



Public health & ageing: research supporting policy and practice

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Public Health:

*“The art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting **health** through the organized efforts of society”*

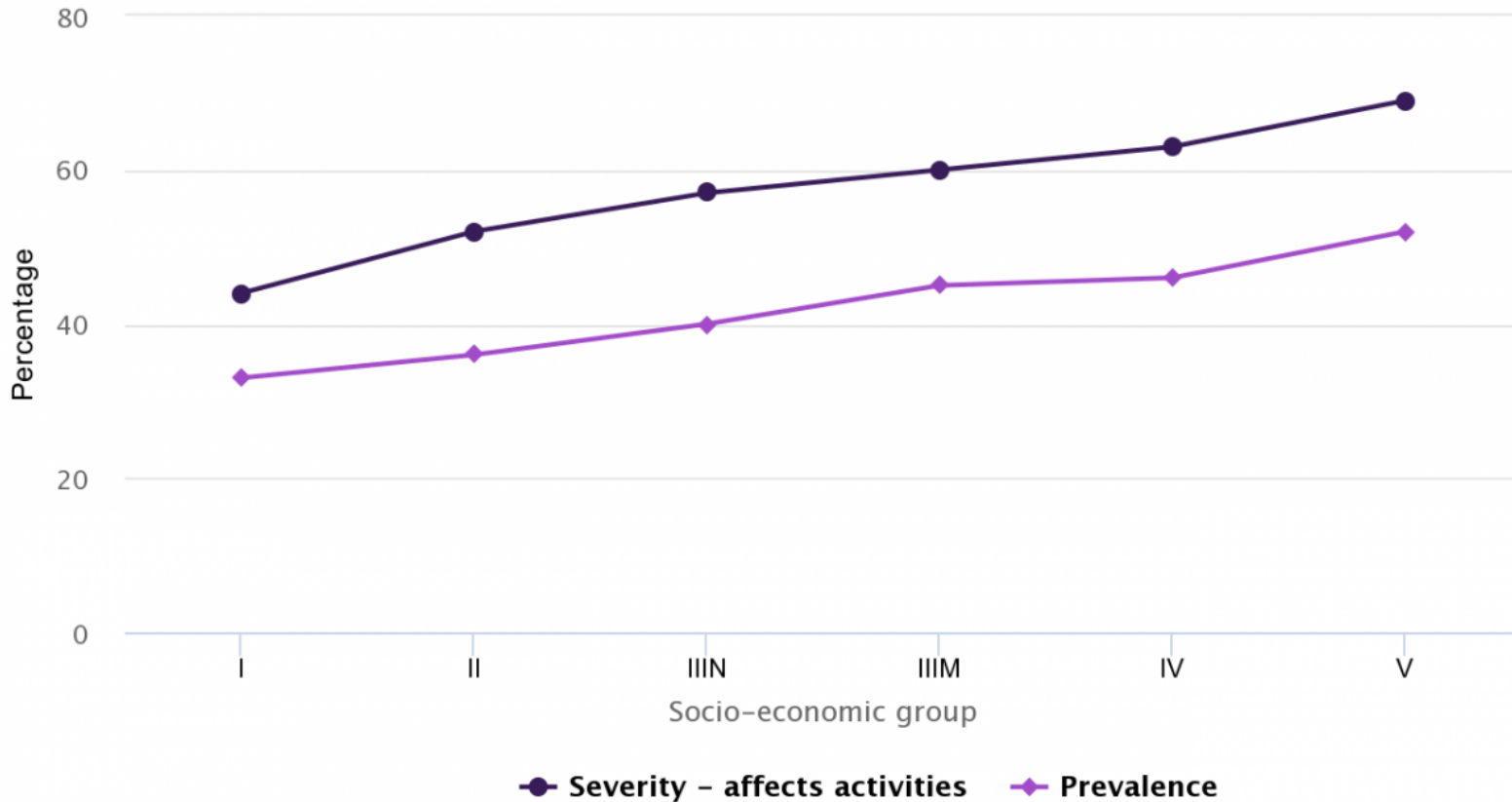
(Acheson 1988)

Older adults - a majority in our society

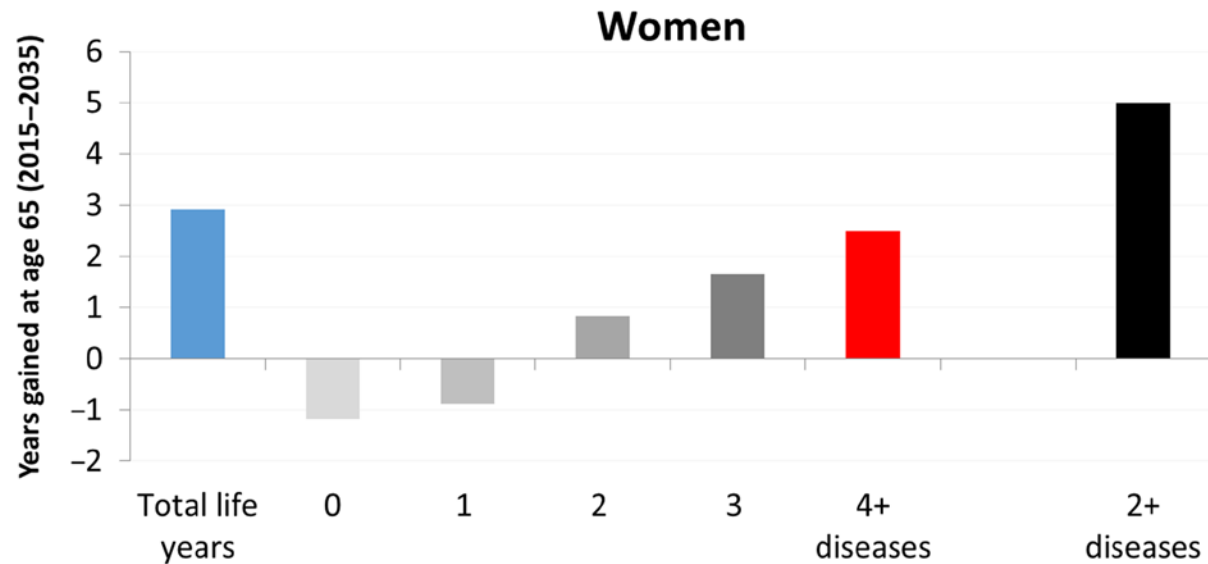
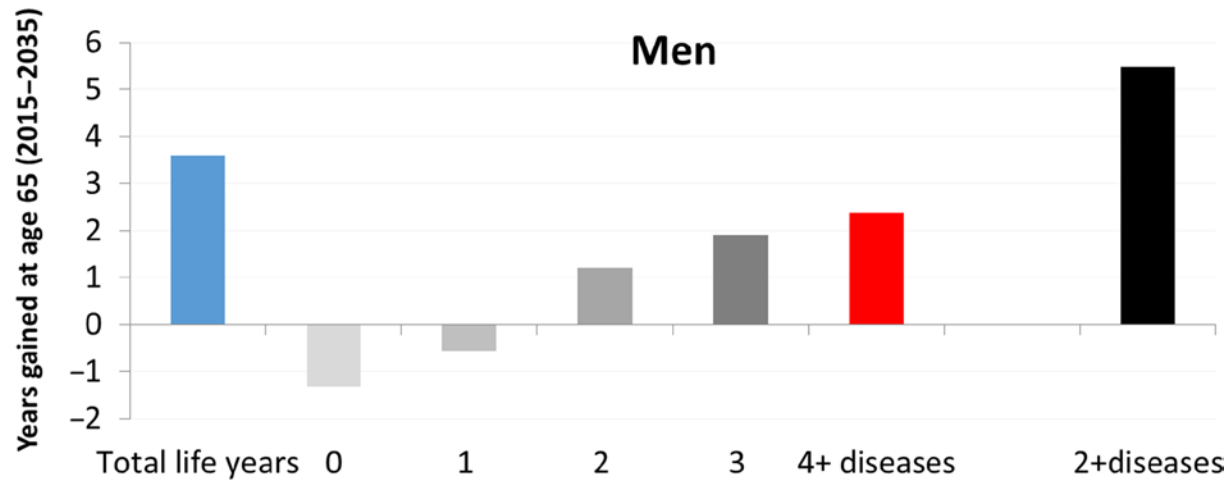
“There were 305 people of pension age for every 1,000 of working age in the UK in 2016”

Prevention: crucial in later life

Link between socio-economic group and long-term conditions prevalence and severity

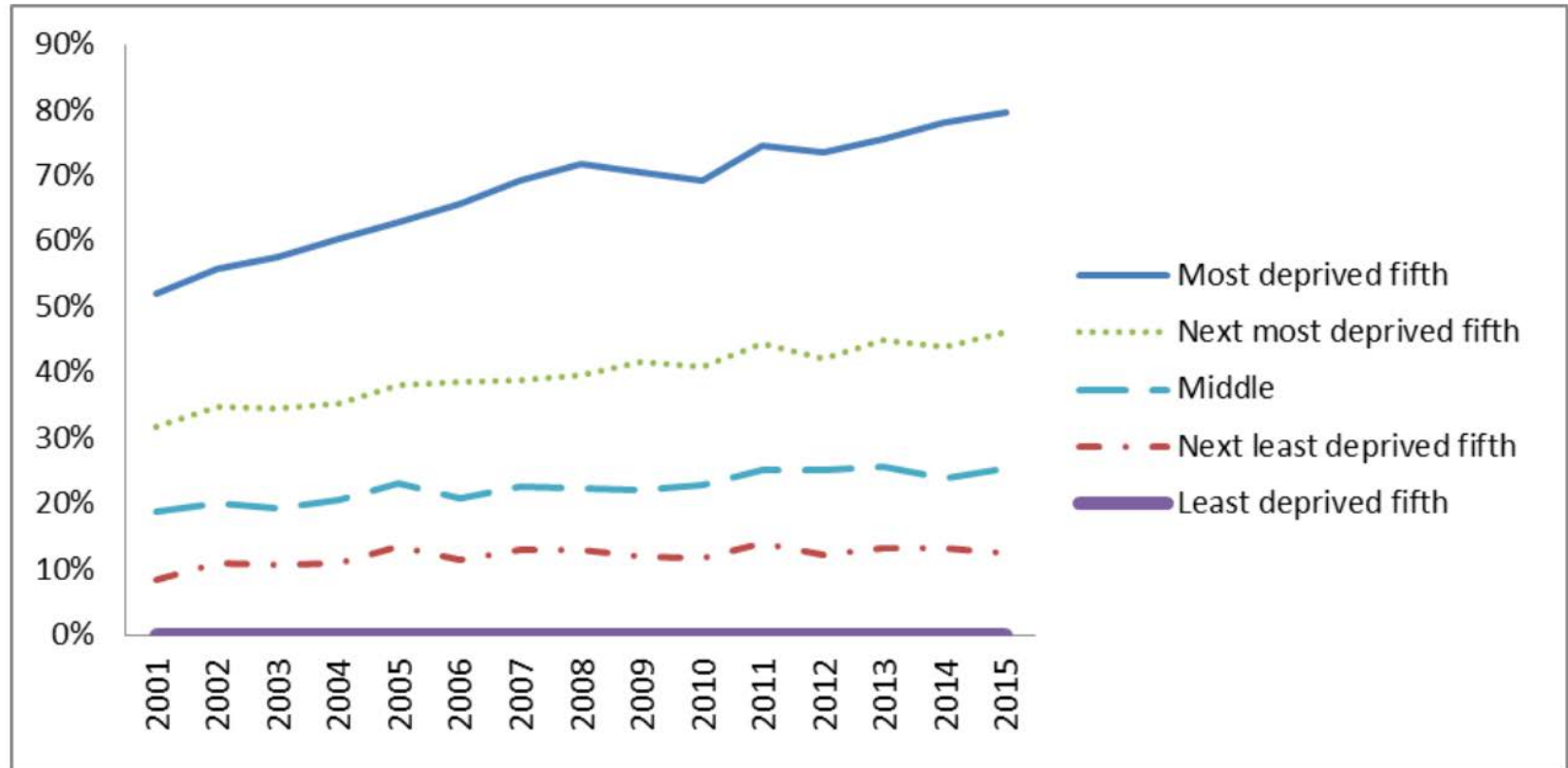


Years gained between 2015 and 2035 in life expectancy at age 65 and years lived from age 65 with different numbers of conditions



