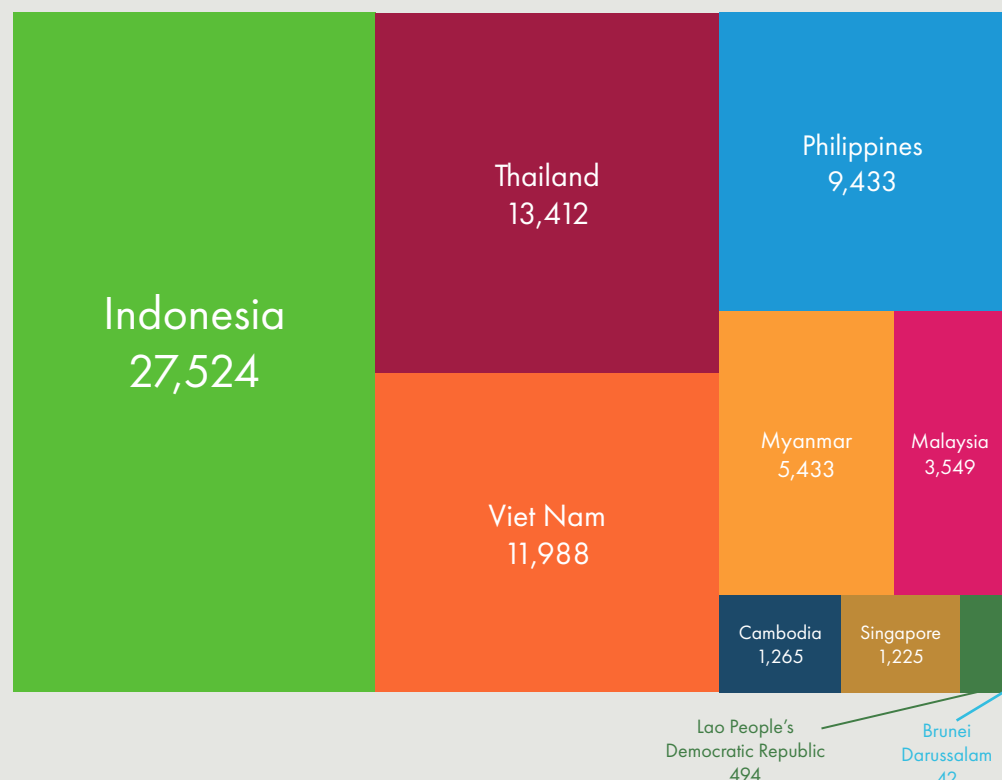


2020 Older persons in ASEAN in numbers

In ASEAN, 74 million people are 60 years old or over

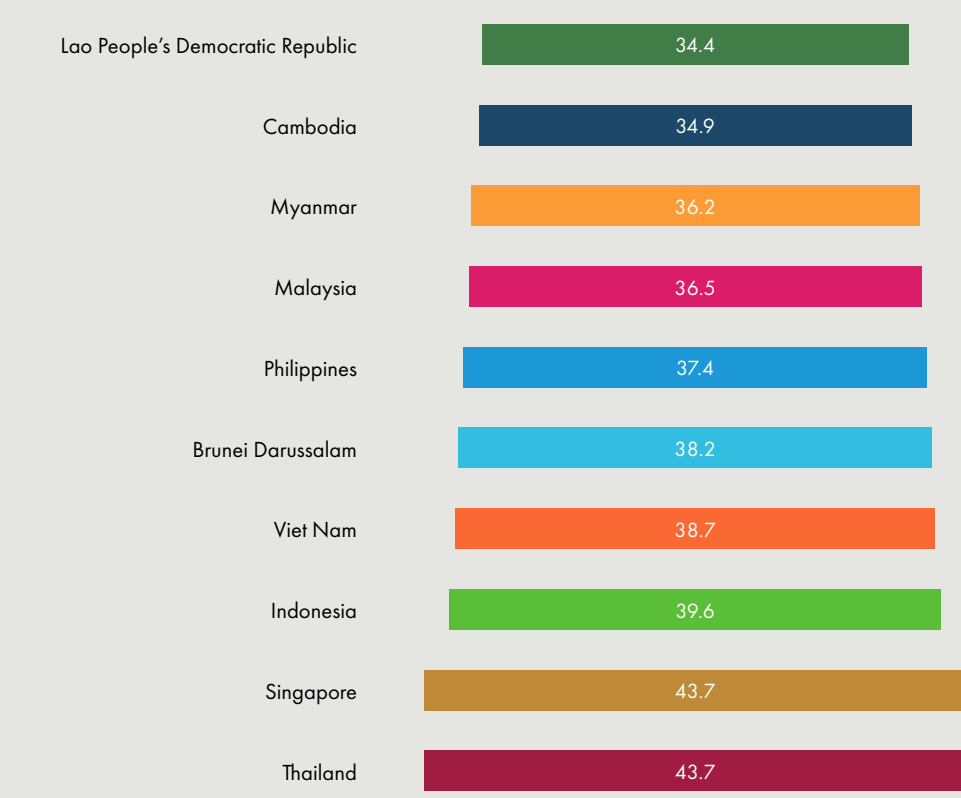
Number of people aged 60 or over in ASEAN countries (thousands), 2020



