

## **Recent changes of ageing Sri Lankan population**

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Ageing is considered as one stage in the human life. This phenomenon is an increasingly important issue today as elderly population is becoming a larger proportion more than ever. This has positive and negative effects to the society in the different ways. Basic objective of the study is to analyze temporal changes of ageing of Sri Lankan population between 1975- 2005. The study is based on secondary data.

Since 1950's, there was a trend towards an increase of population over year 60 and the year 1975 was considered as milestone of ageing population. Development of health and sanitary service and declining fertility rate has contributed towards this trend. According to projections, the proportion of aged population would be doubled of the present number in 2033. Likewise, the maiden age of the population will also increase as related phenomena and there would be more women than men in the population cohort over 60 years. Also the welfare system of the government has to be increased. It should be planned to make the Sri Lankan ageing population healthier and productivity.

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