Ageing is unequal – for men

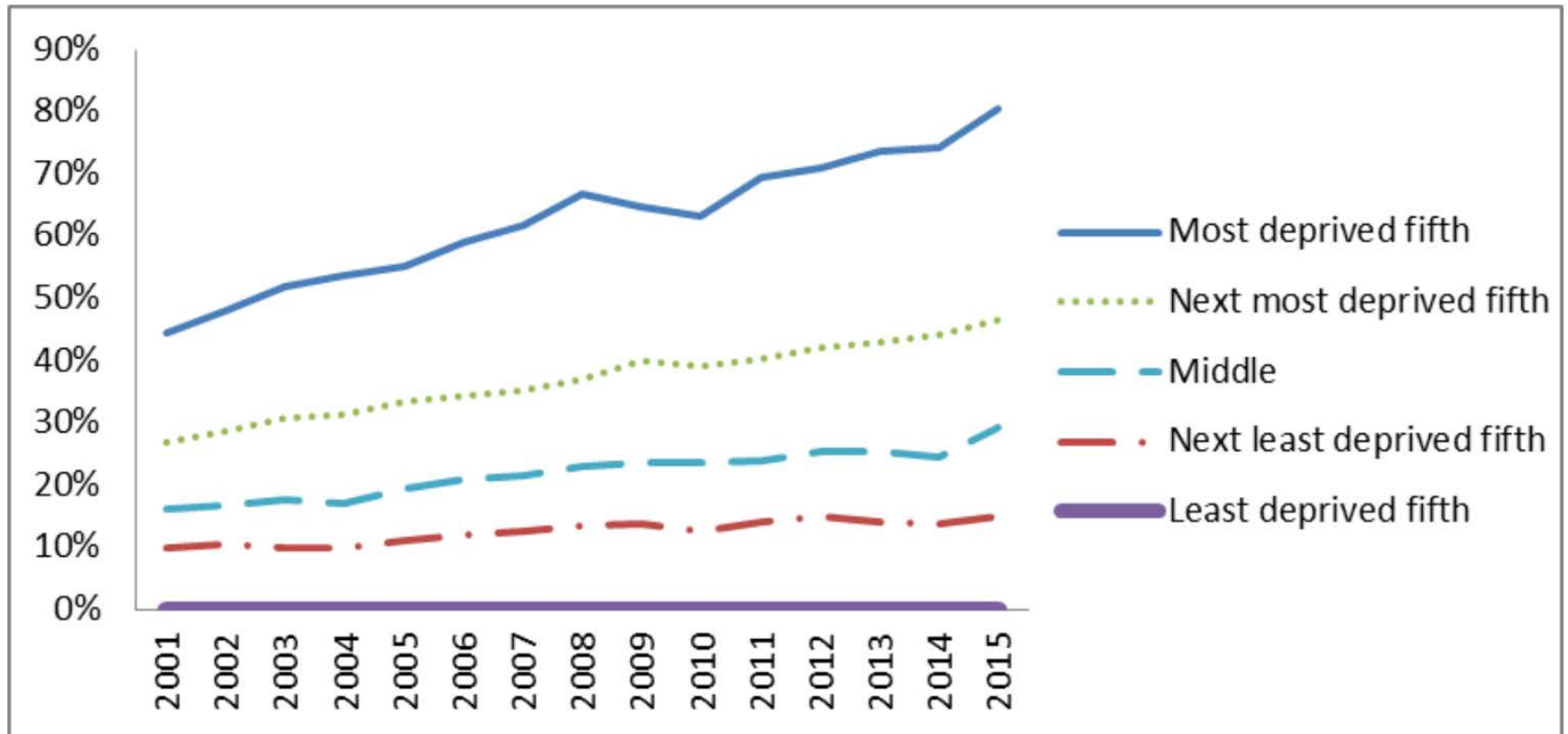
Percentage difference in death rates relative to the least deprived fifth: Males aged 60-89 in England.



Longevity Science Panel (2018)

Ageing is unequal – and women

Percentage difference in death rates relative to the least deprived fifth: Females aged 60-89 in England.

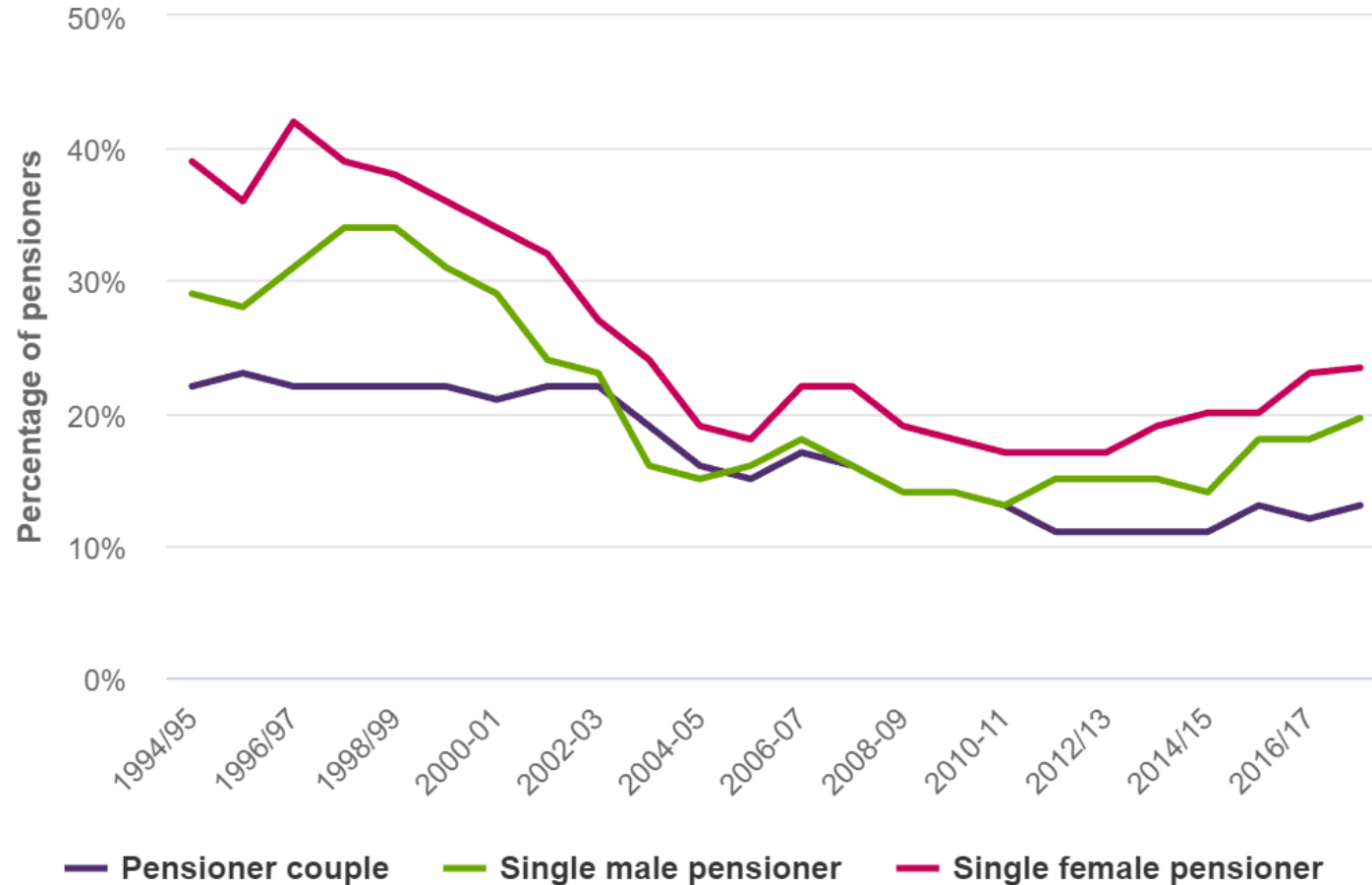


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Pensioner poverty is increasing

Pensioner poverty by couple, single male, single female

Source: Family Resources Survey and Households Below Average Income



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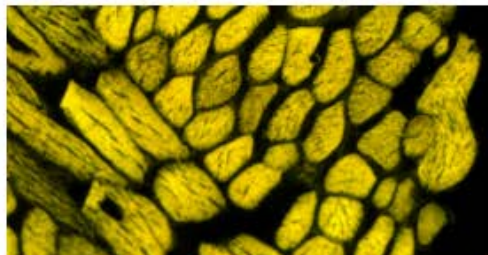


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Global Challenges
Academy

Ageing research themes



How we age



How can we age better



Ageing in place

Policy Research Unit Older People & Frailty



What we do

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Older People and Frailty Policy Research Unit (PRU) aims to produce timely, high quality evidence for policymakers.

We are part of a group of policy research units with the joint aim of answering policymakers' questions and helping the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to make informed decisions about the lives of older people.

We carry out research into promoting healthy ageing, the future needs of older people and the provision of high-quality, cost effective care.

The Older People and Frailty Policy Research Unit is funded by the DHSC. We are one of 15 NIHR Policy Research Units currently in operation. You can see a full list on the [NIHR website](#).



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Methods

Multimorbidity, Ageing and Frailty Research Theme



Research to inform practice



A two decade dementia incidence comparison from the Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies I and II



THE LANCET



Is late-life dependency increasing or not? A comparison of the Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies (CFAS)

BMC Medicine

Frailty trajectories to identify end of life: a longitudinal population-based study

the guardian


Social care

UK needs 71,000 more care home places in eight years, study predicts

Age and Ageing

Loneliness as a risk factor for care home admission in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing FREE

Age and Ageing

Impact of social care supply on healthcare utilisation by older adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis 

European Journal of

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Two-decade change in prevalence of cognitive impairment in the UK



Frailty and end of life care: A population approach

Daniel Stow | FUSE Healthy Ageing | September 2019

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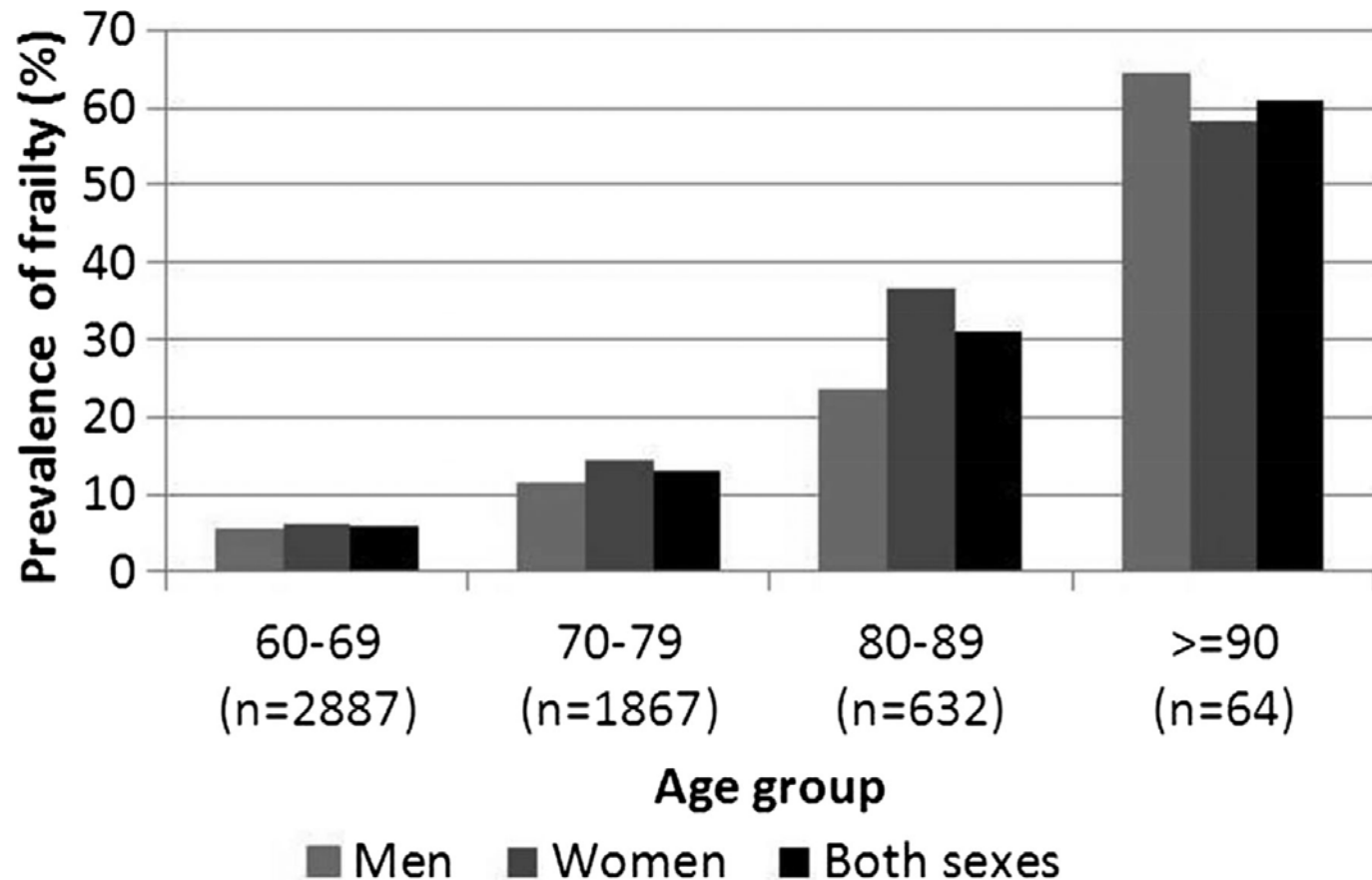
Frailty...