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Countries more advanced in population ageing also have older labour forces

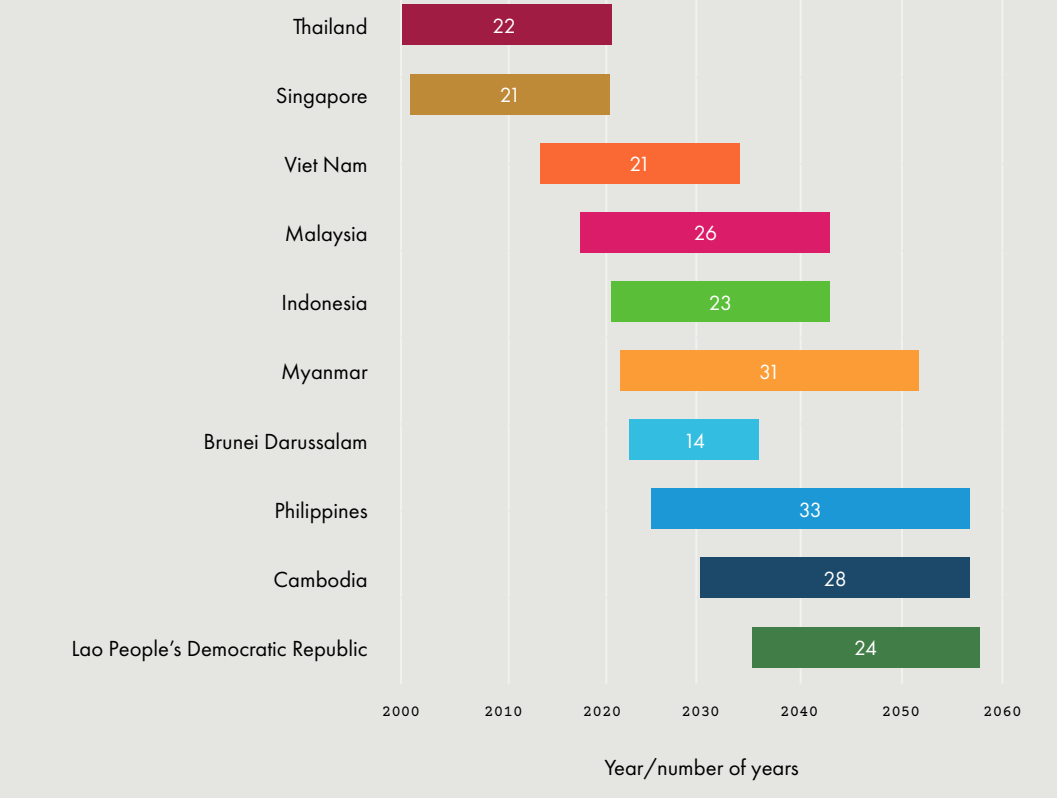
Median age of the working-age population in ASEAN countries (years), 2020



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All countries are ageing rapidly

