.
- However, until recently there was no international harmonized and comparable database on patterns and trends in the household size, composition and the living arrangements of older persons at the global level, across regions and countries, and over time.

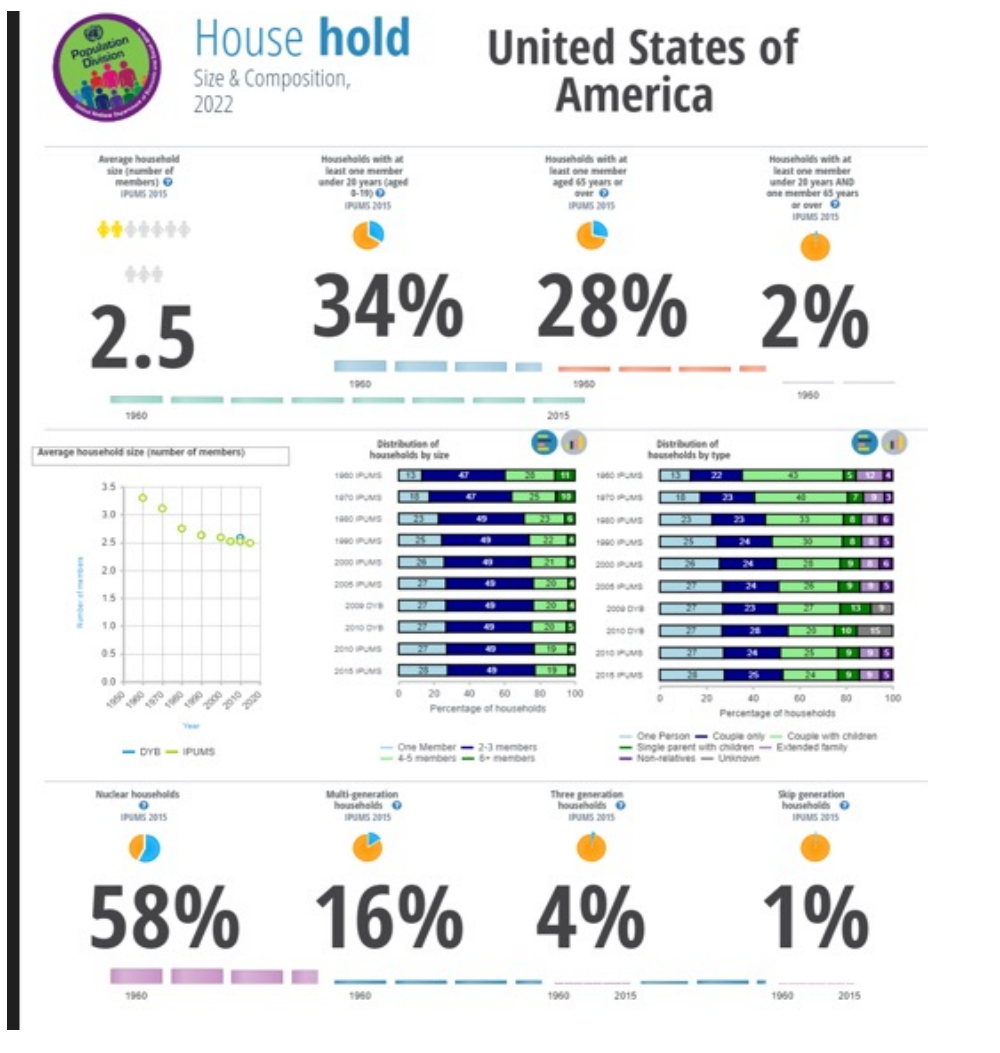


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Database on Household size and composition

- Based on 1,059 unique data sources
- Covers 196 countries or areas
- Represents approximately 98% of the world's population in 2022
- Reference dates ranging from 1960 to 2021





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Interactive database: Household Living Arrangements of Older Persons

- Data Sources: 982 unique data sources
- Coverage: 180 countries or areas, representing approximately 98% of persons aged 60 or over globally
- Reference Dates: 1960 to 2021
- Disaggregated by sex and age groups (60+, 65+ and 80+)

Living independently: Households consisting of an older person living alone or with a spouse or partner only.

Living with children: Couple (whether married or not) or single parent living with their children only, including biological, adopted and foster children, as well as stepchildren and children-in-law, irrespective of the children's ages. This category has two sub-categories:

Living with children under 20 years of age: The oldest co-resident child is aged 0 to 19 years;

Living with children aged 20 years or over: The oldest co-resident child is aged 20 years or older.

Extended family households: Households that include one or more members from outside the nuclear family unit⁶, and no members who are not related to each other. A specific sub-category is mentioned in this analysis:

Skip-generation households: Households consisting of grandparents and their grandchildren, but with no one from the intermediate generation (parents of the grandchildren or children of the grandparents).

