

Elderly Livings and Elderly Welfare Policy in Korea


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I. Current Demographic, Living and Economic Status of Elders

2015 Elderly Population in Korea

(Statistics Korea, 2015)

- ❖ # of Elderly people : 6.62 million (13.1% of Total Population)
- ❖ 76.6% : Living Urban Area (56.4%, '94)
- ❖ Sex ratio: 71.7 (male): 100 (female)
- ❖ Elderly Dependency Ratio: 17.9 (10.1 -2000, 57.2-2040)
- ❖ % of No-Education: 9.6% (36.7%, '94)

Rapid Aging Trends

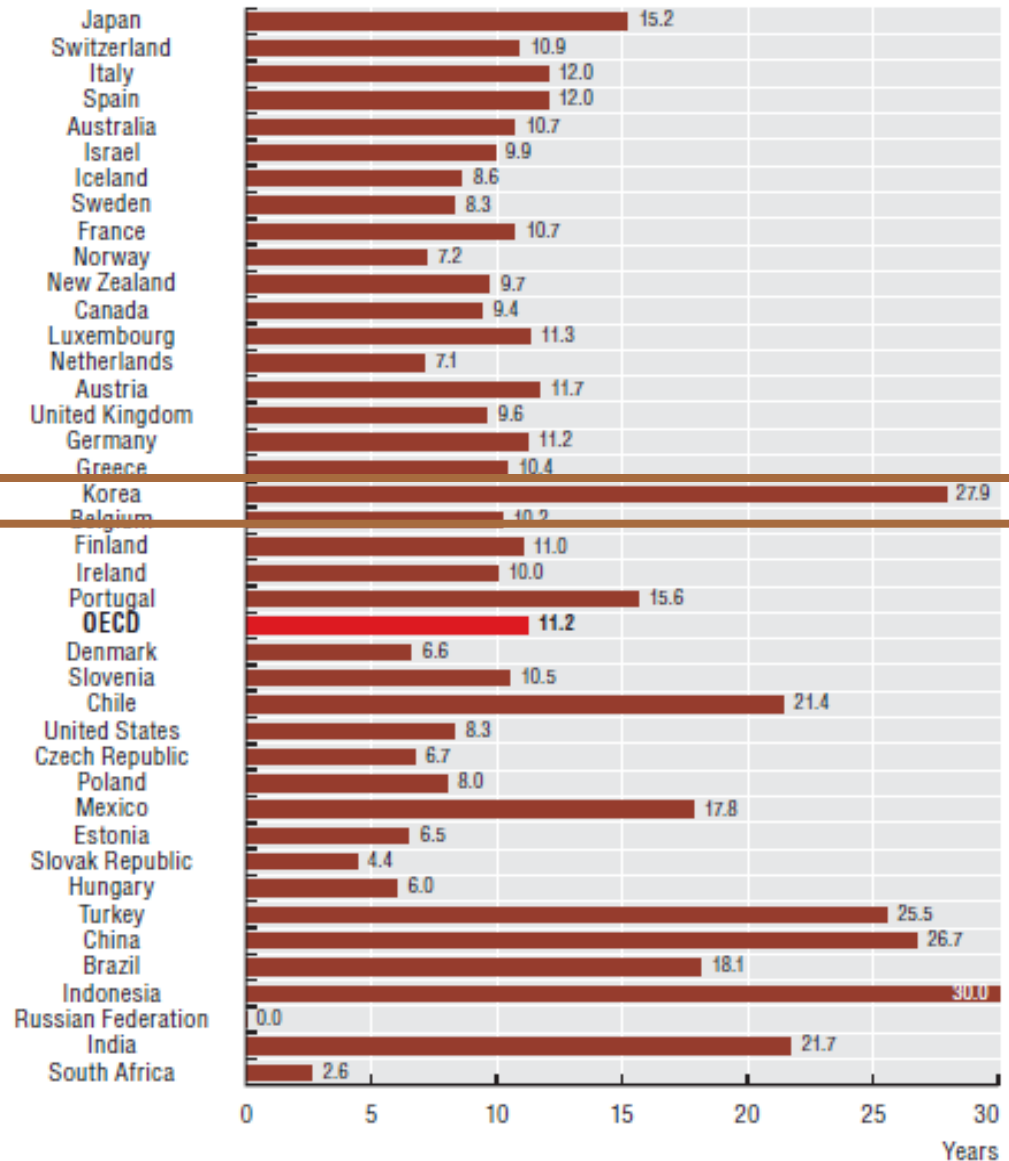
	Year to reach % of the proportion			Years to change	
	7%	14%	20%	7→14%	14→20%
Japan	1970	1994	2006	24	12
France	1864	1979	2020	115	41
Germany	1932	1972	2012	40	40
UK	1929	1976	2021	47	45
Korea	2000	2018	2026	18	8

