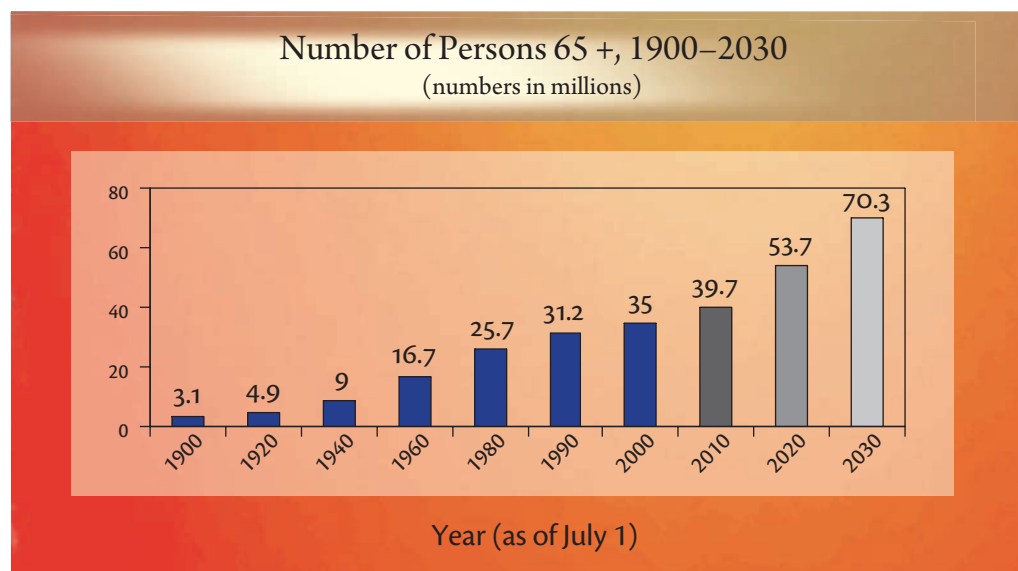


## Demographics of Aging and Implications for U.S. Health Care

### Older Adult Population Growth

Improvements in health care services and technology, nutritional status, lifestyle, and other areas affecting our health, have contributed to an unprecedented growth in our older adult population. In less than 25 years, over 70 million Americans will be over 65—the fastest growing segment of our population.



### Chronic Conditions Affecting Older Adults

- About 700,000 Americans will have a **STROKE** this year—that's someone every 45 seconds. In adults over age 55, the lifetime risk for stroke is greater than 1 in 6.
- More than 83 percent of people who die of **CORONARY HEART DISEASE** are age 65 or older.
- One in 10 individuals over age 65 and nearly half over 85 are affected by **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**.
- The risk for **OVARIAN CANCER** peaks in the late 70s, and more than 70 percent of all **PROSTATE CANCER** cases are diagnosed in men over age 65.
- People aged 65 years or older account for approximately 38% of the population with **DIABETES**.
- **EPILEPSY** now affects about 300,000 seniors nationwide.
- One in two women and one in four men over age 50 will have an **OSTEOPOROSIS**-related fracture in their lifetime.
- Today, 1.5 million Americans have **PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD)**, and each year 60,000 new cases are diagnosed.
- Over the past 36 years, the percentage of hospital inpatients who were 65 years of age and over grew from 20 percent in 1970 to 38 percent in 2006. Over the same time period, the percentage of inpatients who were 75 years of age and over grew from 9 percent to over 24 percent
- The rate of knee replacement for those aged 65 years and over increased 46 percent between 2000–2006

SOURCES: American Heart Association, Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epilepsy Foundation, National Osteoporosis Foundation, Parkinson's Action Network