International Day of Older Persons 2019 – The Journey to Age Equality
Data & Statistics

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World Population Ageing Highlights 2019 – selected key findings
Main topics discussed

I. General global and regional trends of population ageing
II. Measures of population ageing
III. National Transfer Accounts (NTAs)
IV. Policy recommendations
I. General global and regional trends of population ageing
About one in three older persons is living in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia today and in 2050

Figure 1. Distribution of population aged 65 or over by region (percentage), 2019 and 2050

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Central and Southern Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Oceania*
- Northern Africa and Western Asia
- Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
- Australia and New Zealand
- Europe and Northern America

*excluding Australia and New Zealand
The speed of population ageing is fastest in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia

Figure 3. Countries or areas with the largest percentage point increase in the share of older persons aged 65 or over between 2019 and 2050

- Republic of Korea: 23.0
- Singapore: 20.9
- Taiwan Province of China: 19.9
- China, Macao SAR: 17.7
- Maldives: 17.2
- Thailand: 17.2
- China, Hong Kong SAR: 17.2
- Spain: 17.2
- Kuwait: 17.0
- Brunei Darussalam: 16.5

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II. Measures of population ageing
Conventional indicators of population ageing with a fixed threshold of “old age” at age 65, show that populations are becoming older in all regions of the world.

Estimated and projected old-age dependency ratios by region, 1990-2050


*excluding Australia and New Zealand
Estimated and projected prospective old age dependency ratios by region, 1990-2050 show that the ageing process is slower using concepts that take life-expectancy into consideration.

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III. National Transfer Accounts (NTAs)
Income sources of old-age consumption aged 65+

**Philippines**
- Public transfers: 23
- Familial transfers: 15
- Asset-based reallocation: 17
- Labour income: 3

**Australia**
- Public transfers: 69
- Familial transfers: 47
- Asset-based reallocation: 2
- Labour income: 36

**Republic of Korea**
- Public transfers: 36
- Familial transfers: 68
- Asset-based reallocation: 2
- Labour income: 3

**Germany**
- Public transfers: 31
- Familial transfers: 62
- Asset-based reallocation: 3
- Labour income: 16

**Costa Rica**
- Public transfers: 2
- Familial transfers: 2
- Asset-based reallocation: 2
- Labour income: 1

Data source: Computed using data obtained from the NTA database. Available from [http://www.ntaccounts.org](http://www.ntaccounts.org). Accessed on 1 July 2019. NOTE: Both public and private transfers are net of inflows and outflows. Private transfers include both interhousehold and intrahousehold transfers. Data are based on the latest available year, ranging from 1998-2015.
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