



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ELDERLY PERSONS 2021

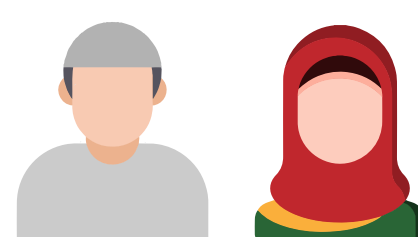
Digital Equity for All Ages

The 2021 theme “Digital Equity for All Ages” affirms the need for access and meaningful participation in the digital world by older persons.

ELDERLY POPULATION

Source: Population Projections 2021

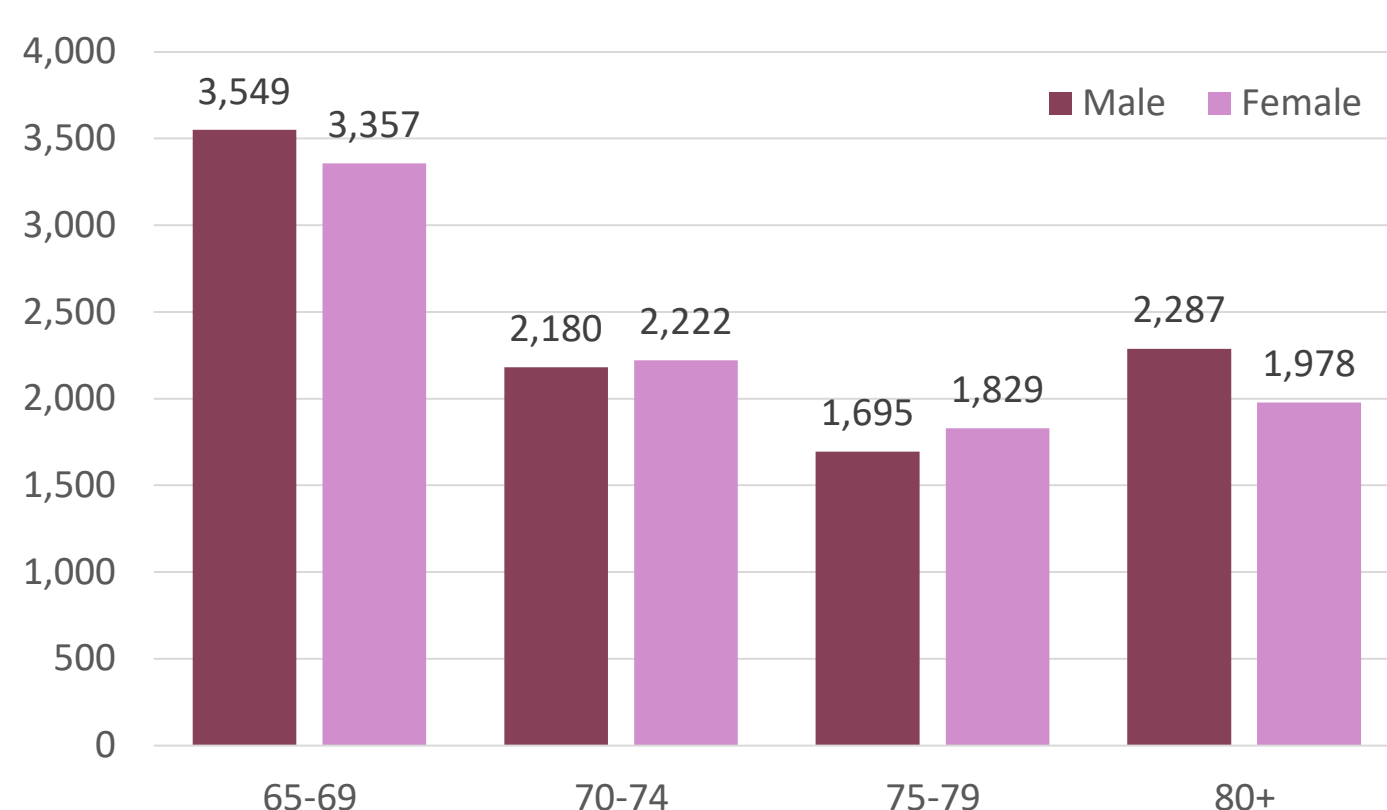
From the total **19,528** elderly population (Population projections for 2021), **48%** are women and **52%** are men.



