

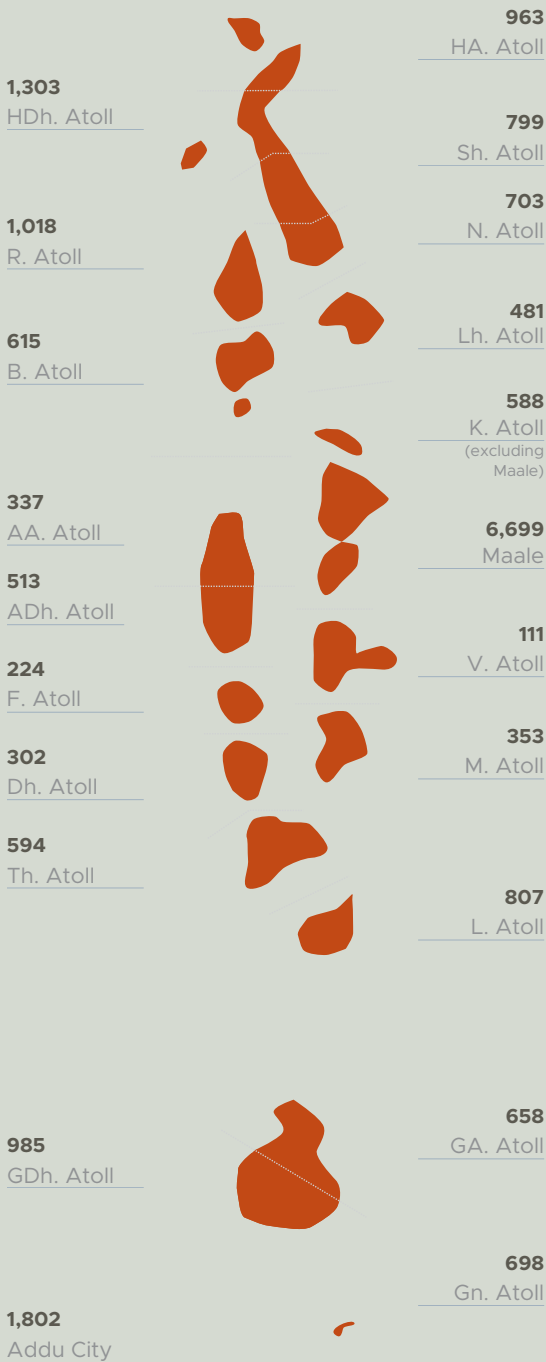
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Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide

Maldives Population & Housing Census 2022, For Maldivian Population Only

Elderly Population Distribution

65+ Resident Maldivian population by Atolls



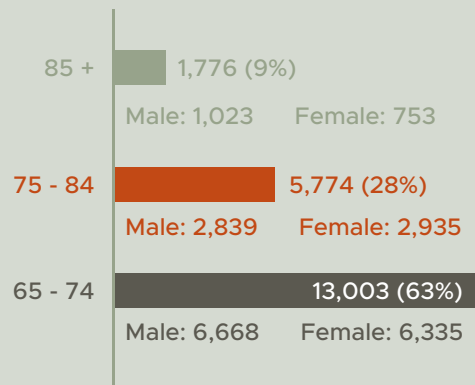
Elderly Population



Elderly accounts to 5% (20,553) of the total population. Within the elderly population, most of the elderly are within the age group of 65-74 years (63%). Within the elderly only 9% of them are 85 years and above.

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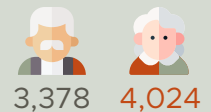
Age Distribution



Disability

7,402

65+ Population
with Disability



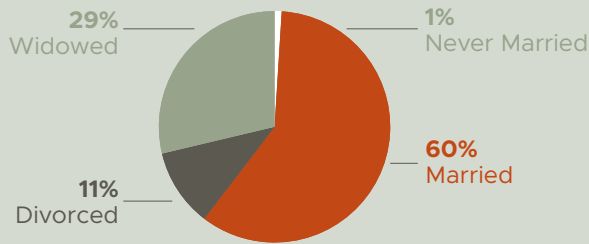
Prevalence of disability among elderly population is at 36%.

Disability among elderly is mostly in walking, seeing and remembering.



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Marital Status Among Elderly Population, 2022

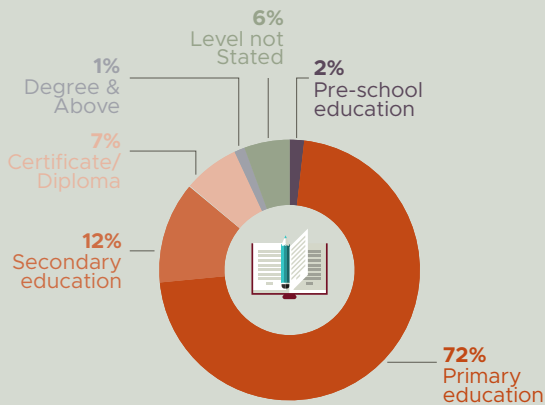


About 60% of the elderly are married while 29% of them are widowed.

