

Have you considered:

What is it like being old?

What is Population Ageing?

A population ratio of those typically not in the labor force and those typically in the labor force

That is a ratio of Older Adults and Children to Adults aged 15 - 59 years.



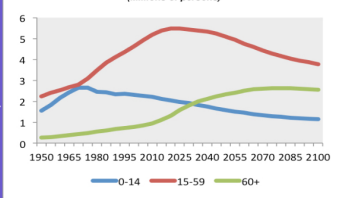
Children and older persons depend to a large degree on economic support provided by the working age population

Therefore a substantial number of working age persons is needed.

Our Caribbean Population is Ageing rapidly.

The number of persons over 60 is estimated to increase from 13% to 22% by the year 2035

THE CARIBBEAN POPULATION BY AGE (Millions of persons)



that's

2,000,000

Older Adults in the Caribbean*



Older Adults are exposed to risks such as:

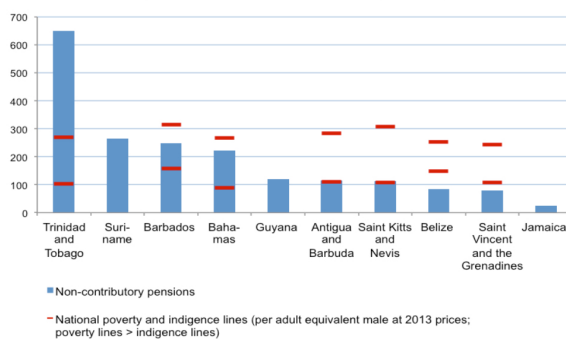
- ✿ LOSS OF INCOME
- ✿ LOSS OF INDEPENDENCE

Did You Know?

Many older persons never had the opportunity to contribute to a social security pension during their working lives. They may have worked in agriculture, as vendors, labourers, domestic workers, or in other informal employment.

Therefore, non-contributory pension schemes have a vital role to play in fully realising the right of all older persons to income protection in old age.

NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS AND NATIONAL POVERTY AND INDIGENCE LINES, 2013 (Current international dollars (PPP) per month)



NOTE: Dominica, Grenada and Saint Lucia do not have non-contributory pension schemes



Older Adults are also exposed to:

- ✿ DISABILITY
- ✿ ILL HEALTH

Did You Know?

As the population ages, there will be more people suffering from diseases of old age such as:

- CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
- CANCER
- HYPERTENSION
- TYPE-2 DIABETES

These chronic conditions impact people's wellbeing and quality of life and place a huge burden on health care services. In adapting health services to meet this evolving demand, the right-to-health approach, and the principle of equitable access, should serve as a guide.



At present, Caribbean pension systems, health and social care services are inadequate to meet the needs of the current generation of older persons.



With older persons making up such a substantial proportion of the population, societies must embrace the contribution that older people can make to economic, social and family life.

DOES OUR SOCIETY RESPECT OLDER PERSONS' RIGHTS?

- Independence
- Care
- Self-fulfilment
- Participation
- Dignity