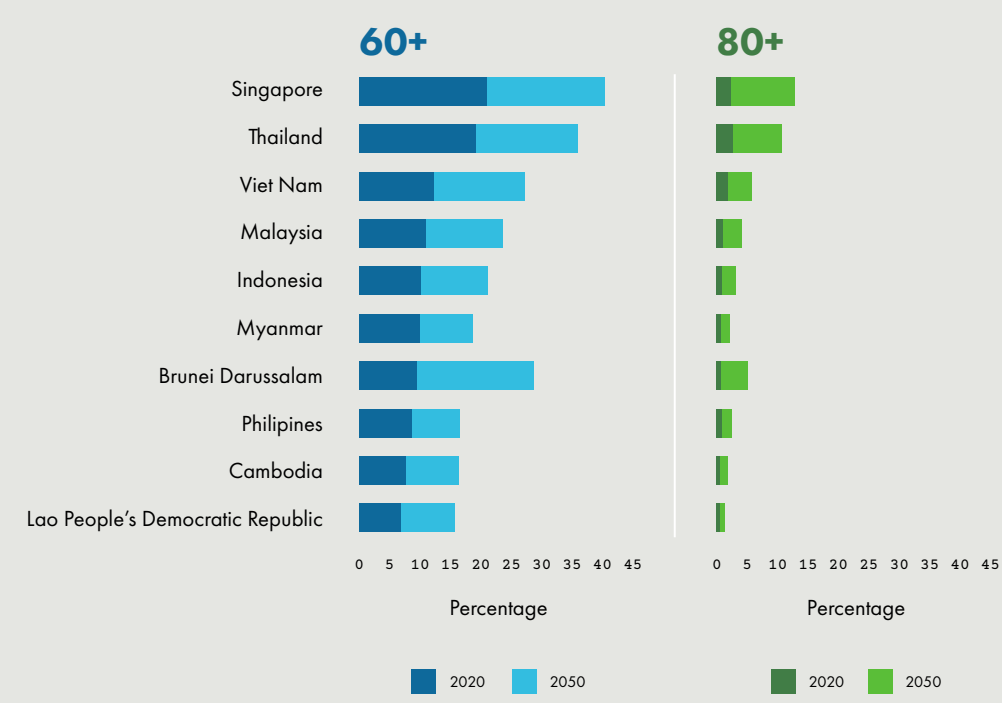
Speed of population ageing = number of years required or expected for percentage of population aged 65 or over to rise continuously from 7 to 14 per cent (measured from 1950 onwards)



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Proportions of populations aged 60 or over and 80 or over are expected to, respectively, double and triple or more

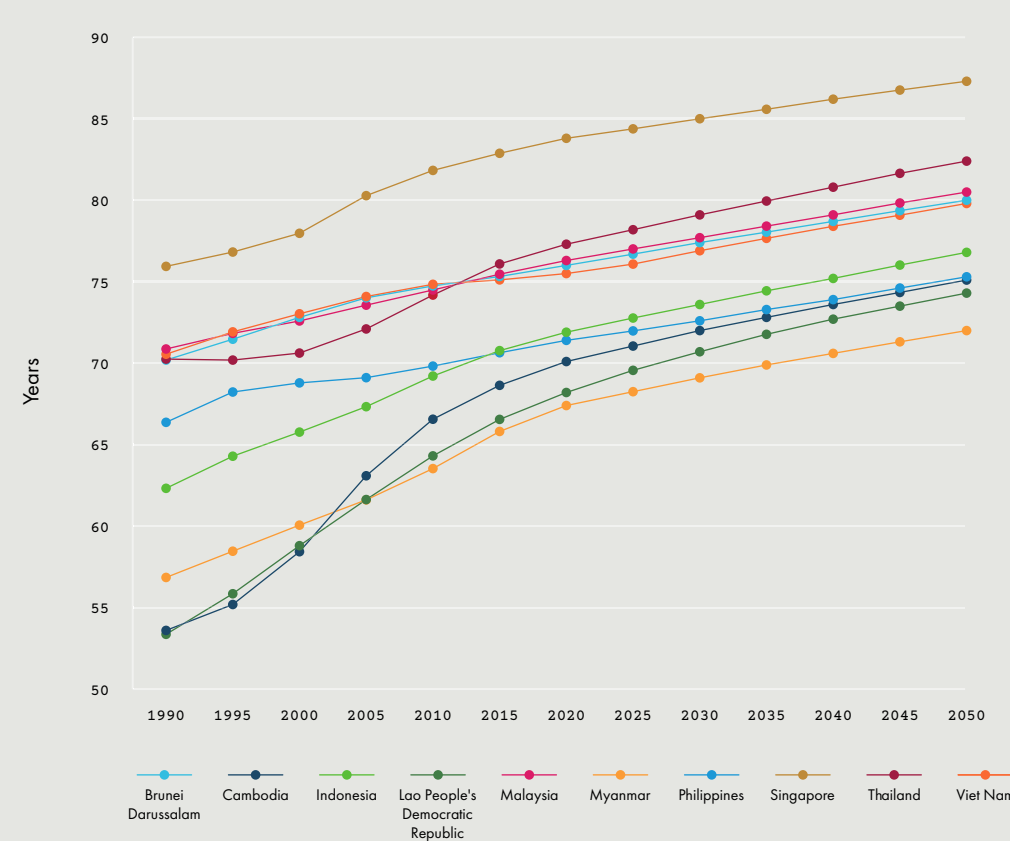
Percentage of the population aged 60 or over and 80 or over in 2020 and 2050 in ASEAN countries