International Comparisons for 50 years (1960- 2009)

Life expectancy at birth, 2009



Years gained, 1960-2009

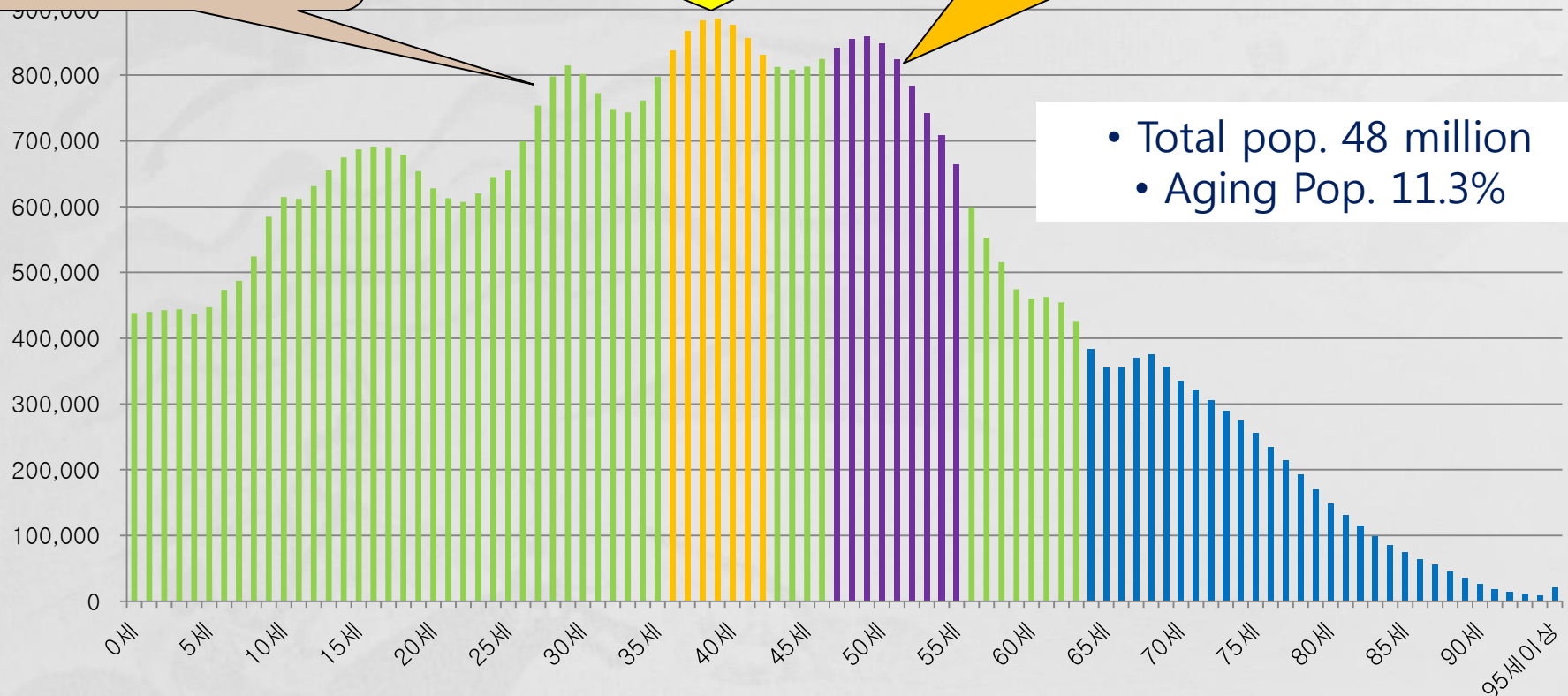


Demographic Structure(2011)