“... is the most problematic expression of population ageing. It is a state of vulnerability to poor resolution of homeostasis after a stressor event and is a consequence of cumulative decline in many physiological systems during a lifetime”

Clegg et al, Lancet (2013)

People are living
longer, meaning more
**people are living with
frailty**

ELSA: Frailty prevalence



People living with frailty among the least likely to access end of life care

**Equity in the
provision of
palliative and
end of life care
in the UK**

April 2015

Benefits of end of life care



Improved **quality of life**



Reduces **symptom burden**



More likely to **die at home**



Reduces **costs**

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Anonymised primary care electronic health records



20 million records



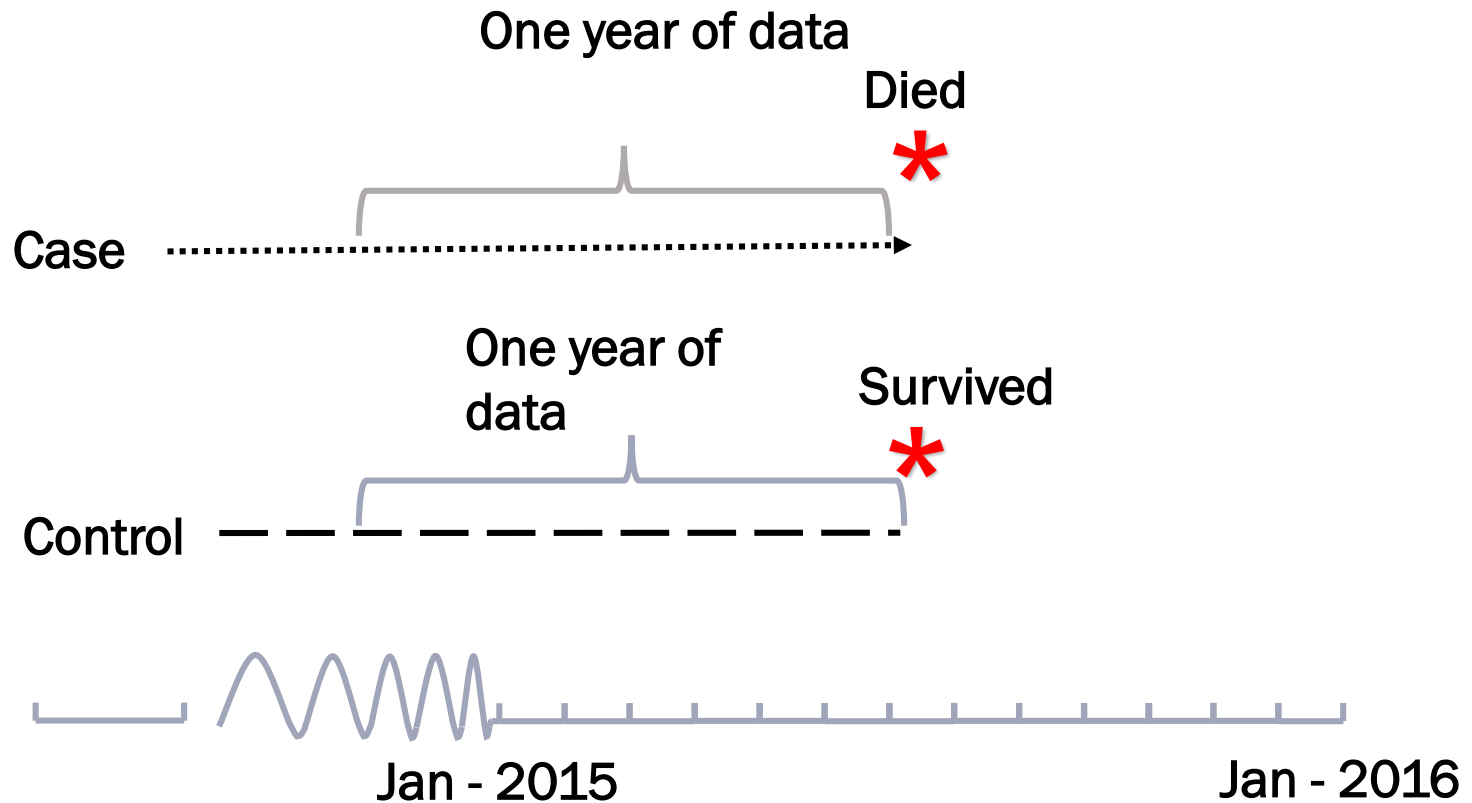
35% GP practices in England

Electronic frailty index

- The number of deficits an individual has divided by the number of deficits in the index
- Scores between 0 (not frail) and 1 (extremely frail)
- For example $7/36=0.19$

Electronic frailty index

- Activity limitation
- Anaemia
- Arthritis
- Atrial fibrillation
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Cognitive problems
- Diabetes
- Dizziness
- Dyspnoea
- Falls
- Foot problems
- Fragility fracture
- Hearing impairment
- Heart failure
- Heart valve disease
- Housebound
- Hypertension
- Hypotension/syncope
- Ischemic heart disease
- Mobility problems
- Osteoporosis
- Parkinsonism and tremor
- Peptic ulcer
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Polypharmacy
- Requirement for care
- Respiratory disease
- Skin ulcer
- Sleep disturbance
- Social vulnerability
- Thyroid disease
- Urinary incontinence
- Urinary system disease
- Visual impairment
- Weight loss and anorexia



DOB matching
(+/- 6 months)

Must be ≥ 75
at this point

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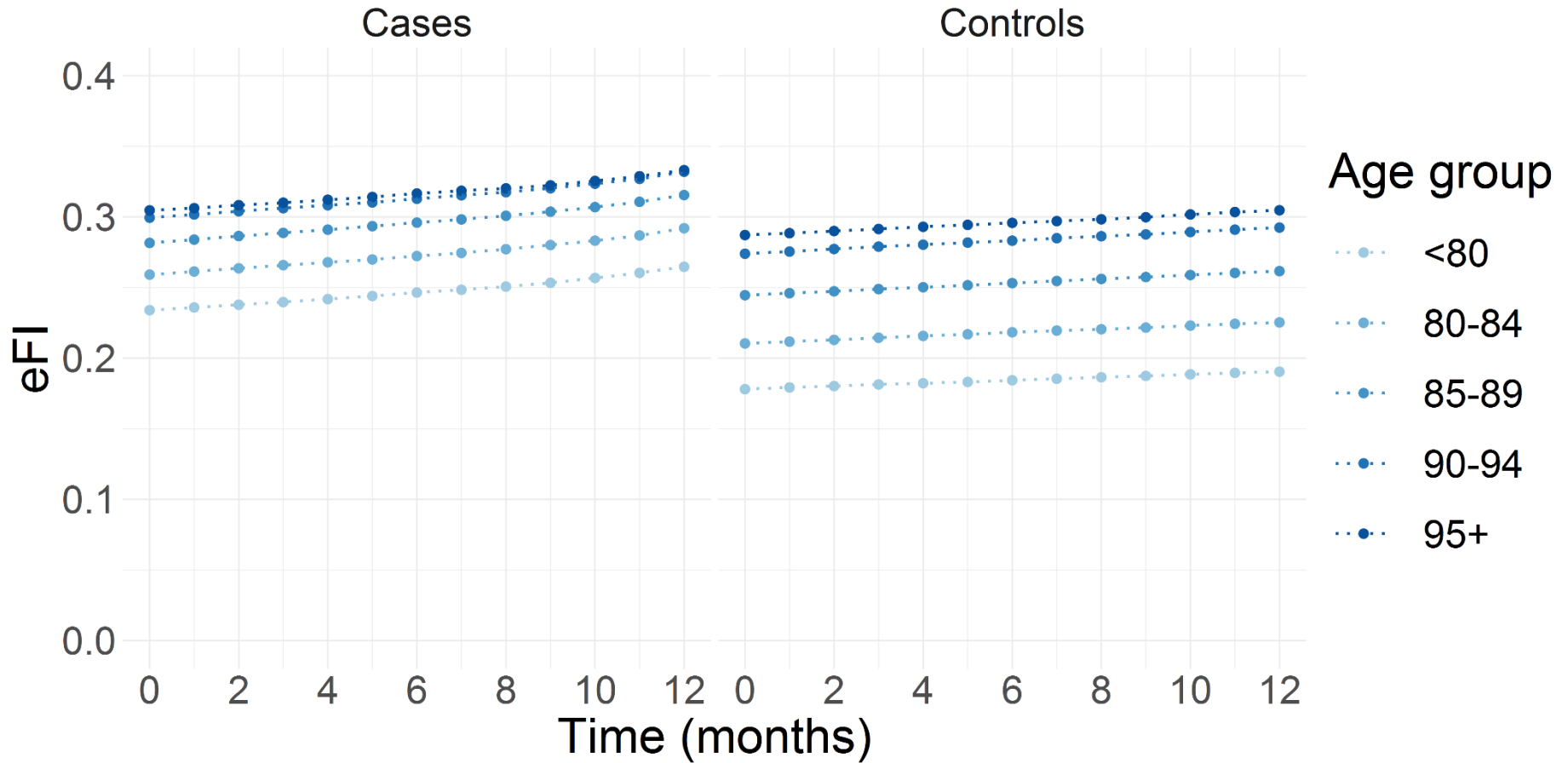
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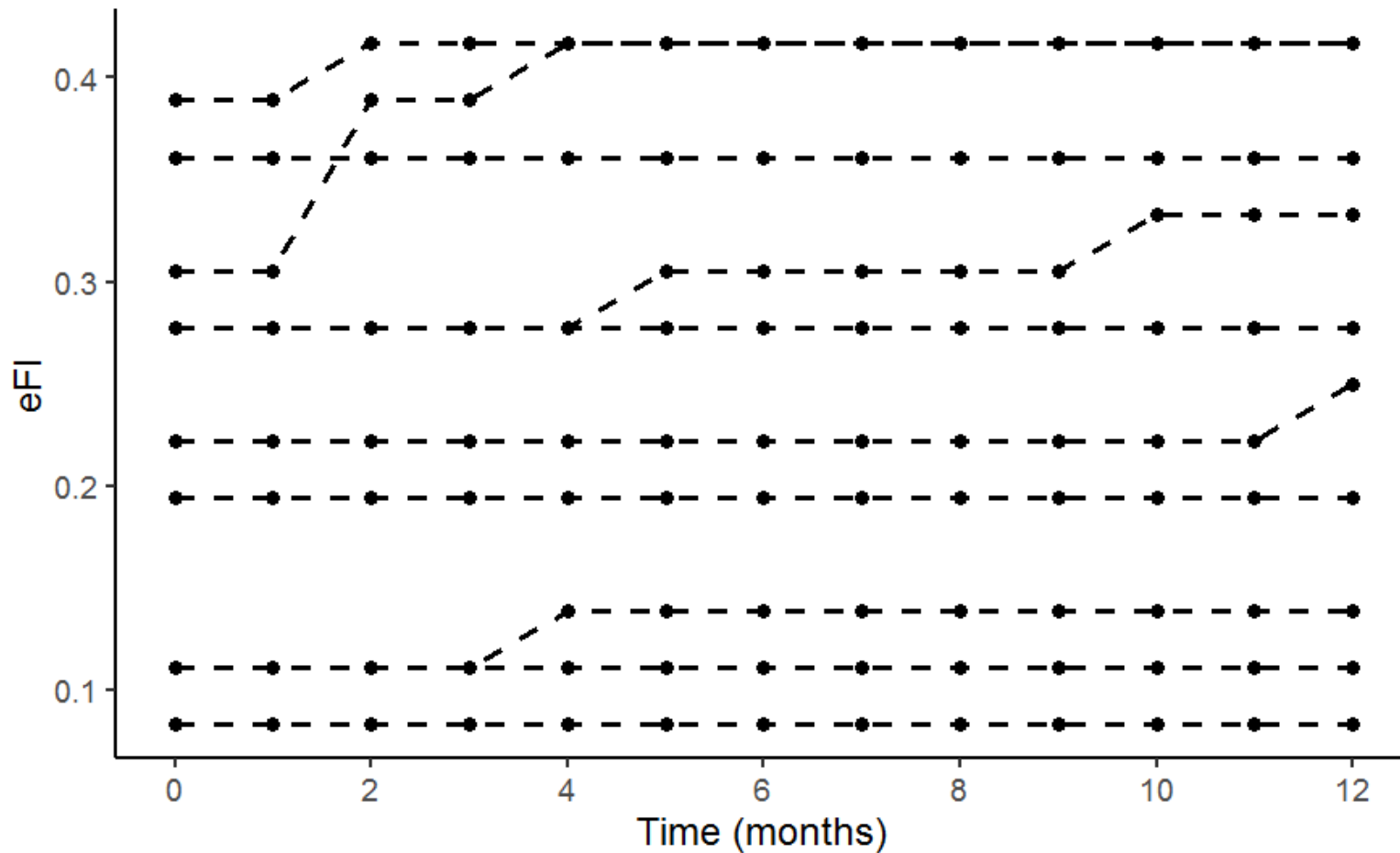