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Life expectancy has been steadily increasing and is expected to continue to rise

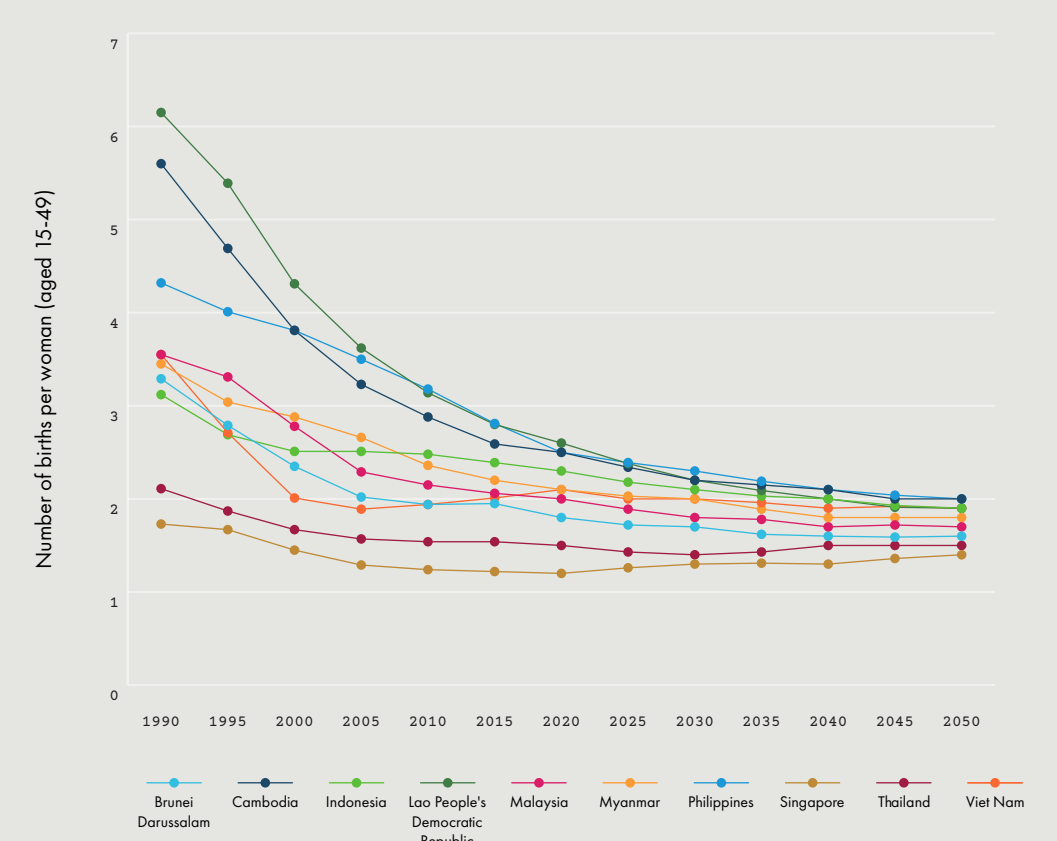
Life expectancy at birth in ASEAN countries, 1990-2050