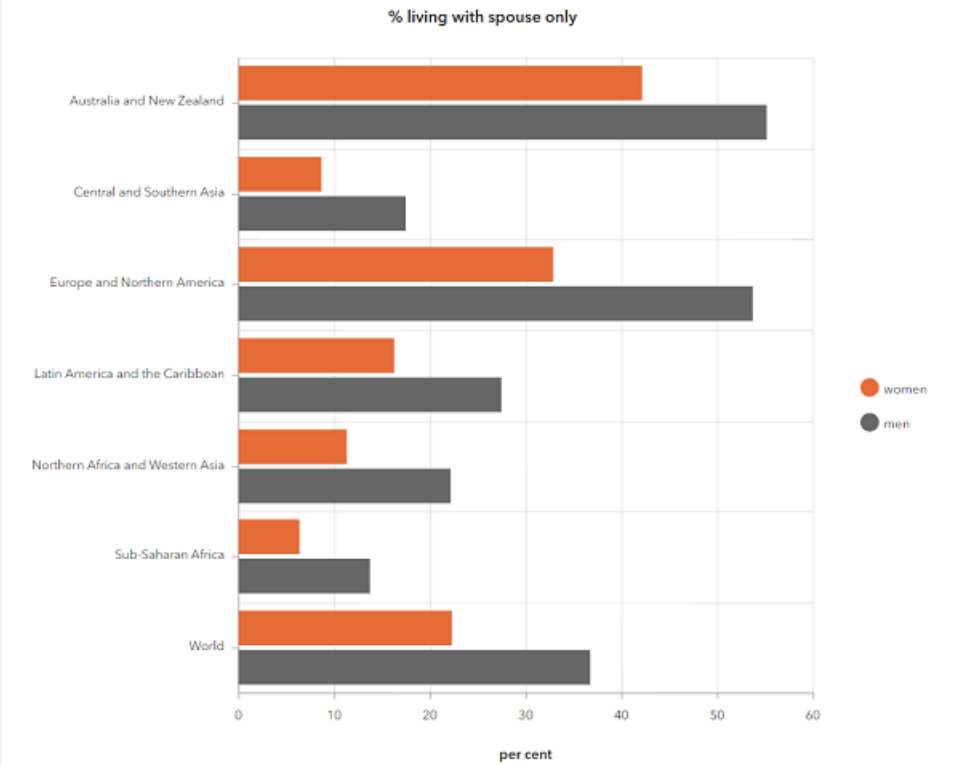
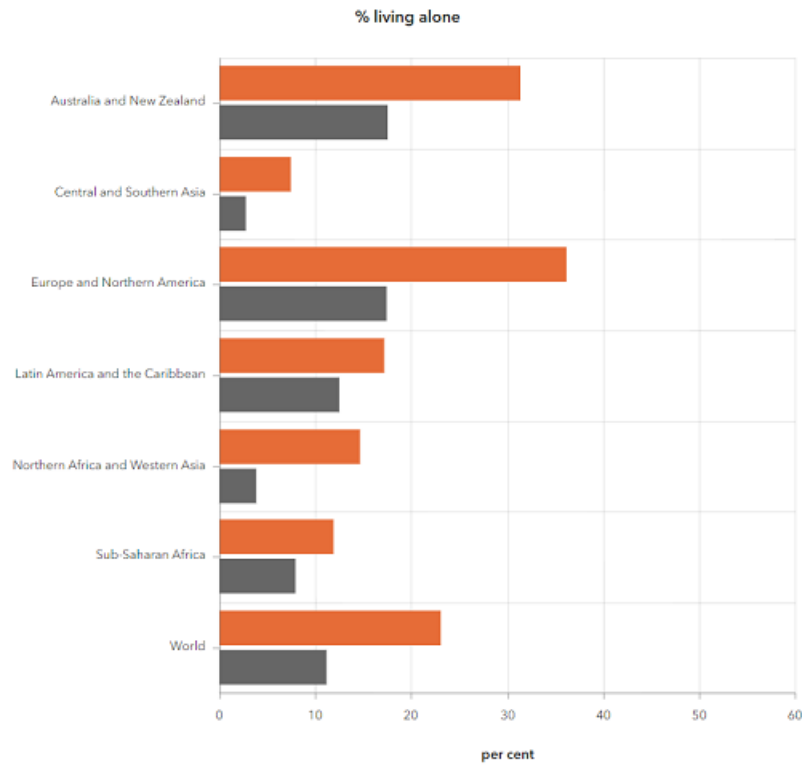
Non-relative households: Households consisting of an older person living with one or more unrelated persons. This category is not included in the analysis presented here.