10,081 **9,447**

From the **19,528** elderly population, **6,980** lives in Male' and **12,547** in Atolls.

2021 ELDERLY POPULATION BY SEX, Resident Maldivians in 5 year age bands



During the projection period the elderly population has increased five times its level in 2014 from 16,607 to 89,945 in 2054.

2014	2020	2030	2040	2050	2054
16,607	18,598	32,320	49,124	75,404	89,945

Only 4 percent are elderly aged 65 years and older. If current demographic trends continue, however, by 2030 more than 7 percent of the population are projected to be elderly. The share of elderly will reach 14% in 2054 and we will be considered an ageing society.

When older persons can access, learn and use new technology, they will be better equipped to contribute to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy health, peace and prosperity.

António Guterres, UN Secretary General's message - 2021

HEALTH OF ELDERLY POPULATION

46%
Elderly population with hypertension (high blood pressure)

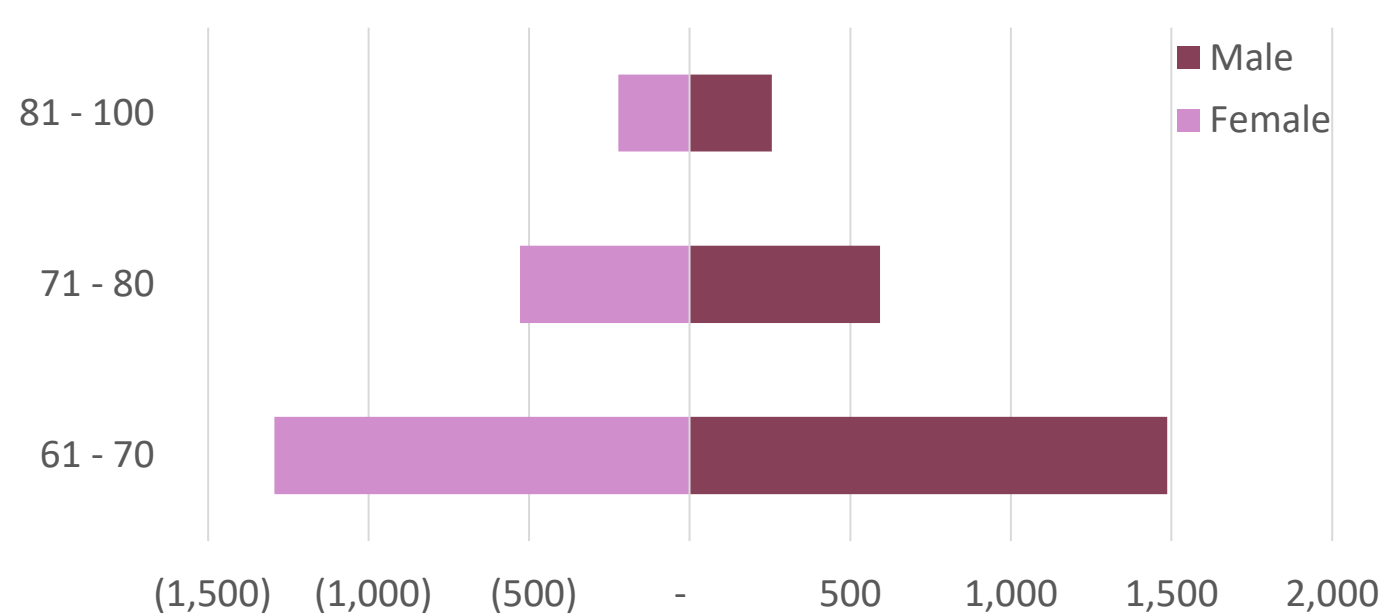
28%
Elderly population with diabetes

45%
Elderly population with a disability

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2019

COVID-19 CASES OF ELDERLY POPULATION BY SEX, AS OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Source: Health Protection Agency



Total number of reported Covid-19 cases of elderly population until 26th September 2021 is 4,378. This is 6% of the total reported cases.

A total of 214 covid-19 deaths were reported by 10 July 2021. Elderly persons (65+ years) account for 74% of these deaths.