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Fertility has been declining sharply

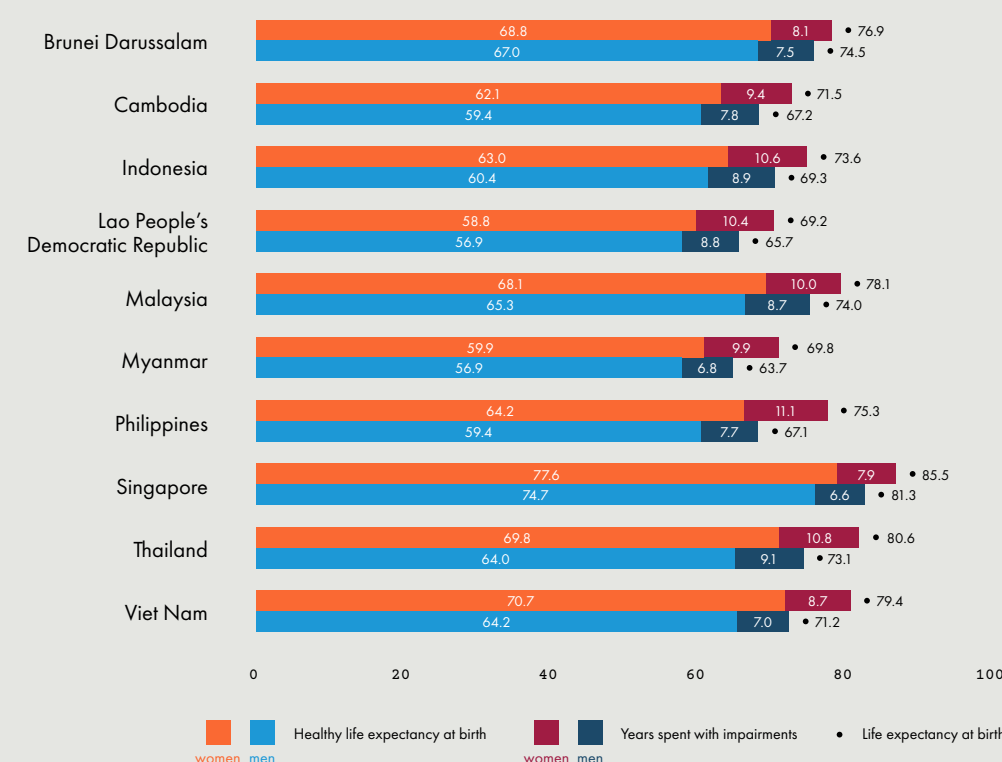
Total fertility rates in ASEAN countries, 1990-2050



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Women live longer lives than men, but also spend more time with impairments

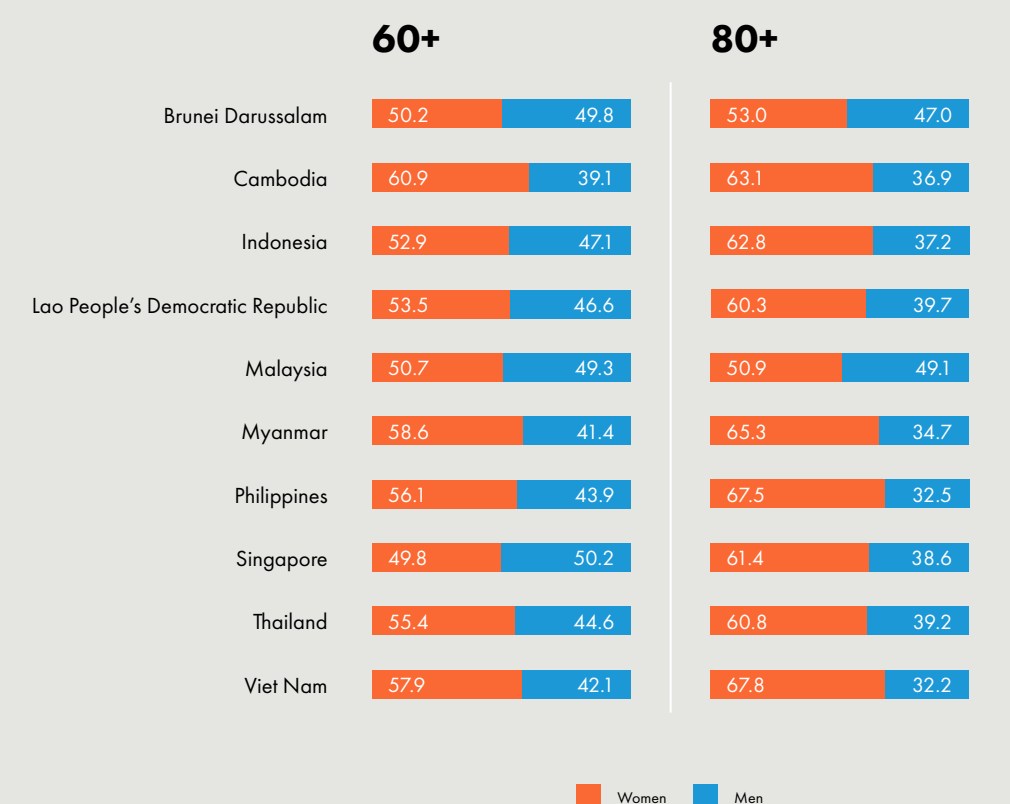
Healthy life expectancy at birth, women and men, and years spent with impairments, 2016 (defined as the difference between life expectancy at birth and healthy life expectancy at birth)



