Global AgeWatch Index

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Working globally to realise the rights and potential of all older people
Network presence in over 65 countries
Setting the scene: Scale and rate of population ageing - 60+ in 2014 and 2050
Within only 10 years, there will be one billion older people worldwide.

**2014**
- Number 60+ in North America and Oceania: 97.9m
- 19.8% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Latin America and the Caribbean: 66.0m
- 10.9% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Africa: 61.3m
- 5.4% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Asia: 486.5m
- 11.2% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Europe: 172.6m
- 23.2% of total regional population

**2050**
- Number 60+ in North America and Oceania: 135.2m
- 26.8% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Latin America and the Caribbean: 195.9m
- 25.1% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Africa: 211.8m
- 8.9% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Asia: 1,239.4m
- 24.0% of total regional population
- Number 60+ in Europe: 233.1m
- 33.6% of total regional population


Note: The boundaries shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations
Purpose of the Index

Improve quality of life and well being of older people

- **Watch**: track and monitor key trends on ageing at country, regional and global levels, make data available, transparent

- **Offer**: a multidimensional framework for governments and international institutions to respond to population ageing

- **Highlight**: good practice and strategic responses to ageing challenges through comparative analysis between countries

- **Stimulate**: demand for age and sex disaggregated data necessary to generate evidence for age inclusive policy making – e.g. the post 2015 framework, social protection
How the Index works:
Four domains and 13 indicators
Wellbeing is multidimensional

Figure 13: Global AgeWatch Index domains and indicators

- Domains:
  1. Income security
  2. Health status
  3. Capability
  4. Enabling environment

- Indicators:
  1.1 Pension income coverage
  1.2 Poverty rate in old age
  1.3 Relative welfare of older people
  1.4 GDP per capita
  2.1 Life expectancy at 60
  2.2 Healthy life expectancy at 60
  2.3 Psychological wellbeing
  3.1 Employment of older people
  3.2 Educational status of older people
  4.1 Social connections
  4.2 Physical safety
  4.3 Civic freedom
  4.4 Access to public transport
Global results 2014 – where is your country?

Table 1: Global AgeWatch Index overall rankings

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Index ranking:

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Regional findings – Africa

Figure 7: Rankings and values for Africa

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Spotlight on income social protection in a changing world

Rise of Social Pensions

Index ranking

1 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 95

Countries not in the Index


Note: Some countries with social pensions are not shown because the year of introduction is not available.
Social pensions work

- Only one in four people over 65 in low and middle income countries receive a pension
- Social Pensions now in over 100 countries
- Tool for economic growth and social cohesion
- Are affordable in the poorest countries
- Strategic, solution based and positive for all
Using the Index

- Revamped website
  - Data accessible and transparent
  - Tools to explore weighting, compare countries etc.
- Country report card pages show all data available on all countries (not just index)
- Report cards available on all index countries and detailed commentaries on 30 countries – download and use
- Comments welcome

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Partnering for next steps

- Extend the Index to cover all countries
- Constructing separate indices for older women and men
- Include political and civil rights
- Explore how new data from national sources can develop the Index further
- Set the standard for ageing well everywhere
Thank you

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