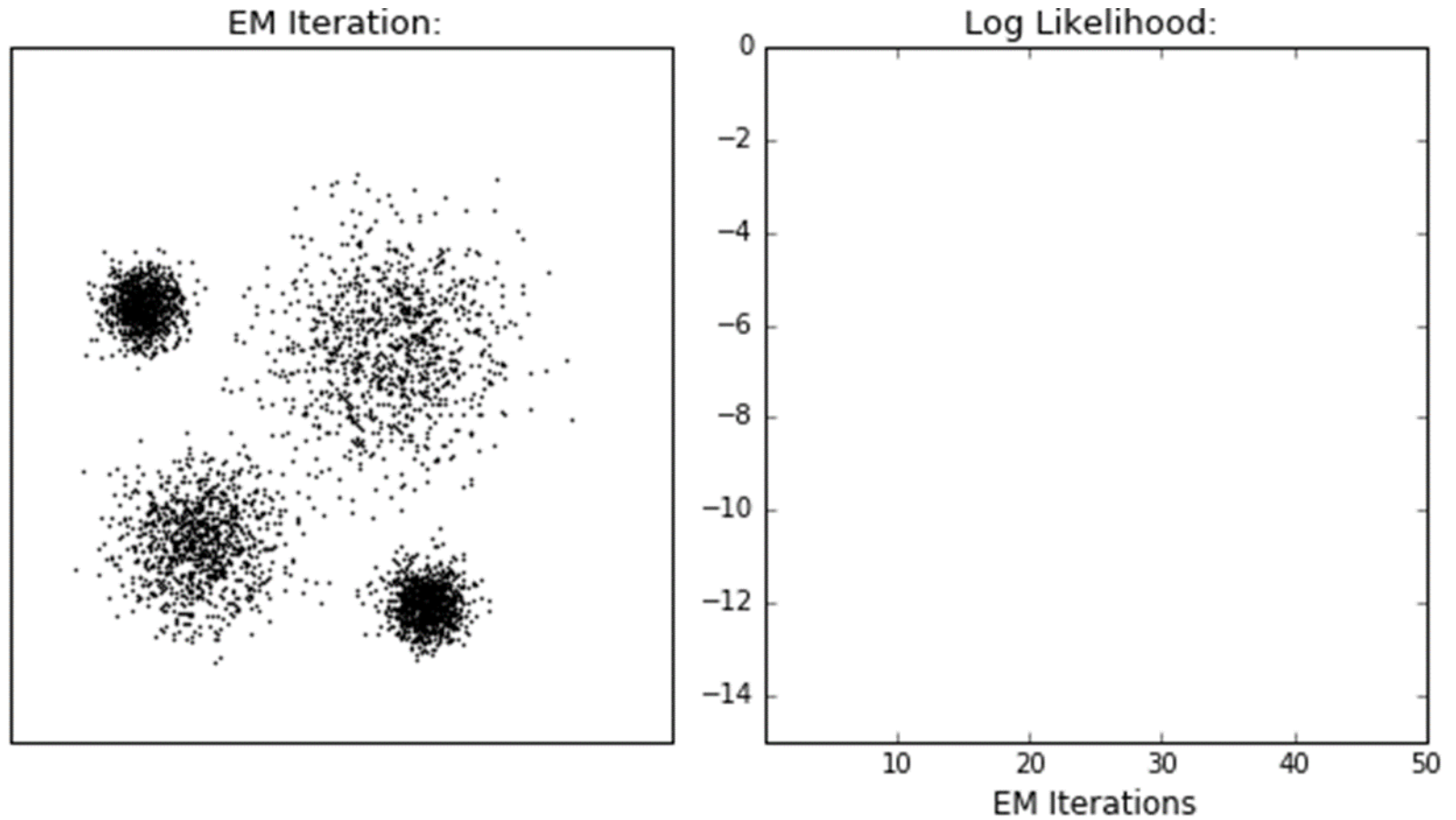
13,149 cases
13,149 controls

1 year eFI trajectories (aggregate)



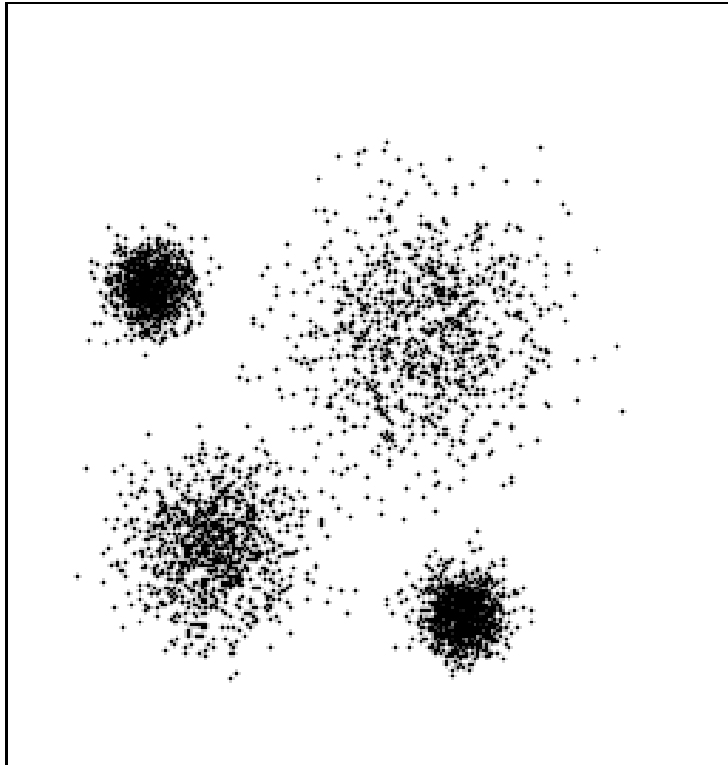
1 year eFI trajectories (10 individuals)



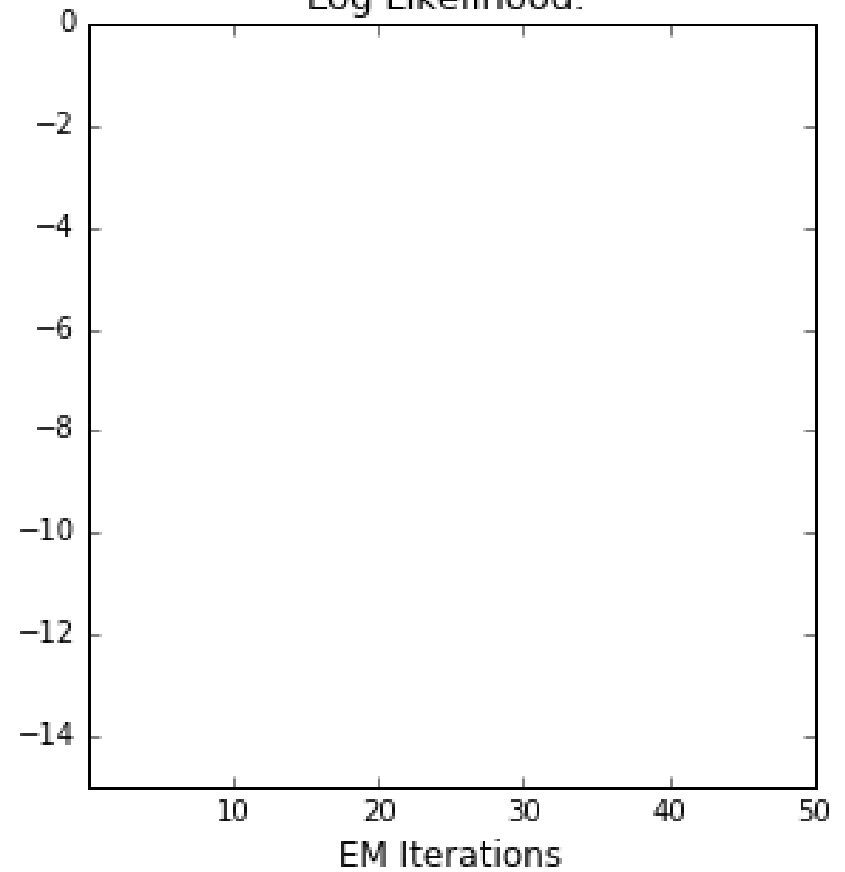


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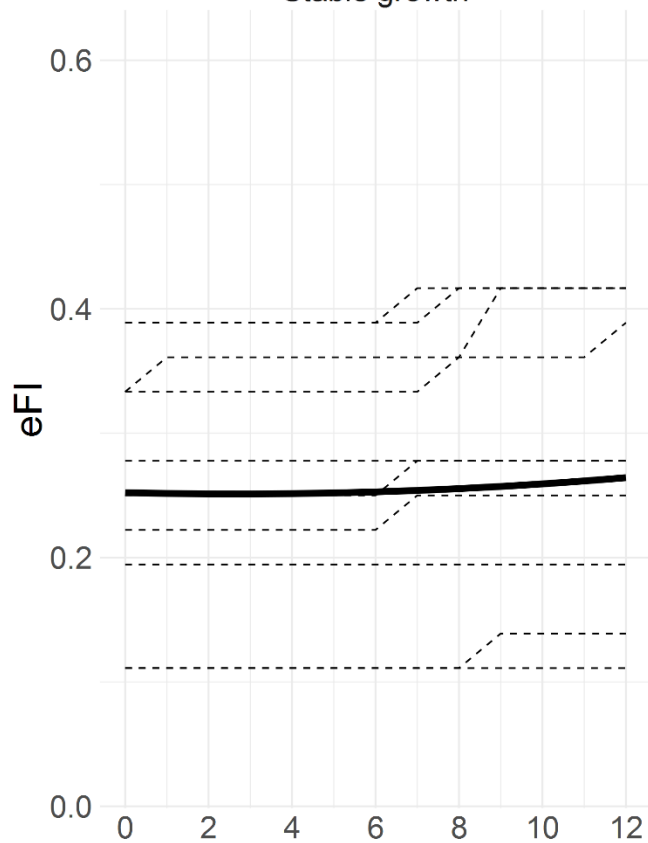


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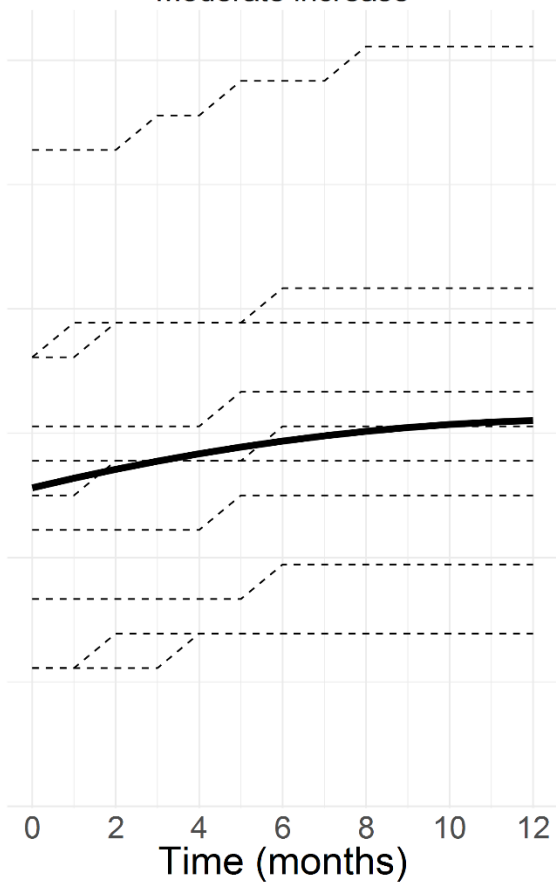


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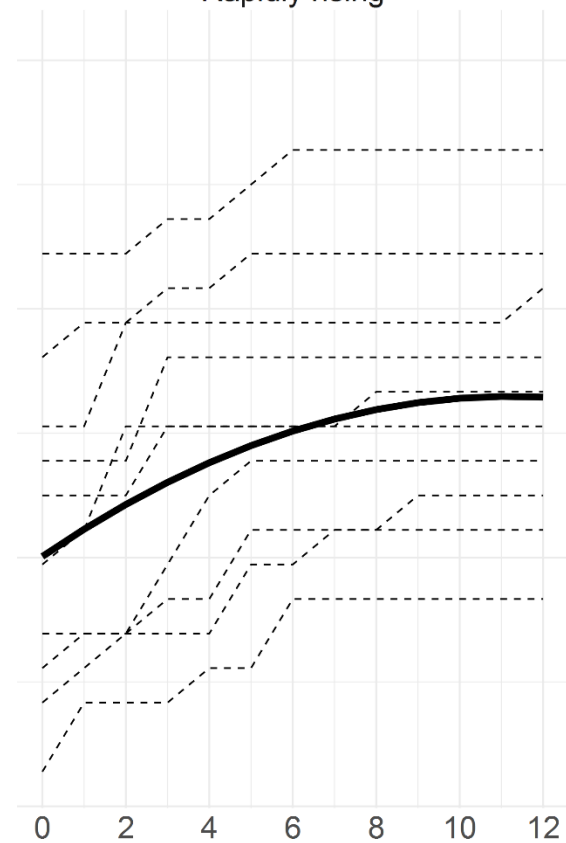
Stable growth



