World Population Ageing 2017
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In 2050, eight in ten older persons will live in the less developed regions.
The number of older persons is expected to grow most slowly in Europe.
Most middle income countries are projected to see a twofold increase in the number of older persons.
In most low-income countries, the number of older persons is expected to triple by 2050.
In 2030, older persons are expected to outnumber children under age 10

Projections indicate that in 2050 older persons will account for 35 per cent of the population in Europe and 28 per cent in N. America.
The populations of Asia and of Latin America and the Caribbean are ageing rapidly and the pace of ageing is accelerating in both regions.
The population of Africa is ageing more slowly, despite the rapid increase in the number of older persons.
United Nations Database on the Living Arrangements of Older Persons, 2017


• Contains estimates:
  – of the percentage of older persons living alone, with a spouse only, with their children, or in other household living arrangements
  – estimated from 664 data sources
  – for 143 countries or areas
  – representing 97 per cent of the global population aged 60 or over
  – spanning the years 1960-2015

• Developed by the Population Division in collaboration with Professor Albert Esteve of the Autonomous University of Barcelona
A majority of older persons in Europe and Northern America lived “independently” circa 2010

In Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, more than half of older persons co-resided with their children circa 2010.

Over time, older persons have become more likely to live independently, whereas co-residence with children has become less common.
https://population.un.org/ProfilesOfAgeing2017/
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