

NORTH MACEDONIA

Ageing in North Macedonia: Between Concern and Uncertainty

Public opinion in North Macedonia reflects deep concern about ageing, shaped by economic strain, migration, and limited trust in political institutions. Many believe that the needs of older adults are not adequately addressed by political parties or the state, even as optimism surrounds the potential impact of EU membership. As families shrink and support systems weaken, anxieties grow – particularly regarding health, finances, and the country’s long-term resilience. Public responses also reveal ambivalence toward possible solutions, with mixed views on immigration and on the effectiveness of collective action, such as the 2023 pensioners’ protests, pointing to broader uncertainty about the future.



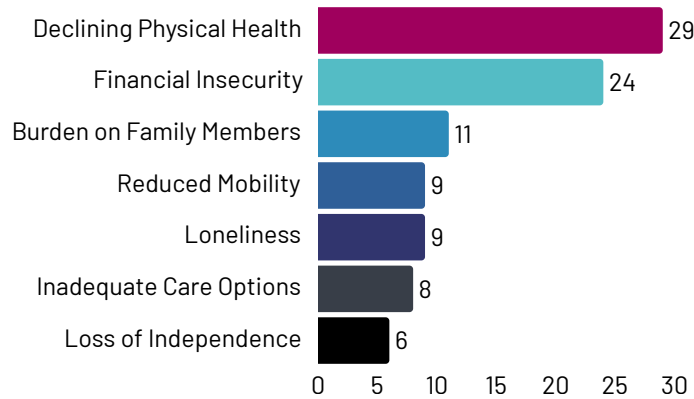
75% are concerned about population ageing, mainly due to economic strain (56%).



2023 pensioners' protests: 39% saw success, 38% did not.

Key Concerns

Factors of Concern about Ageing (in %)



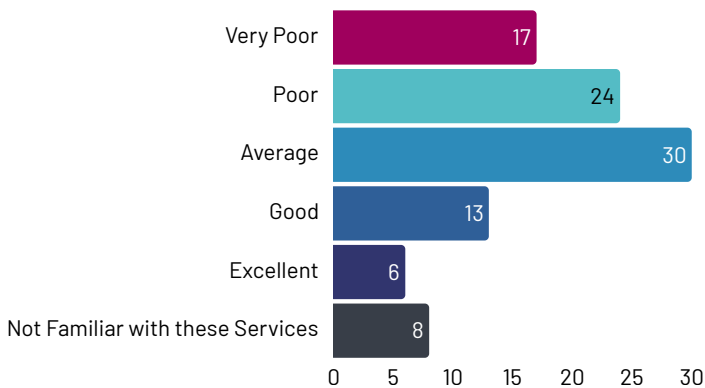
70% feel political parties address older adults' needs not at all or only to a small extent.



58% believe EU membership will improve older adults' situation.

State Elder Care: How It Scores

(in %)



Responsibility of Elder Care

(first ranked, in %)