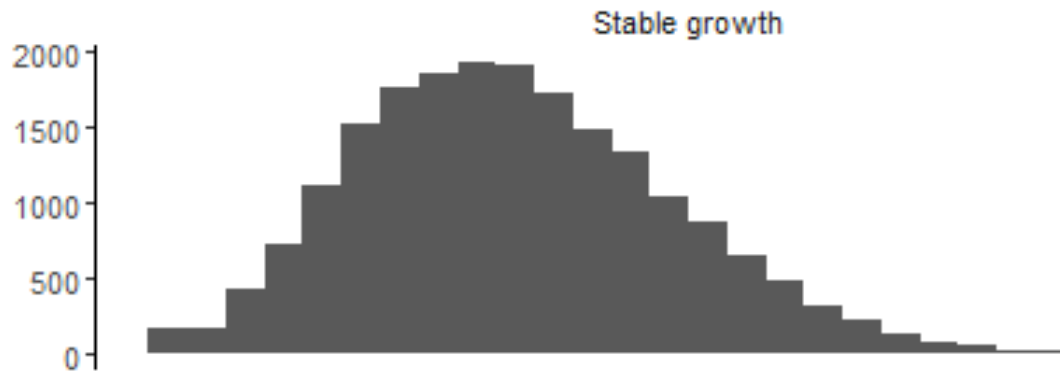
Moderate increase



Rapidly rising



Month: 0



n = 20,144
(76.6%)

Month: 0

Stable growth



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(76.6%)

Moderate increase



n = 5,571
(21.2%)

Month: 0

Stable growth



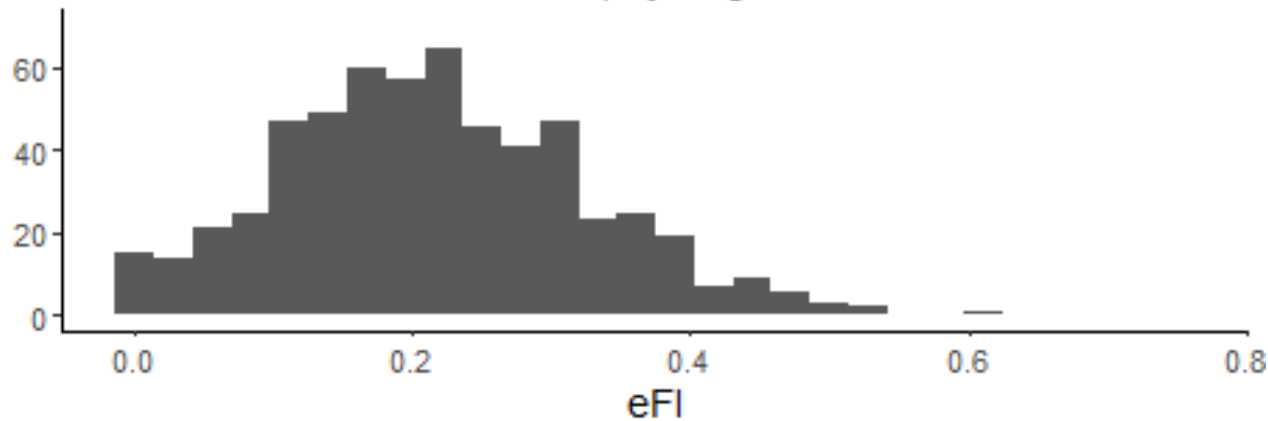
n = 20,144
(76.6%)

Moderate increase



n = 5,571
(21.2%)

Rapidly rising



n = 583
(2.2%)

Month: 0

Stable growth



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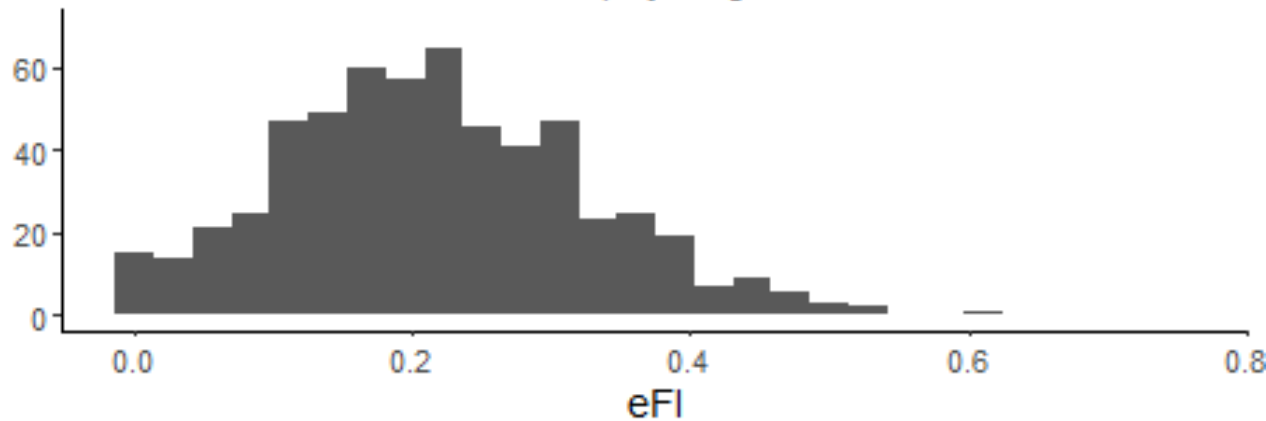
Moderate increase



OR 1.65

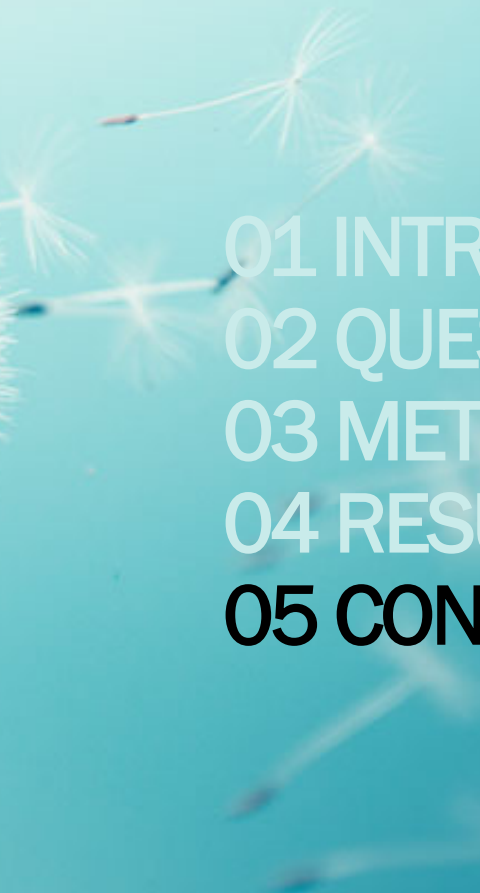
95% CI 1.54–1.76

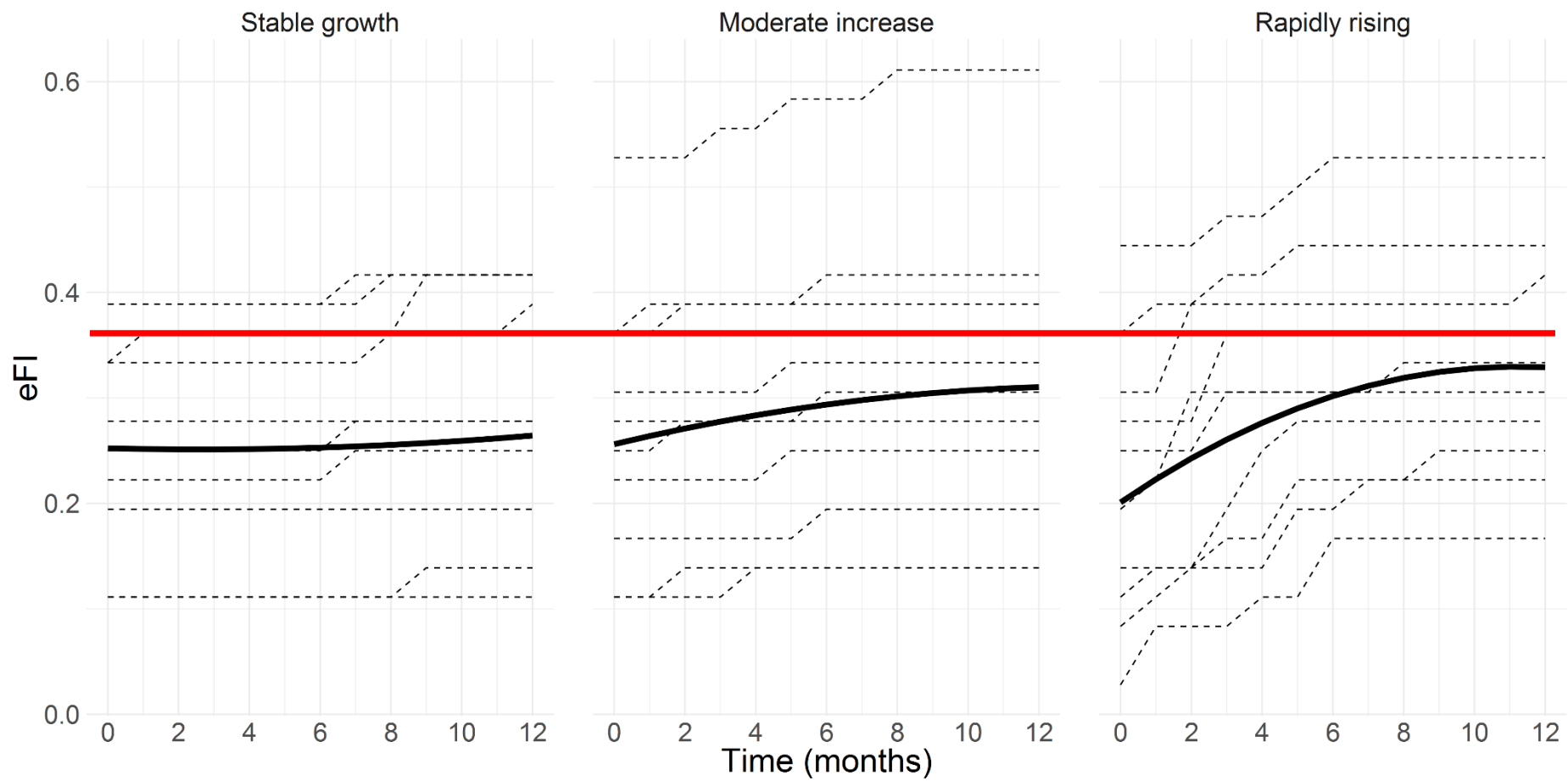
Rapidly rising



OR 2.84

95% CI 2.34–3.45

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How common is loneliness in later life? A meta-analysis

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A decorative image of dandelion seeds with their feathery parachutes, some in sharp focus and others blurred, floating against a teal background.

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Campaign to
EndLoneliness

CONNECTIONS IN OLDER AGE

JO COX
LONELINESS
start a conversation

Influences on Loneliness in Older Adults: A Meta-Analysis

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*Department of Psychiatry
University of Rochester Medical Center*

**“A U-Shaped association
between age and loneliness is
identified”**



Office for
National Statistics

The proportion of single-person
households in over 85s will
increase by 125% by 2037

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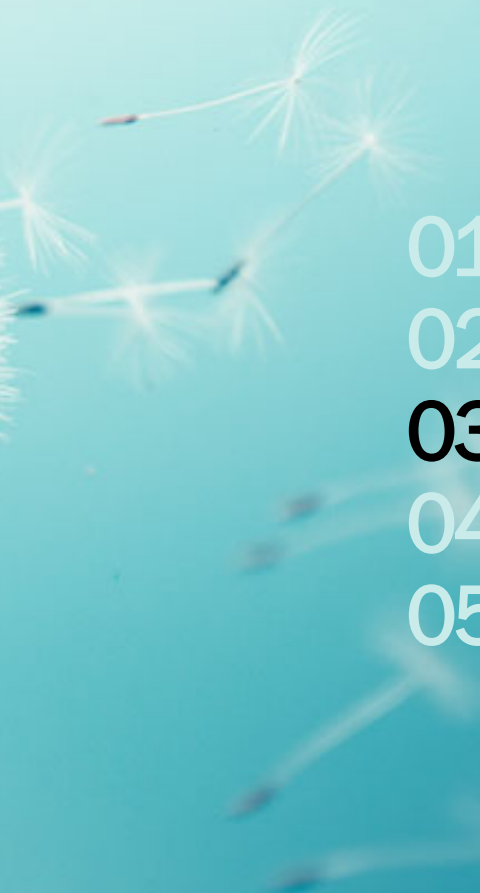
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- Does prevalence vary by **location**?
- Does prevalence change in the **older ages**?
- Has the prevalence **changed over time**?

