



Active Ageing Indicators: Republic of Belarus

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CALCULATED INDICATORS



Labour market (older people's contribution through paid activities)

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2012 | | | 2015 | | |
|---|--------------------|--|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Employment rate for the age group 55–59 | Same as indicator | Selected survey of households in order to study the problems of employment | 61,4 | 78,5 | 47,8 | 63,6 | 81,2 | 49,2 |
| Employment rate for the age group 60–64 | Same as indicator | | 29,8 | 37,9 | 23,9 | 29,5 | 36,5 | 24,4 |
| Employment rate for the age group 65–69 | Same as indicator | | 14,0 | 18,7 | 11,1 | 13,8 | 16,3 | 12,2 |
| Employment rate for the age group 70–74 | Same as indicator | | 5,2 | 7,1 | 4,2 | 4,7 | 7,3 | 3,3 |

Participation in society (older people's contribution through unpaid activities)

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2015 | | |
|--|--|--|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Voluntary work by older adults (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) reported about the time costs on unpaid voluntary work through the organizations (excluding frequencies) | Selected survey of households in order to study the use of the daily time fund of the population | 0,4 | 0,5 | 0,4 |
| Care to children, grandchildren by older population (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) reported about the time costs on care to children under the age of 18 (excluding frequencies) | | 15,7 | 11,2 | 18,0 |

Independent, healthy and secure living

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2006 | | | 2012/2011/2009 | | | 2015 | | |
|---|---|--|-------|------|--------|----------------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Physical exercise for older adults (aged 55+) | Percentage of people aged 55 years and older undertaking physical exercise or sport 5 and more days per week | Selected survey of households in order to study the living standards | 4,7 | 5,6 | 4,3 | 10,3 | 8,6 | 11,2 | 7,8 | 5,6 | 9,0 |
| Access to health and dental care (for those aged 55+) | Percentage of people aged 55 years and older who report no unmet need for medical and dental examination or treatment during the last 12 months | | - | - | - | 85,0 | 88,0 | 83,5 | 85,7 | 89,2 | 83,8 |
| Independent living arrangements (for those aged 75+) | Percentage of people aged 75 years and older who live in a single household alone | Population census | | | | 41,2 | 22,9 | 47,9 | | | |

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| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2005 | | | 2010 | | | 2015 | | |
|---|---|--|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Relative median income (for those aged 65+) | Ratio of the median equivalised disposable income of people aged 65 and above to the median equivalised disposable income of those aged below 65. Per capita disposable income are calculated based on the total income of all household members and the number of household members, taking into account national equivalence scale. | Selected survey of households in order to study the living standards | 0,94 | 0,98 | 0,92 | 0,96 | 1,03 | 0,93 | 0,96 | 1,03 | 0,93 |

Independent, healthy and secure living

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2005 | | | 2010 | | | 2015 | | |
|---|--|--|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| No poverty risk (for those aged 65+) | 100 – Percentage of people aged 65 years and older who are at risk of poverty (using the 50 per cent of median income threshold) | Selected survey of households in order to study the living standards | 96,2 | 96,8 | 95,9 | 96,2 | 97,9 | 95,5 | 97,4 | 98,7 | 96,8 |
| No severe material deprivation (for those aged 65+) | 100 – Percentage of people aged 65 years and older who are severely materially deprived (having an enforced inability to afford at least 4 out of the 9 selected items*) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 98,0 | 99,5 | 97,3 |

*1) to pay their rent, mortgage or utility bills; 2) to keep their home adequately warm; 3) to face unexpected expenses; 4) to eat meat or proteins regularly; 5) to go on holiday; 6) a television set; 7) a washing machine; 8) a car; 9) a telephone

Capacity and enabling environment for active ageing

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE | 2005 | | | 2010/2011 | | | 2015 | | |
|---|---|---|-------|------|--------|-----------|------|--------|----------------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Life expectancy at age 55 | Same as indicator | Demographic statistics: Life Expectancy estimates | 20,3 | 16,4 | 23,7 | 21,2 | 17,1 | 24,6 | 23,0 | 19,0 | 26,2 |
| Healthy life expectancy at age 55 | Same as indicator | Healthy life expectancy estimates. Experimental calculation of INAH, the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus according to the WHO methodology | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18,3 (2013) | - | - |
| Use of ICT by older adults (aged 55–74) | Share of people aged 55 to 74 using the Internet at least once a week | Selected survey of households in order to study the living standards | - | - | - | 21,3 | 26,2 | 18,0 | 26,6 | 31,4 | 24,0 |

Capacity and enabling environment for active ageing

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|--|--|---|--|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| | | | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | MALE | FEMALE |
| Social connectedness of older people (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) reported about the time costs on sports, active activities, hobbies, exploring the cultural and entertainment activities, celebrations, meals and communication, together with friends, relatives or colleagues after work (excluding frequencies). | Selected survey of households in order to study the use of the daily time fund of the population | - | - | - | 71,6 | 66,8 | 74,0 |
| Educational attainment of older people (aged 55+) | Percentage of older persons aged 55 to 74 with upper secondary or tertiary educational attainment | Population census | 74,5 | 77,0 | 72,8 | - | - | - |
| Lifelong learning (for those aged 55–74) | Percentage of people aged 55 to 74 who stated that they received education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey | Selected survey of households in order to study the problems of employment | This indicator is currently at the stage of testing the methodology of calculating | | | | | |

NONCALCULATED INDICATORS

A photograph of two women practicing yoga outdoors. The woman in the foreground is wearing a grey t-shirt and has her arms raised in a yoga pose. The woman in the background is wearing a yellow t-shirt and has her hands pressed together in a prayer position above her head. The background shows green trees and a bright sky. The text "Active Ageing" is written in a white, cursive font over the image. There are several semi-transparent circular overlays in shades of orange and grey scattered across the image.

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| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE |
|---|--|--|
| Care to older adults by older population (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) providing personal care to elderly or disabled relatives (at least once a week) | Relevant survey |
| Political participation of older population (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) taking part in the activities or meetings of a trade union, political party or political action group, or signing petitions, including email and online petitions | Relevant survey |
| Physical safety (for those aged 55+) | Percentage of people aged 55 years and older who are feeling very safe or safe to walk after dark in their local area | Relevant survey |
| Mental well-being (for those aged 55+) | An index that measures self-reported feelings of positive happy moods and spirits | Based on WHO ICD-10 measurement |

ALTERNATIVE INDICATORS



| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE |
|--|---|---|
| Political participation of older population (aged 55+) | Percentage of older population (aged 55+) among the members of a trade union, political parties and deputies (National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus) | Annual departmental forms and statistical reports |

Problems:

- National Assembly of Belarus keeps a record of sex and age composition of its members since 2012
- Federation of Trade Unions keeps records of age and sex composition only of the governing bodies - the Federation Council and sectoral Councils. There is also information about the number of trade union members only from retired older people and without division by gender
- Political parties did not provide information

| INDICATOR | SUGGESTED VARIABLE | DATA SOURCE |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Mental well-being (for those aged 55+) | An index that measures percentage of mental illness among people aged 55 years and above, the quantity applied to a medical facility with mental disorders, suicide attempts among these age group | Annual state statistical reports |

This Index includes:

- incidence rate of mental and behavioral disorders among men and women of old age (overall, primary)
- suicide rate among men and women of old age
- parasuicide rate among men and women of old age

Problems:

Suicide rate among people of old age is without division by gender

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