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Older women exceed older men in numbers and as a proportion of the population

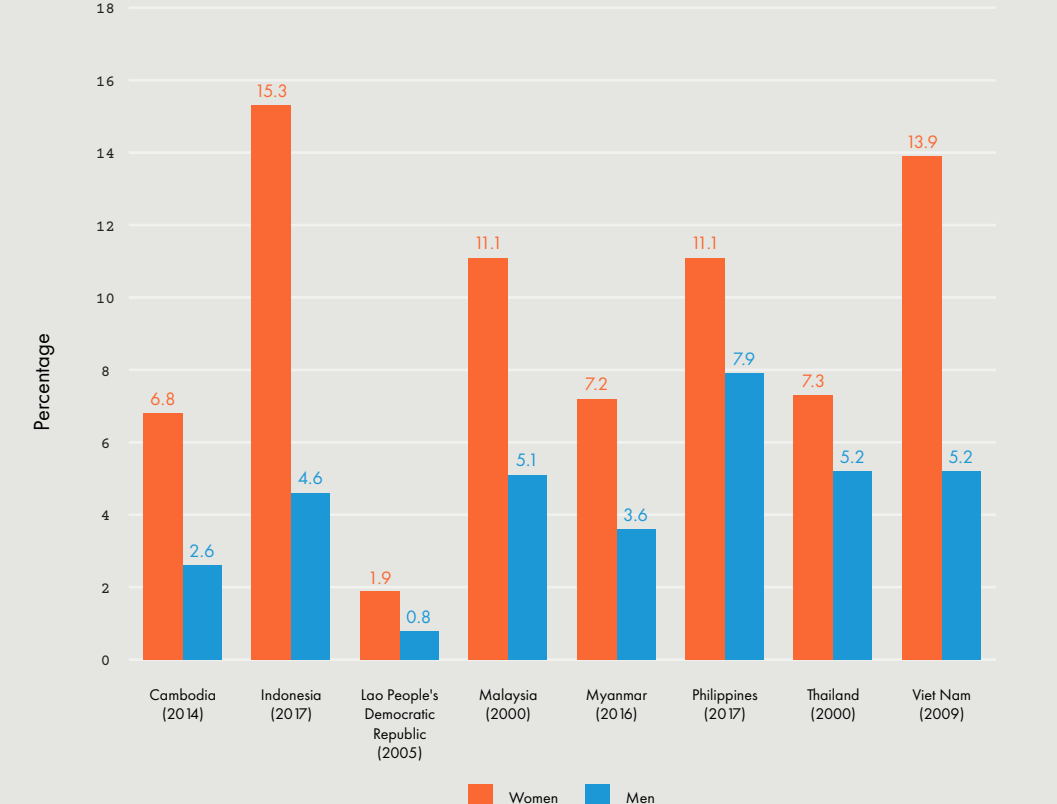
Percentage of women and men aged 60 or over and aged 80 or over in ASEAN countries, 2020