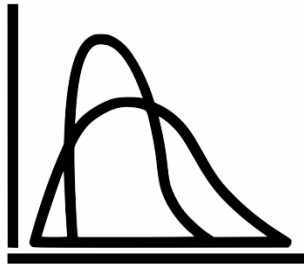
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Systematic searches



Medline, Embase,
Psycinfo, Cinahl, Social
sciences premium
collection



Meta-analysis



Observational studies



High income countries




Any tool/questionnaire

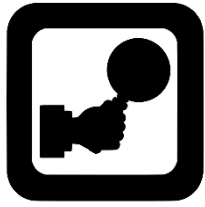


General population age >60

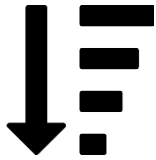


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12505 records



10958 after deduplication



111 full text articles



34 eligible for inclusion



27 included in meta analysis



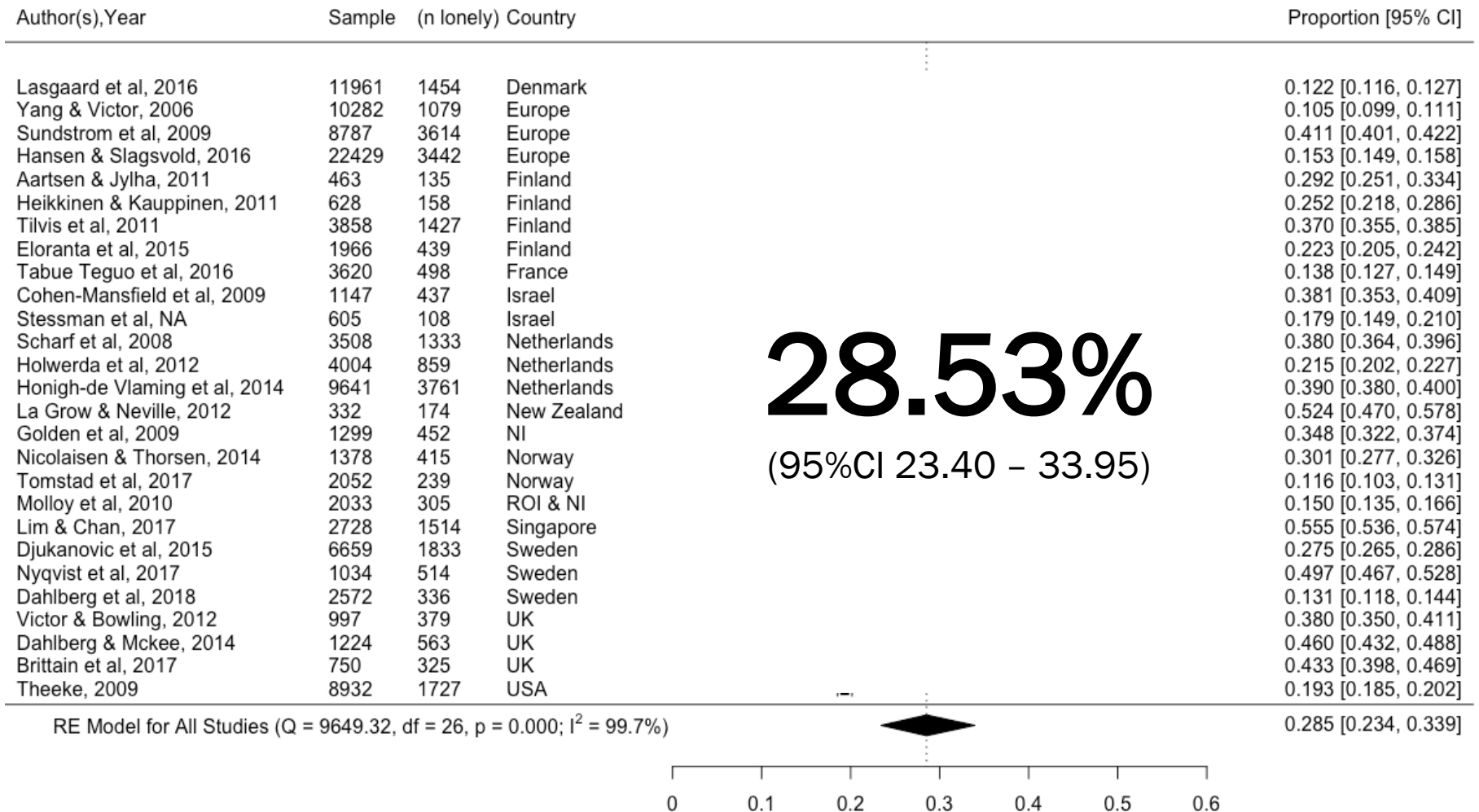
120,000 people



29 countries

- **What is the prevalence of loneliness?**
- Does prevalence vary by location?
- Does prevalence change in the older ages?
- Has the prevalence changed over time?

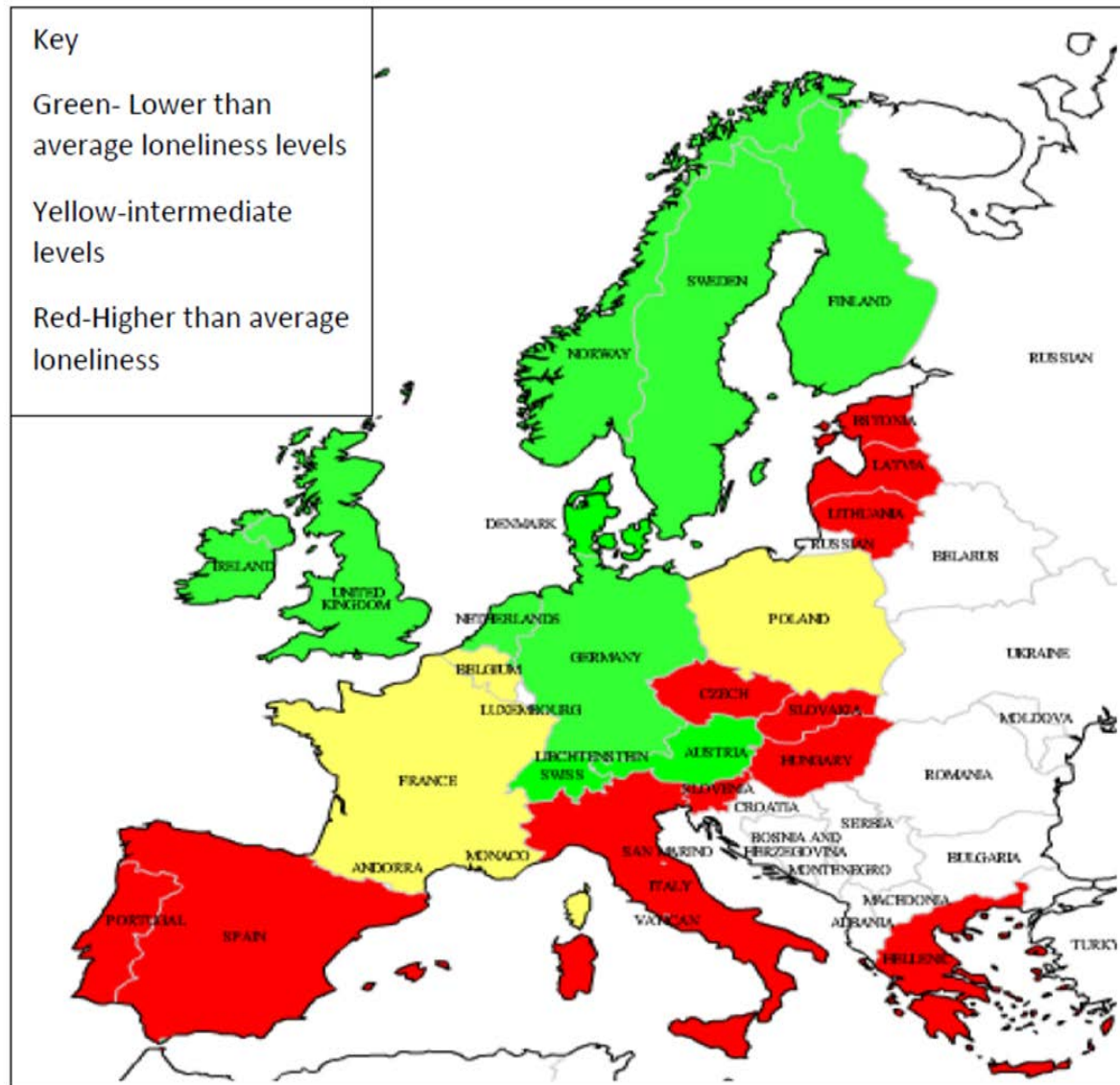
Loneliness: pooled prevalence



- The pooled estimate for severe loneliness (frequency or intensity) was 4.82% (95% CI 3.47 to 6.38%)
- Almost 1 in 20 older adults are severely lonely in the included studies

- What is the prevalence of loneliness?
- **Does prevalence vary by location?**
- Does prevalence change in the older ages?
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Geographic variation



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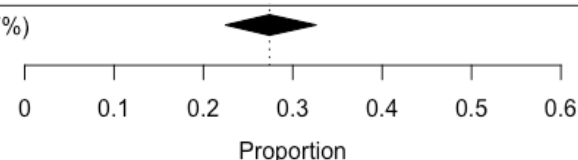
Age variation

Author(s),Year	Sample	(n lonely)	Country	Group	Proportion [95% CI]
Yang et Victor- N.EU, 2006	10282	1079	Europe	65	0.105 [0.099, 0.111]
Tabue Teguo et al, 2016	1870	208	France	65	0.111 [0.097, 0.126]
Lasgaard et al, 2016	8874	994	Denmark	65	0.112 [0.106, 0.119]
Tomstad et al, 2017	2052	239	Norway	65	0.116 [0.103, 0.131]
Molloy et al, 2010	2033	305	ROI & NI	65	0.150 [0.135, 0.166]
Hansen & Slagsvold, 2016	22429	3442	Europe	65	0.153 [0.149, 0.158]
Stessman et al, NA	605	108	Israel	65	0.179 [0.149, 0.210]
Theeke, 2009	8932	1727	USA	65	0.193 [0.185, 0.202]
Holwerda et al, 2012	4004	859	Netherlands	65	0.215 [0.202, 0.227]
Eloranta et al, 2015	1966	439	Finland	65	0.223 [0.205, 0.242]
Heikkinen & Kauppinen, 2011	628	158	Finland	65	0.252 [0.218, 0.286]
Djukanovic et al, 2015	6659	1833	Sweden	65	0.275 [0.265, 0.286]
Aartsen & Jylha, 2011	463	135	Finland	65	0.292 [0.251, 0.334]
Nicolaisen & Thorsen, 2014	1378	415	Norway	65	0.301 [0.277, 0.326]
Golden et al, 2009	1299	452	ROI	65	0.348 [0.322, 0.374]
Scharf et al- Netherlands, 2008	3508	1333	Netherlands	65	0.380 [0.364, 0.396]
Victor & Bowling, 2012	997	379	UK	65	0.380 [0.350, 0.411]
Honigh-de Vlaming et al, 2014	9641	3761	Netherlands	65	0.390 [0.380, 0.400]
Sundstrom et al, 2009	8787	3614	Europe	65	0.411 [0.401, 0.422]
Dahlberg & Mckee, 2014	1224	563	UK	65	0.460 [0.432, 0.488]
La Grow & Neville, 2012	332	174	New Zealand	65	0.524 [0.470, 0.578]
Lim et Chan, 2017	2728	1514	Singapore	65	0.555 [0.536, 0.574]
Dahlberg et al, 2018	2572	336	Sweden	75	0.131 [0.118, 0.144]
Lasgaard et al, 2016	3087	460	Denmark	75	0.149 [0.137, 0.162]
Tabue Teguo et al, 2016	1750	290	France	75	0.166 [0.149, 0.184]
Tilvis et al, 2011	3858	1427	Finland	75	0.370 [0.355, 0.385]
Cohen-Mansfield et al, 2009	1147	437	Israel	75	0.381 [0.353, 0.409]
Brittain et al, 2017	750	325	UK	75	0.433 [0.398, 0.469]
Nygqvist et al, 2017	1034	514	Sweden	75	0.497 [0.467, 0.528]

60+
26.80%
(95% CI 21.23 to 32.8)

75+
29.29%
(95%CI 18.51 – 41.39)


RE Model for All Studies (Q = 9713.61, df = 28, p = 0.000; I² = 99.7%)



- What is the prevalence of loneliness?
- Does prevalence vary by location?
- Does prevalence change in the older ages?
- **Has the prevalence changed over time?**

Are we getting more lonely?

