An ageing population
A. Population aged 65 and above, 1996

B. Population aged 65 and above, 2020
Global causes of death, 1996
Distribution of deaths by cause and distribution of major noncommunicable diseases by level of development

- Diseases of the circulatory system: 15,300 (29%)
- Cancers: 6,346 (12%)
- Maternal causes: 585 (1%)
- Other and unknown causes: 5,861 (12%)
- Infectious and parasitic diseases: 17,312 (33%)

Causes of death, developed and developing world, 1996

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Developed world (including economies in transition)</th>
<th>Developing world (including least developed countries)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Percentage</td>
<td>Percentage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infectious and parasitic diseases</td>
<td>43.0 (17,161)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diseases of the circulatory system</td>
<td>24.5 (9,778)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancers</td>
<td>9.5 (3,802)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diseases of the respiratory system</td>
<td>4.8 (1,909)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Perinatal and neonatal causes</td>
<td>9.1 (3,626)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maternal causes</td>
<td>1.5 (582)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other and unknown causes</td>
<td>7.7 (3,063)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures in brackets refer to the number of deaths in thousands.
Deaths and population in the world by age, 1965–2025

**Deaths**
- **1965**
  - Total deaths: 48,494

**Population**
- **1965**
  - Total population: 3,337,821

- **1995**
  - Total deaths: 51,882
  - Total population: 5,716,426

- **2025**
  - Total deaths: 65,070
  - Total population: 8,294,341

*Figures in thousands.*
Major cancers in men and women, 1996
Incidence (000)

Men
- Lung: 988
- Stomach: 634
- Colon-rectum: 445
- Prostate: 400
- Mouth-pharynx: 384
- Liver: 374
- Oesophagus: 320
- Bladder: 236

Women
- Breast: 910
- Cervix: 524
- Colon-rectum: 431
- Stomach: 379
- Lung: 333
- Mouth-pharynx: 197
- Ovary: 191
- Body of the uterus: 172

Diabetes mellitus, regional estimates, 1995–2025

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>1995</th>
<th>2000</th>
<th>2025</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Africa</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>5.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Americas</td>
<td>30.7</td>
<td>34.8</td>
<td>35.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mediterranean</td>
<td>14.0</td>
<td>16.7</td>
<td>17.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe</td>
<td>32.8</td>
<td>35.3</td>
<td>37.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South-East Asia</td>
<td>29.6</td>
<td>30.7</td>
<td>31.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western Pacific</td>
<td>20.4</td>
<td>20.4</td>
<td>20.4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>