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More women than men aged 65 or over are living alone

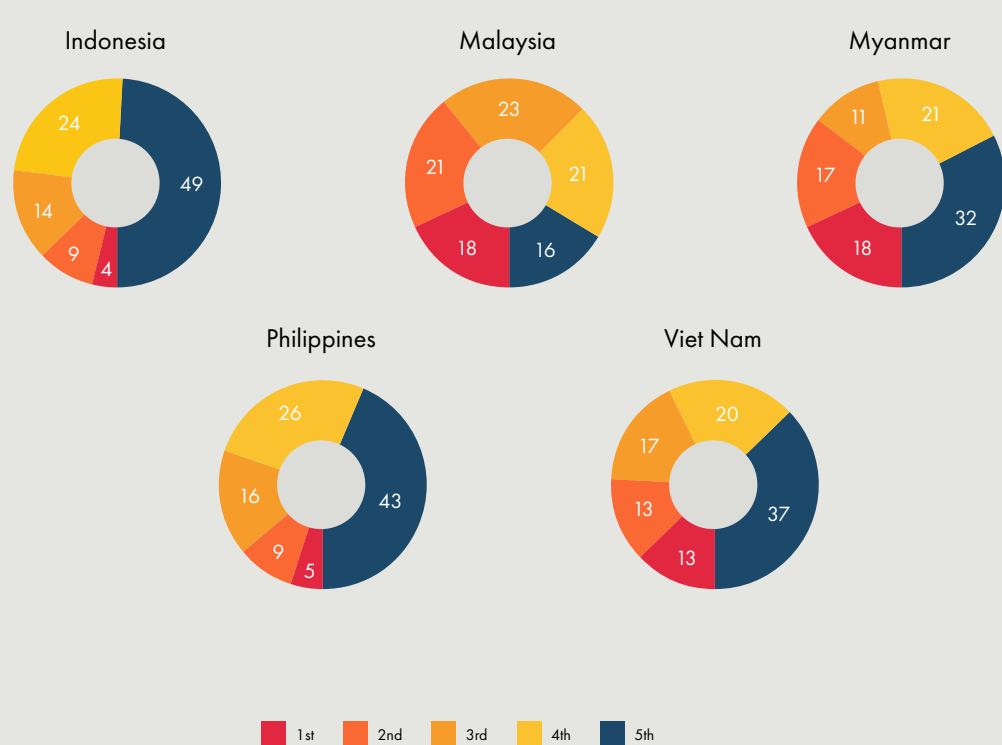
Percentage of men and women aged 65 or over living in a one-person household



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Those in higher income groups are often more likely to receive a pension

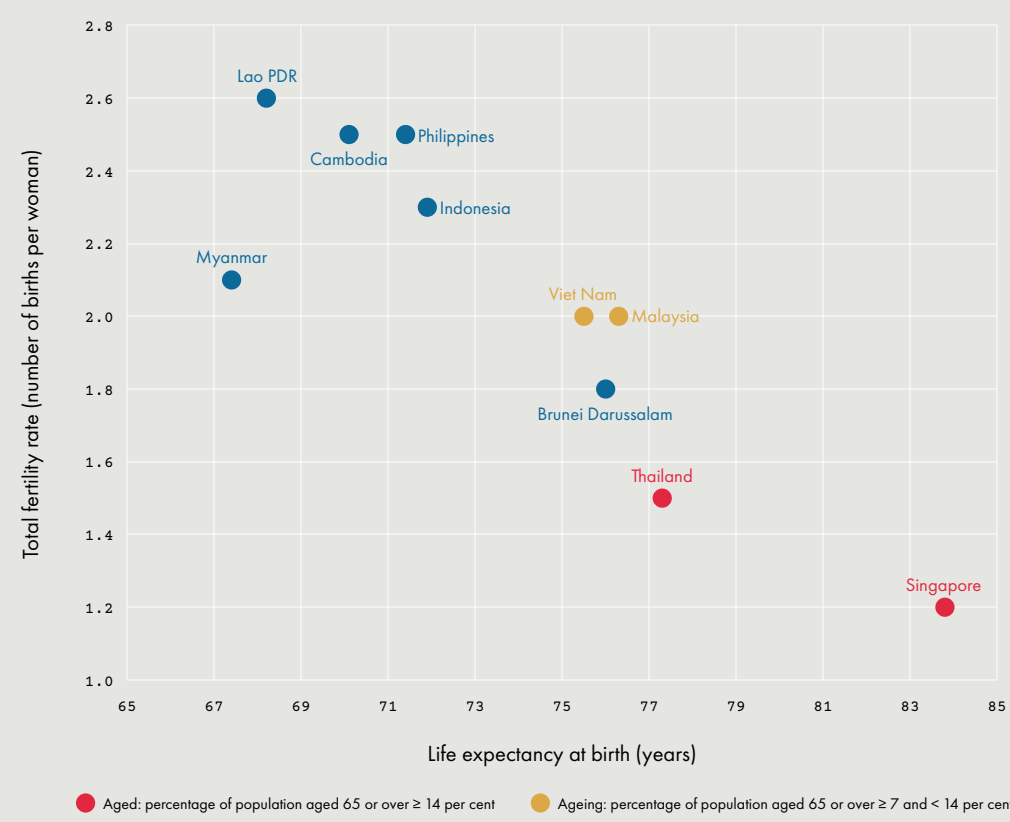
Percentage of beneficiaries of contributory pensions by income quintile relative to the total number of beneficiaries in the population, latest available year