1980-1984 (birth)
(3rd baby boomer)

1968-1974
(2nd baby boomer)

1955-1963
(1st baby boomer)



- Total pop. 48 million
- Aging Pop. 11.3%

(Source Statistics Korea. 2011.5.30)

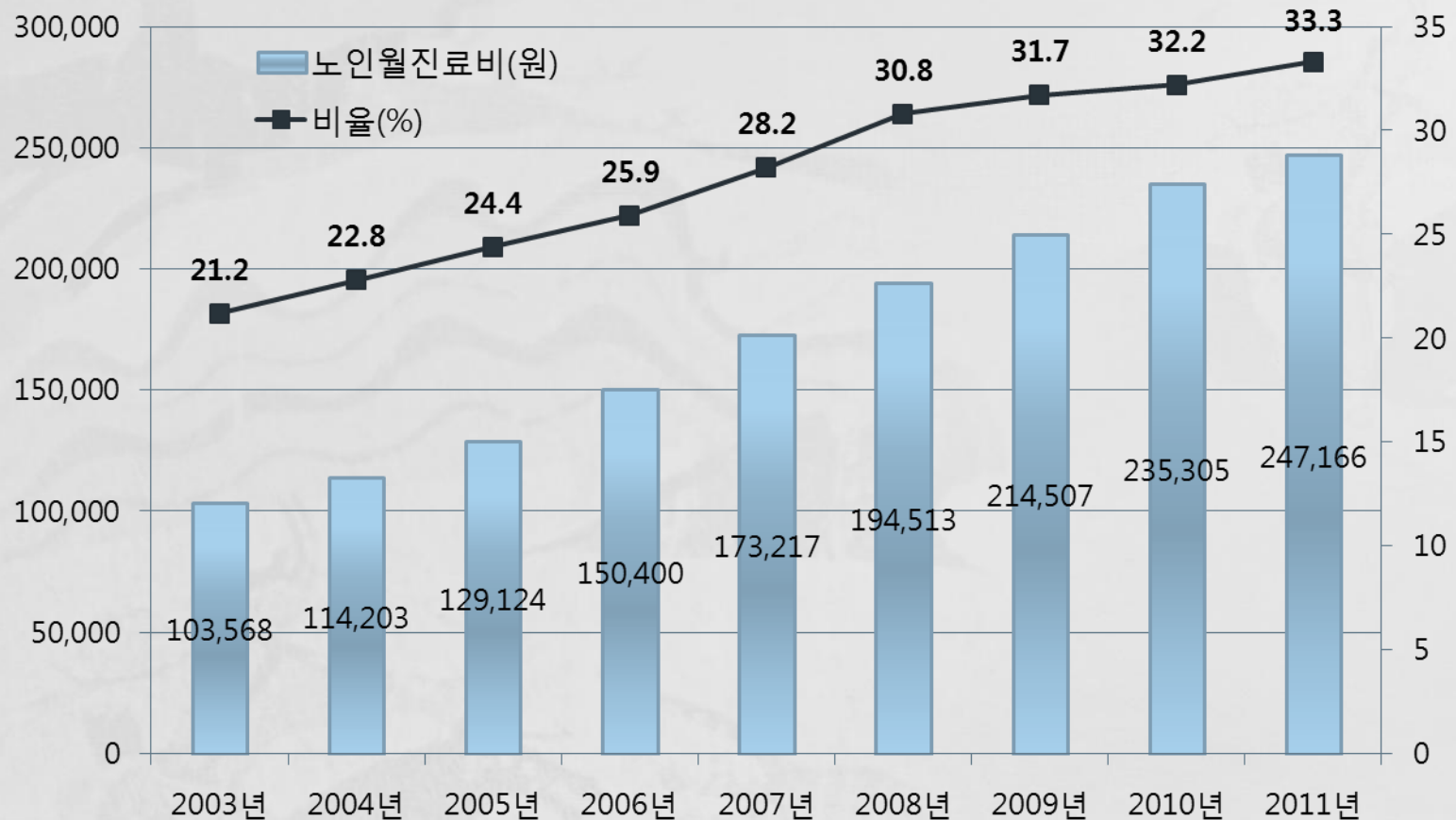
Living & Economic status

(2014 National Elderly Survey: KIHASA)

