

Cuba's population aging rate has an upward trend



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Havana, July 31 (RHC)-- At the end of 2020, people aged 60 and over in Cuba represented 21.3% of the total population, which means that the number of citizens in this age range existing in the country since 1970 doubled.

According to the national typology for classifying the intervals that indicate the aging degree, the island is in Group III, the highest, which is reached when individuals in this age group represent more than 15% of the total population.

By 2050, this figure is expected to reach 34.9%, making it the most aged country in the Latin American region, according to a report by the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI).

According to the text, the aging process occurs gradually. It involves: "fertility, mortality and migration, variables that in combined action over time determine the growth and age structure of the population, a study of utmost importance for the economic and social planning of any country".

It emphasizes that Cuba was one of the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that began its demographic transition the earliest, due to the intense decline in fertility, the gradual increase in life expectancy and the persistent negative migratory balance.

At the end of 2020, all of the country's provinces were in Aging Group III, with Artemisa being the least aged (19%) and Villa Clara the most aged (24.5%).

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