Marital Status Among Elderly Population by Sex

	Male	Female
Never married	1.2%	0.4%
Married	78.3%	40.2%
Divorced	9.4%	12.0%
Widowed	11.1%	47.4%

Educational Attainment Among Elderly Population, 2022



More than half of the elderly population have achieved primary level education. One in every 5 elderly people have never attended school

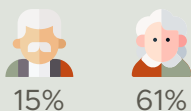
Educational Attainment Among Elderly Population by Sex

	Male	Female
Pre-school education	2%	2%
Primary education	67%	76%
Secondary education	14%	11%
Higher secondary education	0%	0%
Certificate/ Diploma	9%	4%
Degree & above	2%	0%
Level not stated	5%	6%

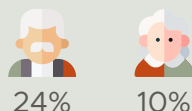
Employment by industry

Most of the elderly are involved in manufacturing (eg: like making shorteats, fangi vinun, etc) and in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

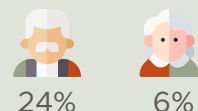
28%
Manufacturing



20%
Agriculture, forestry and fishery



19%
Whole sale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles





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Employment Among Elderly

65+ Resident Maldivian

Labour force participation rate for elderly population is 16%. It is much lower at 9% for females compared to 22% for males.

Unemployment rate for the elderly population is 6%.

3,049 (15%)

Employed



2,180
(21%)

869
(9%)

178 (1%)

Unemployed



123
(1%)

55
(1%)

17,326 (84%)

Outside labour force

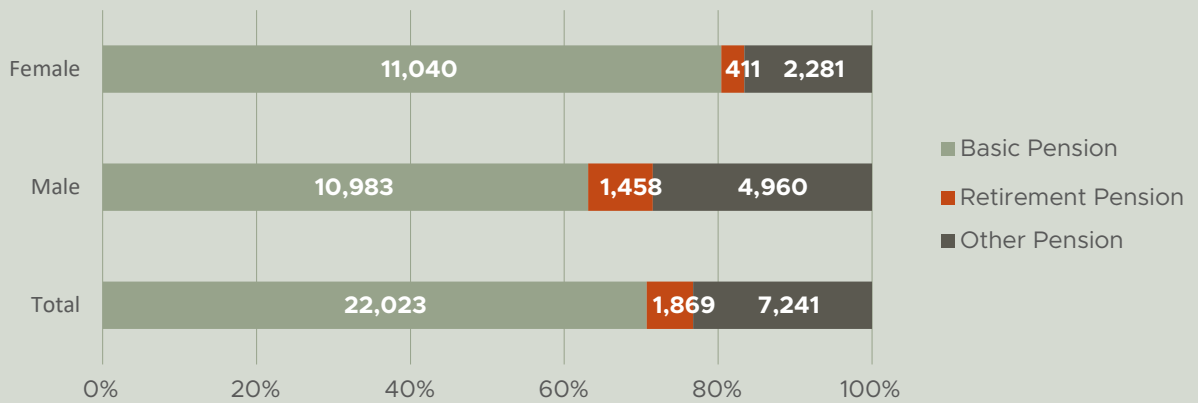


8,227
(78%)

9,099
(91%)

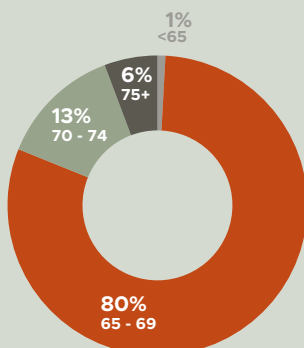
Number of Beneficiaries Under Different Pension Schemes by Sex, 2023

Maldives Pension Administration Office



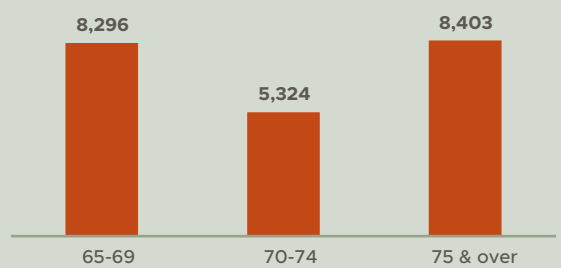
Beneficiaries of Retirement Pension Scheme, 2023

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Beneficiaries of Basic Pension Scheme, 2023

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A total of 22,023 beneficiaries received basic pension during the year 2023.

