

# How long will we live? How long will we live healthy? New findings from biodemographic research 

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## The explosion of centenarians



## Oldest age at which at least 50\% of a birth cohort is still alive

| Year of Birth: | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ |
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| France | 101 | 103 | 104 |
| Germany | 99 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 2}$ |
| Great Britain | 101 | 102 | 104 |
| Japan | 104 | 106 | 107 |
| Sweden | 101 | 102 | 104 |
| USA | 100 | 101 | 103 |

## The postponement of senescence: evidence from Sweden



## How many of us work? How much do we work?

| Country | R , nonworkers per worker |  |  | H, hours worked per week per capita |  |  |
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|  | 2009 | 2025 | Change | 2009 | 2025 | Change |
| Germany | 1.13 | 1.47 | 30\% | 12.55 | 11.16 | -11\% |
| France | 1.40 | 1.69 | 21\% | 12.45 | 11.35 | -9\% |
| Italy | 1.60 | 1.86 | 16\% | 13.14 | 12.05 | -8\% |
| UK | 1.11 | 1.19 | 7\% | 14.97 | 14.67 | -2\% |
| USA | 1.17 | 0.99 | -15\% | 15.64 | 16.36 | 5\% |

## How much do Danes work?

- 3.8 billion hours
- 5.6 million people
- Implies 13 hours/week/capita
- 2.6 million worked, $47 \%$
- Those who worked, worked 28 hours/week/worker


## How much do Danes work?

- Usual workweek 37 hours/week
- But vacations, holidays, sick leave reduce this to 31-32 hours
- Some work part time, leading to the 28 hours/week/worker


## Redistribution of work

- 13 hours/week/capita
- 2.6 million worked, $47 \%$
- Those who worked, actually worked 28 hours/week/worker
- If 5\% more Danes worked, this could be reduced to 25 hours/week/worker
- And the official work week could be reduced from 37 to 33 hours/week
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