- % of Living Alone + Couple only Elders/ Total Elders
 - 25.2% (1994) → 44.9% (1998)→67.5% (2014)
- Ave. Yearly Income : 23.5 million Won (20,000 \$)
 - % of Public Pension : 39.6% (16.1%, '05)
 - Very Low actual amount ('08 : 20yr –contribution)
- Elderly Suicide (1st of OECD) 55.5 /100, 000
 - Male : 2.7 times higher than female

Increasing Medical Care Cost

<% of Reimbursed pay for elderly care from NHI and Monthly Medical care cost per one elder >

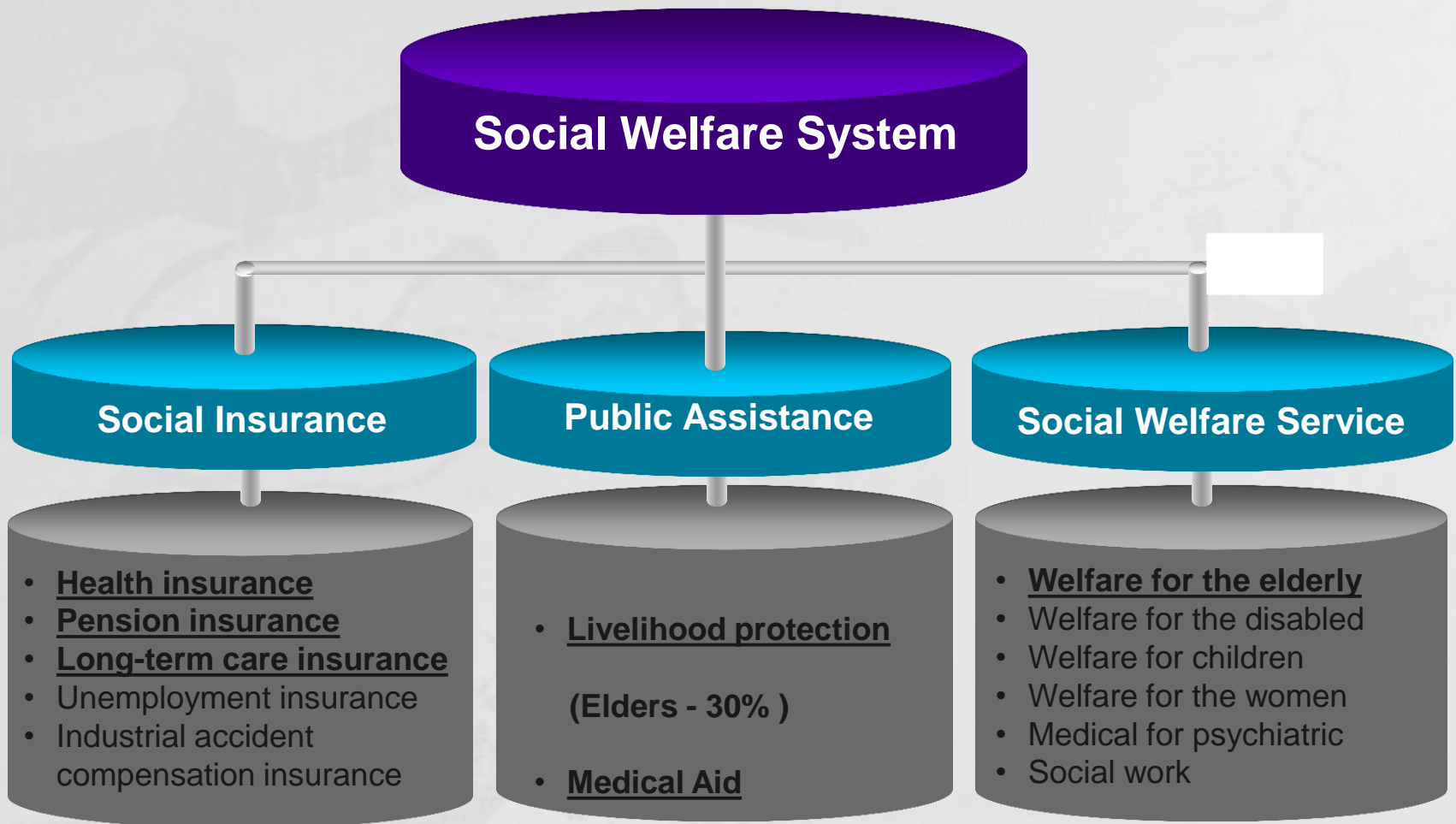


(Source: Statistics Korea. 2011)

