Figure 1. Number of Older Americans: 1900-2050.


Figure 2. Life Expectancy in men and women over 65.

Figure 3. Old Age Dependency Ratio: U.S. Census Middle Series Projections.

Source: Calculated from the Projected resident population of the United States as of July 1, 2050, Middle Series. Washington, DC: National Projections Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

Figure 4. Racial and ethnic composition of people over 65.

Figure 5
Respondent-Assessed Health Status in people over 65


Figure 6. Causes of death among U.S. adults aged 65 and older, 2002.

Source: CDC, National Center for Health Statistics. Data Warehouse, Trends in Health and Aging.
Figure 7. Percentage of people age 65 and over who reported having selected chronic conditions, by sex, 2005-2006.


Figure 8. Functional limitations of people over 65.