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Low fertility and high life expectancy result in population ageing

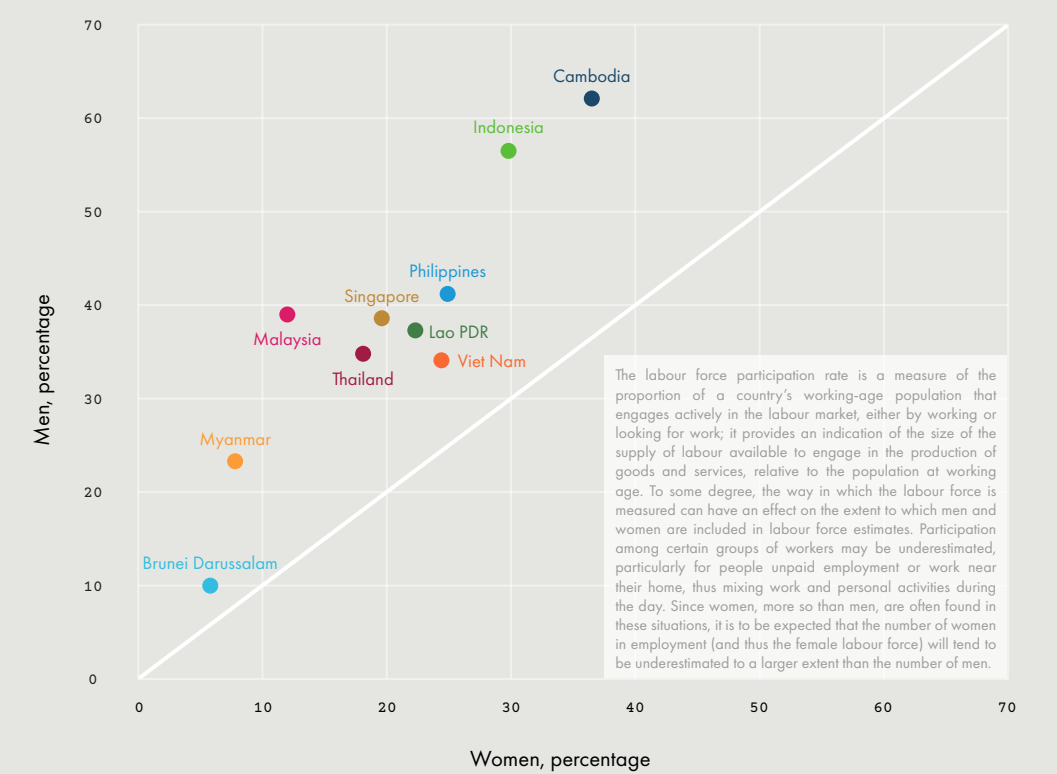
Total fertility rate and life expectancy at birth in ASEAN countries, 2020



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More older men than women are participating in the labour force

Labour force participation of older women and men (percentage of older persons aged 60 or over), 2020



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