- **4 Studies** were repeated cross sections over time
- Gap of between **5 and 22 years**
- Found **no difference** in prevalence of loneliness

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- **3 in 10** adults over 60 feel lonely at any one time
- **1 in 20** adults over 60 are severely lonely
- Prevalence appears to be **constant across time**
- Geographical variation remains unexplained



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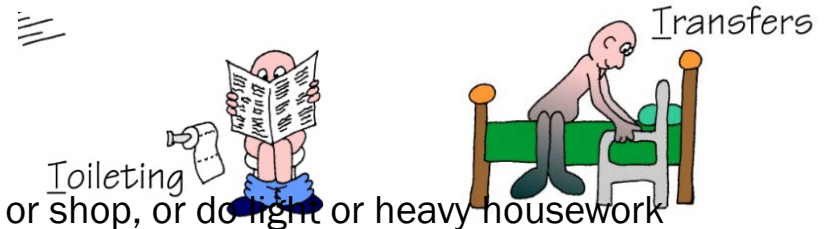
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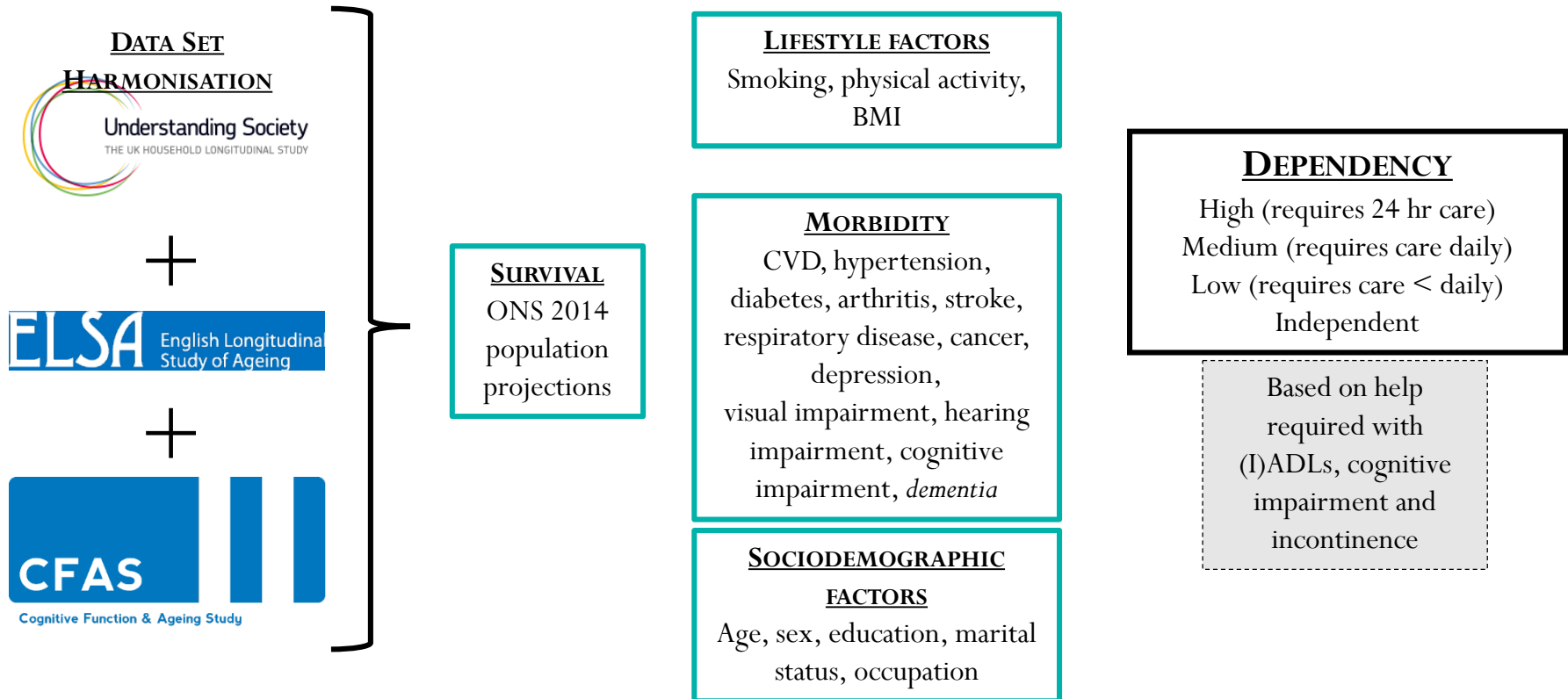
Measuring dependency

Interval of need (Isaacs and Neville, 1975):

- **High (requires 24-hour care)**
bedbound or chairbound, or unable to get to or use the toilet without help, or need help feeding, or be often incontinent and need help dressing, or have severe cognitive impairment (MMSE < 10)
- **Medium (requires help at regular times daily)**
need help preparing a meal, or dressing
- **Low (requires help less than daily)**
need help to wash all over or bath, or cut toenails, or shop, or do light or heavy housework
- **Independent**

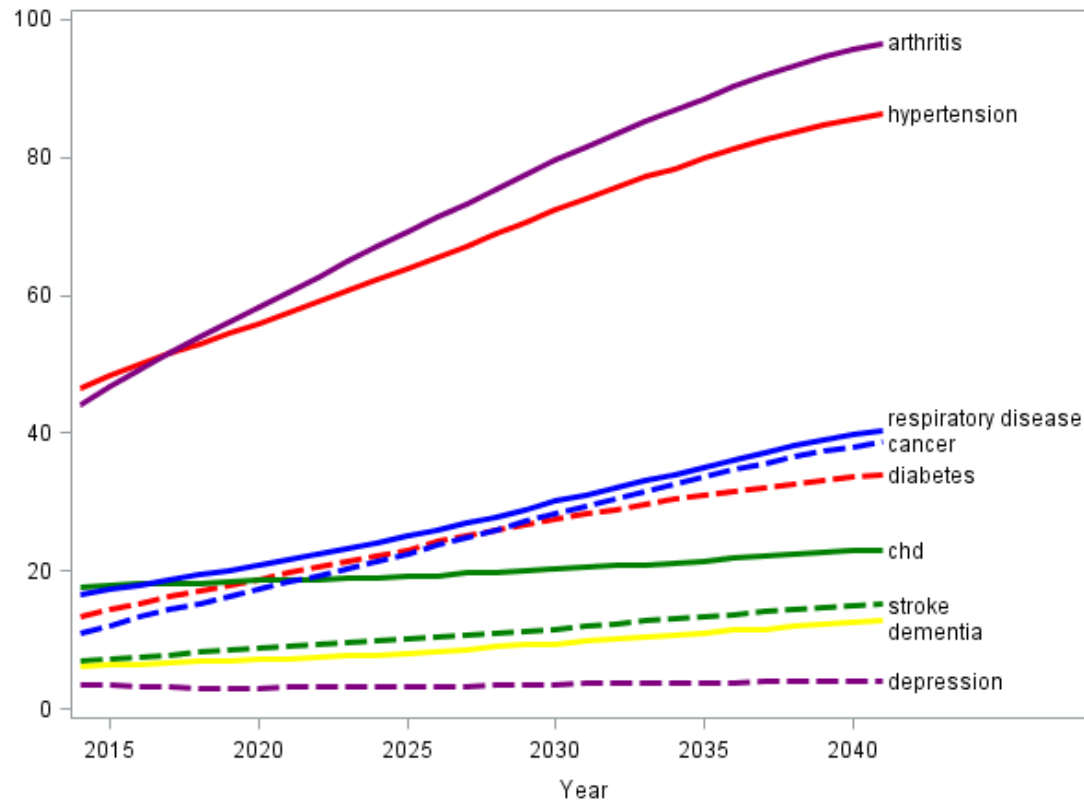


Population Ageing and Care Simulation (PACSim): Outline



What does the future hold?

Numbers aged 65+ with each disease



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Projections of multi-morbidity in the older population in England to 2035: estimates from the Population Ageing and Care Simulation (PACSim) model

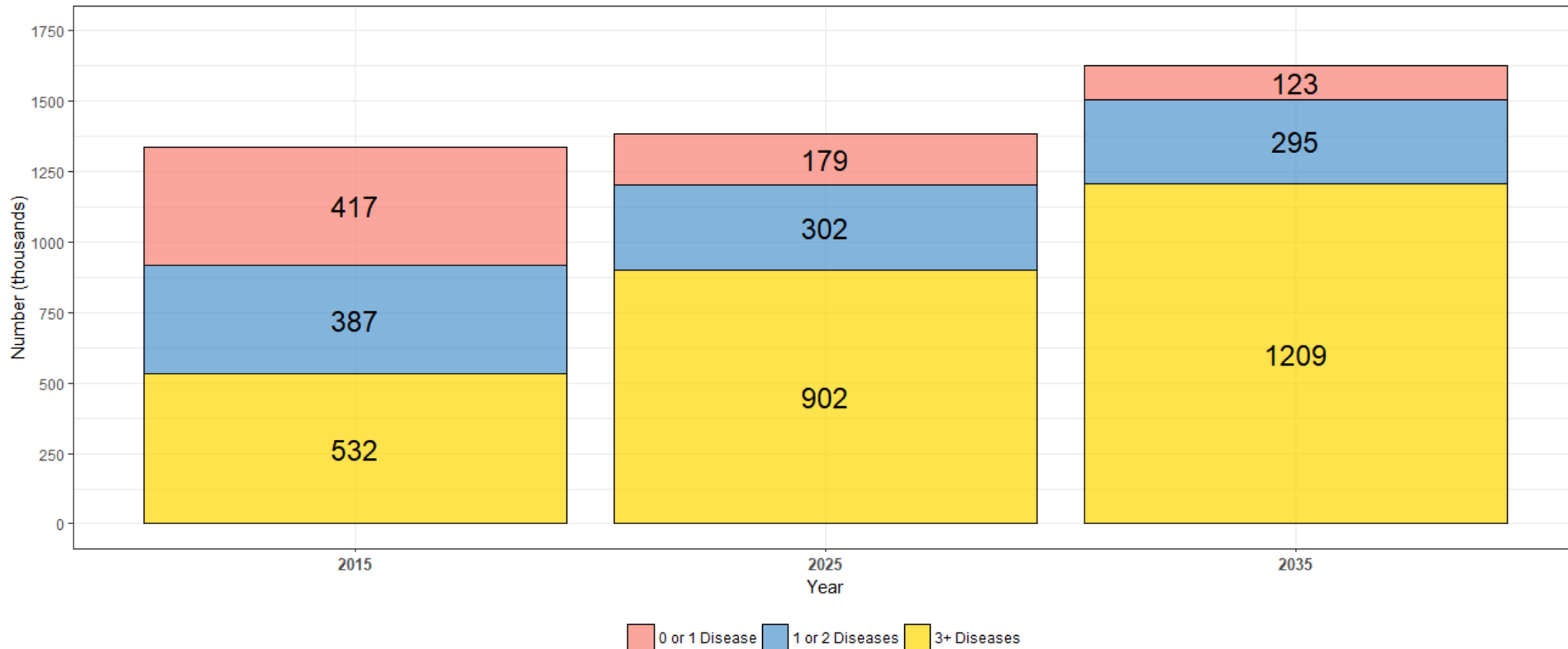
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Dependency: the numbers

