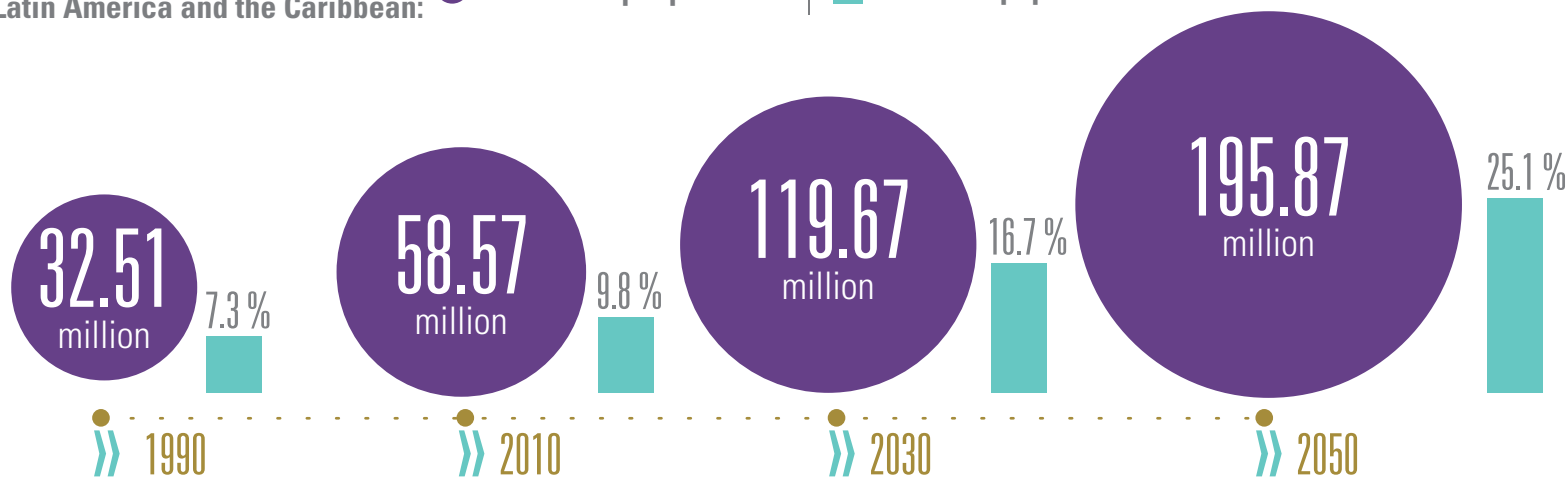


Older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean

It is estimated that the number of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean will double by 2030, when that age group will represent 16.7% of the population. ECLAC suggests that countries tackle ageing using public policies with a rights-based approach.

Population aged 60 and over in Latin America and the Caribbean: ● Millions of people

■ % of total population



ECLAC advocates States adopting public policies with a rights-based approach in matters such as:



Contributory and non-contributory pensions



Specialized health services



Care and residential homes



Prevention and punishment of various types of violence



In Latin America and the Caribbean, one in four households include an older person.

Life expectancy at birth in the region:

51 years | 75 years
1950 | 2010

Legislation

In 2012, ECLAC promoted the adoption of the San José Charter on the human rights of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Commission is in favour of negotiating an international convention on the human rights of older persons.