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Percentage of Older Persons living alone or with a spouse by region and sex



* Regional aggregates are weighted averages of countries with available data within the region. "Eastern and South-Eastern Asia" and "Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand)" are not included.



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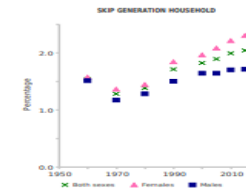
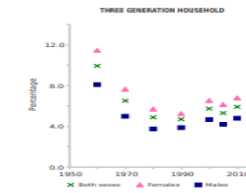
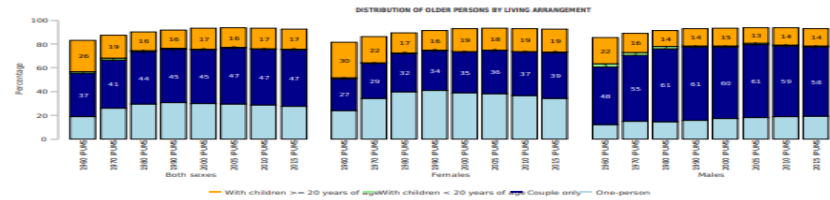
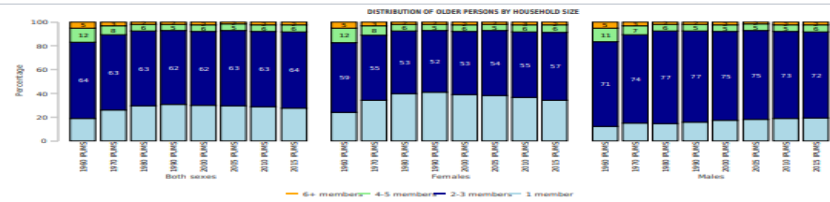
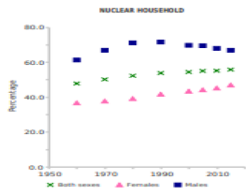
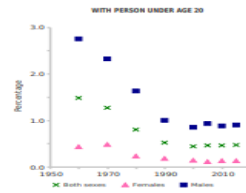
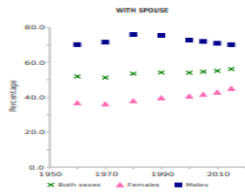
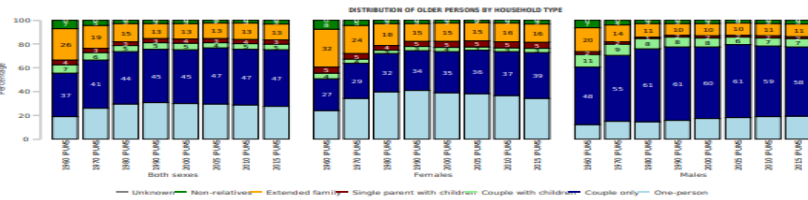
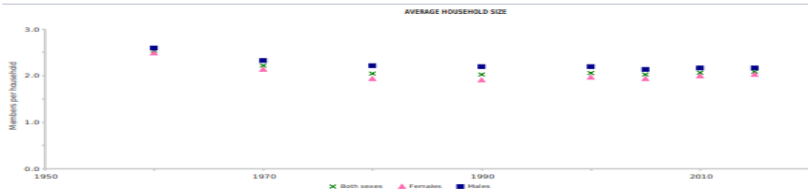
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Living Arrangements of Older Persons, 2022

United States of America 65 years or over



<https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/data/living-arrangements-older-persons>



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Database on Older Persons in Collective Living Quarter

- Harmonized and internationally comparable data on older persons aged 65 or over residing in collective living quarters disaggregated by age groups and sex ("group quarters")
- Data from 347 unique sources, covering 135 countries or areas
- Represents approximately 77% of persons aged 65 or over globally (circa 2010)
- Source data from census tabulations (Demographic Yearbook) and processed census microdata samples (IPUMS)
- Reference dates: 1960 to 2018
- <https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/data/living-arrangements-older-persons>



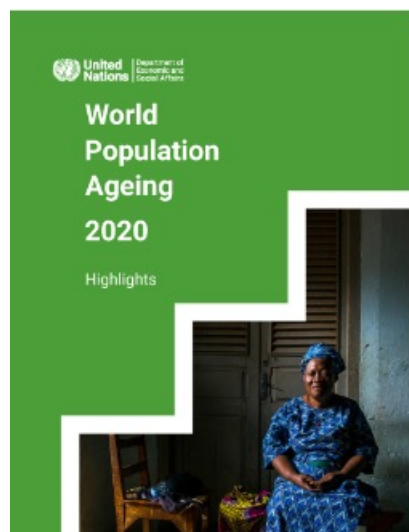
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