II . Overview of Welfare

Elderly Services

Korean Social Welfare System



The policies underlined are related to the aging population.

Elderly Welfare Policies in Korea

	Funding Resource		Governing Organizations
	Social Insurance (for all)	Tax-based Services (Mostly for mid- or low-income)	
Health & Long-term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Health Insurance •National Long-term Care Insurance for elders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Center for the dementia •Service for early detection of dementia •Support for treatment for the dementia •Support for the old-age-related optical surgery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MHW (Ministry of Health and Welfare) •National Health Insurance Corporation (NHIC) •Local government
Income Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Pension service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Service for Job-seeking elders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MHW •National Pension Corporation •Local government
Housing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Living facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Local government
Social Services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Care services for elders •Elderly Welfare center •Meal service •Senior discounts etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MHW •Local government

Elderly Welfare Services and Target Populations

	Social services for elders	Target population
Health & Long-term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term care insurance • Center for the dementia support • Service for early detection of dementia • Support for treatment for the dementia • Support for the old-age-related optical surgery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC level 1-5 • Elders with dementia and their family • 60 over (low-income priority) • 60 over (50% below average income) • 60 over (below poverty line and threshold)
Job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service for Job-seeking elders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 over with working-condition
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 over (below poverty line and threshold)
Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Care services for elders • Elderly Welfare community center • Meal service(Free or low-price) • Senior discounts etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No LTC eligible elders with frailty • 60 over • 60 over • 65 over

NLTCI Coverage in Korea

(N, %)

	2008.12	2009.12	2010.12	2012.7	2014.3	2014.9
Applicants (% of all elders)	295,715 (5.9)	402,815 (9.5)	759,339 (13.8)	632,695 (10.9)	696,480 (11.1)	727,748 (11.9)
Eligible population (% of all elders)	146,643 (2.9)	286,907 (5.2)	315,994 (5.7)	320,261 (5.7)	385,094 (6.1)	412,239 (6.7)
Utilization rate	65.6	82.0	89.9	88.2	86.9	87

(Source: NHIC LTC statistics, 2008-2014)

LTC Level Distribution between 2008-14

		(% of Total-elders)							
Care Level	Level Points	2008		2012		2014. 3		2014. 9	
		*Accum		*Accum		*Accum		*Accum	
1	95 pt.-	1.1	-	0.6	-	0.6	-	0.6	-
2	75 - 94	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.8
3	60-74	1.9	4.2	3.9	5.8	4.4	6.1	2.7	4.5
	<u>55</u> - 74								
4	51-59							2.1	6.6
5	45-51 + Dementia	Not covered by LTCI until 2014. 6 Now : with Dementia Diagnoses						0.1	6.7

Entry of Level 3 lowered to 55 → 53 (2012.7) → 51(2013.7)

*Accum: Accumulated %

III-1. Social and Economic Expectations

- Enhancing QOL in elders' later life
- Reducing caregiving burden: Economic and psychological burden
- Support for Women Workforce Attendance
- **Social Service Job Opportunity:** 2012 – 4,400 LTC nursing homes, 11,000 community care center & 200,000 nursing aides working
- **Elderly care industry:** Care devices, interior, architecture etc.
- **Efficiency of Health care cost:** Acute care beds → Convalescent(preparing) → Nursing home

III-2. Future Direction of Elderly Welfare

- ✓ Coordination between medical field and social care field
- ✓ Housing issues for elders
- ✓ Increase of in-home care services instead of institutionalized care: Variation of Community care service
- ✓ Encouraging Social Involvement and Maintaining social links
- ✓ Coordination btw Central and Local Gov.
- ✓ Financial sustainability and Political Power

Thank You.