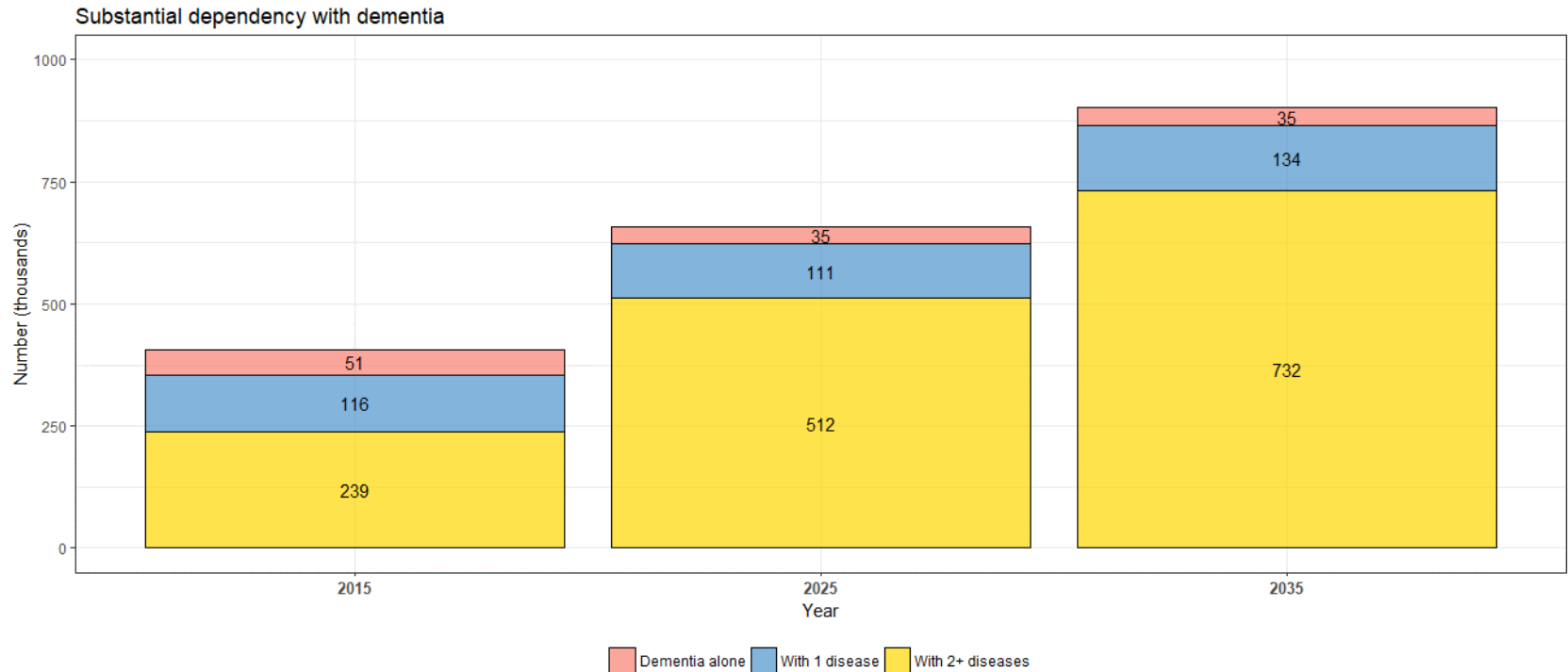


Moderate or high dependency

Substantial dependency



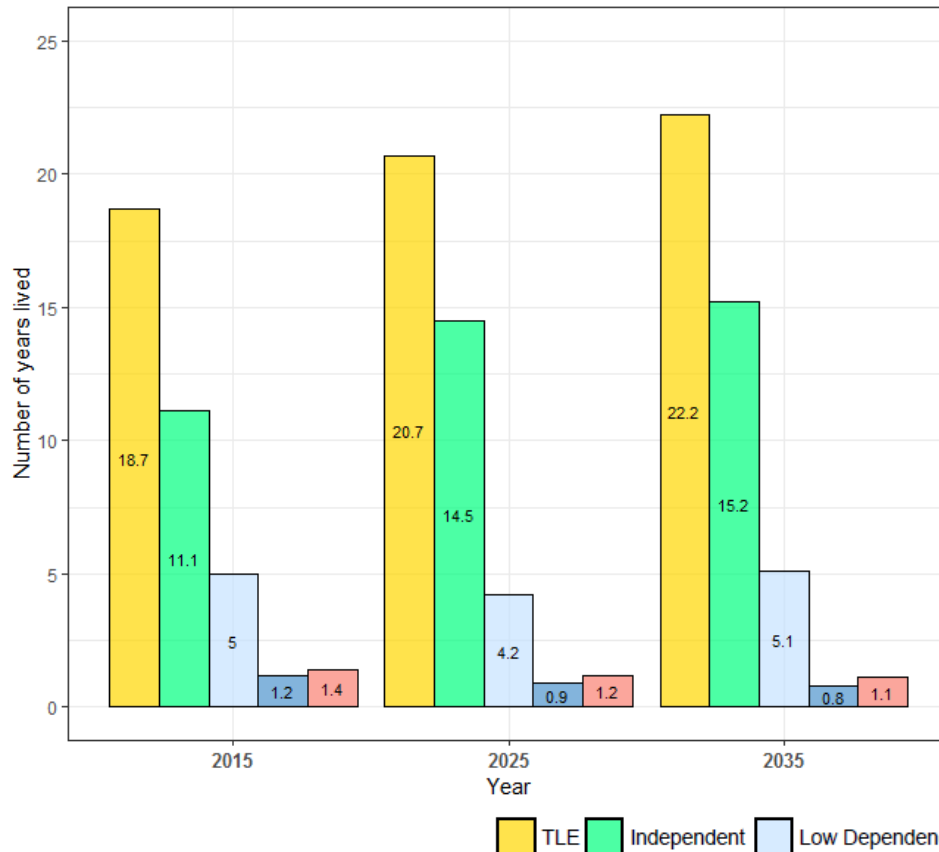
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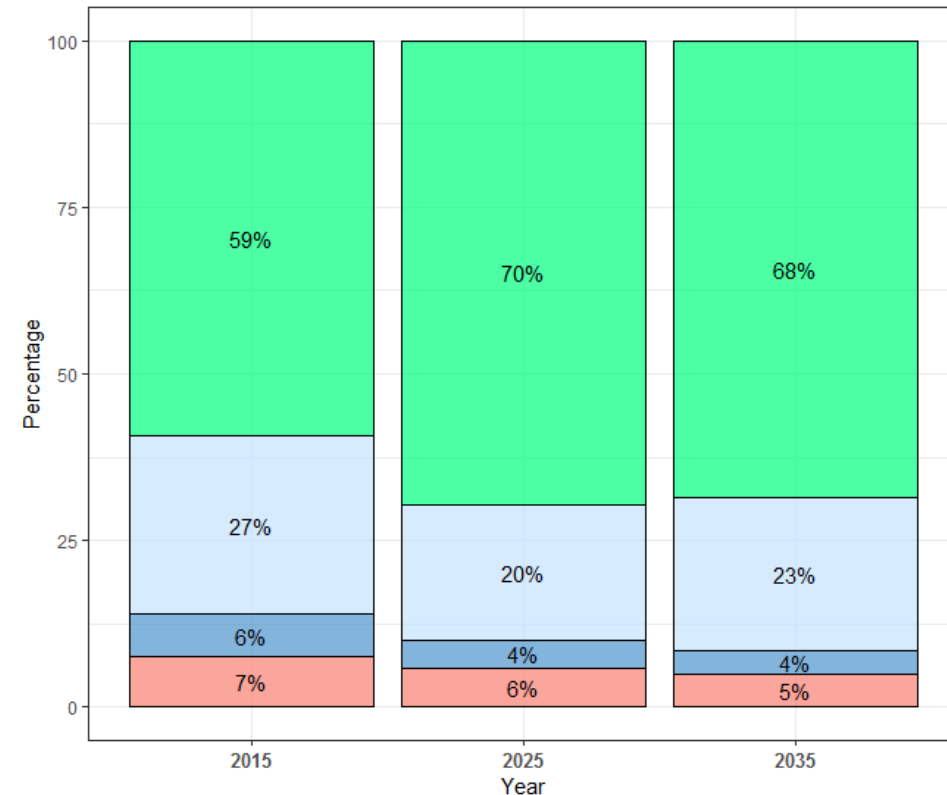
**206% increase in those people with substantial care needs
AND dementia AND complex multimorbidity**

Health Expectancy at 65: Men

Health Expectancy: Years

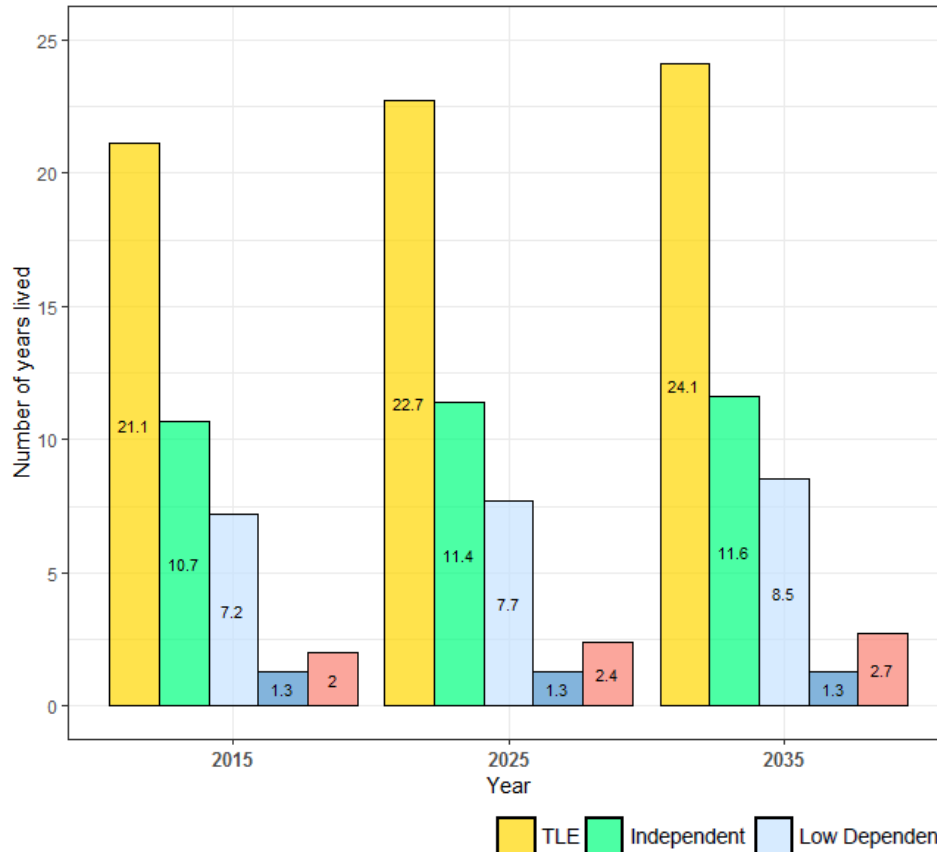


Health Expectancy: Proportion

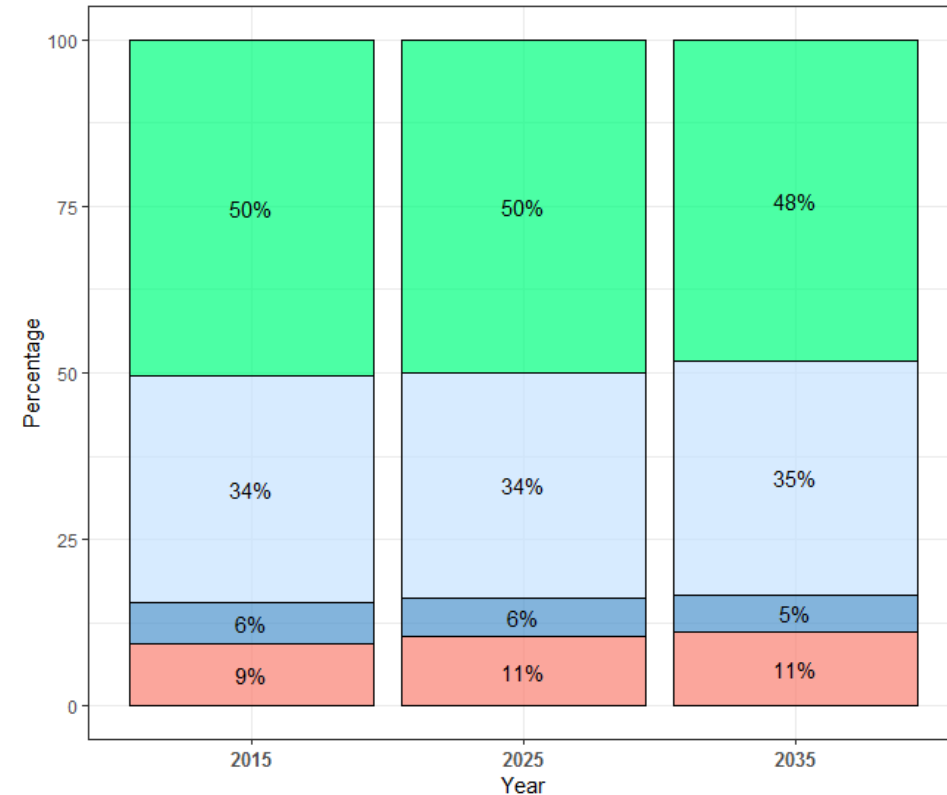


Health Expectancy at 65: Women

Health Expectancy: Years



Health Expectancy: Proportion



Conclusions (1)

1. The English population aged 65+ will see increases in the number of individuals independent but with complex care needs.
2. Trends for men and women are very different.
3. Men are predicted to experience a compression of dependency, whereas women are predicted to experience an expansion of low and high dependency.

Conclusions (2)

4. More individuals reaching 85 years or older who have higher levels of dependency, dementia, and comorbidity.
5. 206% increase (493 thousand people) in those people with substantial care needs AND dementia AND complex multimorbidity
6. Health and social care services must adapt to the complex care needs of an increasing older population.

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Summary

Background Existing models for forecasting future care needs are limited in the risk factors included and in the assumptions made about incoming cohorts. We estimated the numbers of people aged 65 years or older in England and the years lived in older age requiring care at different intensities between 2015 and 2035 from the Population Ageing and Care Simulation (PACSim) model.

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